Major Groups and Stakeholders Meet in Nairobi Ahead of UNEP’s First Governing Council with Universal Membership

Nairobi, Kenya, 14 February 2013 Hundreds of participants will be attending the Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF-14), which opens on Saturday, 16 February 2013, at the Headquarters of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi.

Over 300 participants from leading civil society organizations from around the world have registered to attend the Forum. This is the largest group ever to register for the two-day meeting, which will be held ahead of the first-ever meeting of the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC/GMEF) under universal membership which opens next week.

The meeting of civil society groups will discuss many pressing and emerging issues, including the new UNEP institutional arrangements and rules of procedures, strengthening the science-policy interface in UNEP, an update on the Green Economy, the Ten Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP) and the role and opportunities for involvement and engagement of civil society in the post-Rio+20 processes, i.e. the Sustainable Development Goals and the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

At the historic UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Heads of State and governments decided to strengthen and upgrade UNEP - a move which represented the first institutional reform of the UN organization since the Stockholm UN Conference on the Human Environment established UNEP in 1972.

UNEP recognises the importance of engaging Majors Groups and other Stakeholders as partners and appreciates the perspectives they bring to the table, the valuable research and advocacy functions they perform and their role in helping foster long-term, broad-based support for UNEP’s mission.

UNEP will continue to encourage their active participation and enhanced ownership in processes that contribute to decision-making, planning and implementation of policies and programmes for sustainable development at regional, sub-regional and national levels.

The meeting on 16/17 February will have Live Streaming and Video at https://sns.unon.org (if prompted please click: "proceed anyway")

Further Resources:

For more information on the Forum, please see: http://www.unep.org/civil-society/GlobalFora/GMGSF-14/tabid/105390/Default.aspx