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**TWELFTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL/GLOBAL
MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS "Environmental Agenda in the Changing
World: From Stockholm (1972) to Rio (2012)"**

PROGRAMME PLENARY, PANEL, ROUNDTABLE AND BREAKFAST SESSIONS

Symposium “Environmental change and global responses in 2012”

Monday, 20 February 2012, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Conference room 1

Chair:

- President of the Governing Council of UNEP

Introductory remarks by:

- Professor Sir Robert Watson, Chief Scientist, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, United Kingdom

Facilitator:

- Professor Jacqueline McGlade, Executive Director, European Environment Agency

Presentation of highlights of GEO-5

- Ms. Fatoumata Keita-Ouane, Division on Early Warning and Assessment, UNEP

Panel discussion

- H.E. Ms. Razan Khalifa Al Mubarak, Secretary General, Environment Agency, Abu Dhabi
- H.E. Ms. Izabella Teixeira, Minister for Environment, Brazil
- H.E. Ms. Sherry Ayittey, Minister of Environment, Science and Technology, Ghana
- H.E. Dr. You Young Sook, Minister of Environment, Republic of Korea
- H.E. Ms. Mercedes Bresso, President of the Committee of the Regions of the European Union

Dialogue with former Executive Directors: “1972-2012. A Review of the Evolution of Global Environmental Policy and Institutional Architecture”

Keynote speech by:

- H.E. Ms. Lena Ek, Minister of Environment, Sweden
- Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, Secretary General of the African, Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP) Group of States.

Moderated by:

- Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director UNEP and United Nations Under-Secretary-General

Reflections by:

- Mr. Maurice Strong, former Executive Director UNEP (1972-1975)
- Dr. Mostafa Tolba, former Executive Director UNEP (1975-1992)
- Ms. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, former Executive Director UNEP (1992-1998)
- Dr. Klaus Töpfer, former Executive Director UNEP (1998-2006)

Breakfast event: Briefing and open dialogue with the Secretariat of the UN CSD on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.

Tuesday, 21 February 2012, 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Conference room 12

Facilitator:

- Ms. Christine von Weizsaecker, President of Ecoropa (European Network on Ecological Reflection)

Welcome Remarks:

- Mr. Sha Zukang, Secretary General of UNCSD, United Nations Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs

Special Guests:

- Mr. Brice Lalonde, Executive Coordinator for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
- H.E. Dr. John W. Ashe, CMG, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the UN and Vice-Chair of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for UNCSD (tbc)
- Professor Bedrich Moldan, Vice-Chair of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for UNCSD
- Dr. Paolo Soprano, Director Division for Sustainable Development and Civil Society Relations, Director-General for Sustainable Development, Climate and Energy, Ministry of Environment, Italy and Vice-Chair of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for UNCSD

Presentation by the host country, Brazil (from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.)

- Representative of the host country

Ministerial round-table discussion on the green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication

Tuesday, 21 February 2012, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Conference room 1

Chair:

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Keynote speaker:

- Mr. Elliott Harris, Special Representative to the UN, International Monetary Fund

Panel Moderator:

- Mr. Sha Zukang, Secretary General of UNCSD, United Nations Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs

Composition of the panel:

- H.E. Ms. Edna Molewa, Minister of Water and Environment Affairs, South Africa
- H.E. Mr. Denis Lowe, Minister of Environment and Drainage, Barbados (tbc)
- H.E. Mr. Janez Potočnik, Commissioner for the Environment, European Union
- Mr. Najib Saab, Secretary General, Arab Forum for Environment and Development

Round Table A

Round Table B

Round Table C

Round Table D

Round Table E

Ministerial round-table discussion on the institutional framework for sustainable development

Tuesday, 21 February 2012, 3:00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. Conference room 1

Chair:

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Keynote speaker:

- Professor Abdul Hamid Zakri, Science Advisor to the Prime Minister of Malaysia

Panel Moderator:

- H.E. Mr. Erik Solheim, Minister of Environment and Development Cooperation, Norway

Composition of the panel:

- H.E. Mr. Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, Minister of Environment, Peru
- H.E. Mr. Henri Djombo, Minister of Environment, Republic of Congo
- H.E. Ms. Doris Leuthard, Federal Councilor, Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications, Switzerland
- Mr. John Scanlon, Secretary General, CITES

Round Table A

Round Table B

Round Table C

Round Table D

Round Table E

"Resilient People, Resilient Planet: A Future Worth Choosing". The report of the High-level Panel of the UN Secretary-General on Global Sustainability

Wednesday, 22 February 2012, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Conference room 13

Facilitator:

- Mr. Olav Kjørven, Director of UNDP's Bureau for Development Policy and United Nations Assistant Secretary-General

Special Guests:

- Mr. Janos Pasztor, Executive Secretary, UN Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Global Sustainability
- H.E. Ms. Izabella Teixeira, Minister for the Environment, Brazil and Member of the UN Secretary General's High Level Panel on Sustainability
- H.E. Ms. Caroline Spelman, Secretary of State for the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, UK

Moderated Plenary discussion on Rio+20 and beyond: Responding to the challenges

Wednesday, 22 February 2012, 10:00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Conference room 1

Chair:

- President of the Governing Council of UNEP

Keynote speaker:

- Mr. Sha Zukang, Secretary General of UNCSD, United Nations Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs

Panel Moderator:

- Mr. Mark Halle, Director, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)

Composition of the panel:

- H.E. Ms. Ida Auken, Minister of Environment, Denmark
- Dr. Kerri Ann Jones, Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, USA
- H.E. Mr. Cherif Rahmani, Minister of Regional Planning and Environment, Algeria
- H.E. Ms. Adriana Soto, Vice-Minister of Environment , Colombia
- H.E. Dr. Hasan Mahmud, Minister of Forest and Environment, Bangladesh

Concluding remarks:

- Mr. Achim Steiner, UNEP Executive Director and United Nations Under-Secretary-General

Ministerial Consultations 12 SSGC/GMEF– roundtables

MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON GREEN ECONOMY IN THE CONTEXT OF
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ERADICATION

Tuesday 21 February 2012, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Round Table A Conference room 9 **(English only)**

Co-Chairs:

- H.E. Dr. Pema Gyamtsho, Minister of Agriculture and Forests, Bhutan
- H.E. Mr. Samuela Alivereti Saumatua, Minister of Local Government, Urban Development, Housing and Environment, Fiji

Round Table B Conference room 10 **(English and Spanish interpretation)**

Co-Chairs:

- H.E. Hon. Mr. Anura Priyadarshana Yapa, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, Sri Lanka
- H.E. Ms. Graciela Muslera, Minister of Environment , Uruguay

Round Table C Conference room 3 **(English and French interpretation)**

Co-Chairs:

- H.E. Dr. Yoo Young Sook, Minister of Environment, Republic of Korea
- H.E. Mr. Tiemoko Sangare, Minister of Environment and Sanitation, Mali

Round Table D Conference room 4 **(English, Arabic, Chinese and Russian interpretation)**

Co-Chairs:

- H.E. Dr. Rashid Ahmad Bin Fahad, Minister of Environment and Water, United Arab Emirates
- H.E. Mr. George Zedginidze, Vice-Minister of Environment Protection, Georgia

Round Table E Conference room 12 **(English only)**

Co-Chairs:

- H.E. Mr. Ville Niinistö, Minister of Environment, Finland
- H.E. Ms. Terezya Luoga Hovisa, Minister of State for Environment, Tanzania

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<p>MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON THE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>Tuesday 21 February 2012, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</p>
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Round Table A Conference room 9 (English only)	
<p>Co-Chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dr. Mok Mareth, Senior Minister of Environment, Cambodia • Mr. Karsten Sach, Ministry for the Environment, Conservation of Nature and Nuclear Safety, Germany 	

Round Table B Conference room 10 (English and Spanish interpretation)	
<p>Co-Chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E.Ms. Adriana Soto, Vice-Minister of Environment , Colombia • H.E Ms. Michelle Martínez, Vice-Minister for Environment, Guatemala 	

Round Table C Conference room 3 (English and French interpretation)	
<p>Co-Chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Adnan Amin, Director General, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) • H.E. Prof. Balthasar Kambuaya, Minister of Environment, Indonesia 	

Round Table D Conference room 4 (English, Arabic, Chinese and Russian interpretation)	
<p>Co-Chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bindu N.Lohani, Vice-President of the Asian Development Bank • H.E. Mrs. Jayanthi Natarajan, Minister of Environment and Forests India 	

Round Table E Conference room 12 (English only)	
<p>Co-Chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Thompson Harokaqveh, Minister for Environment and Conservation, Papua New Guinea • H.E. Ms. Flavia Munaaba Nabugere, Minister of State for Environment, Uganda 	