

## **SIDE EVENT: Why is Ecosystem Management key to securing a Green Economy?**

**DATE:** 21 February 2012

**TIME:** 13.45-14.45 pm

**VENUE:** Conference Room 12

### **Purpose/objective:**

In the run up to Rio+20, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Chinese Government co-organized a *High-level Forum on Ecosystem Management and Green Economy* in Beijing on 18 Nov 2011. The forum was attended by over 200 participants from around the world, including heads of UN and other international organizations, leaders and ministers from the Chinese Government, as well as world science and business leaders. The forum reached key conclusions and recommendations in identifying and recognizing the pivotal role of ecosystem management in the development of a Green Economy. This side event aims to further the discussion and convey the key messages to the ministers and delegates at the special session of UNEP GC/GMEF to mainstream ecosystem management. The event will thus help build UNEP's leadership role to integrate Ecosystem Management into Green Economy development.

**Organizers:** UNEP/DEPI

### **Programme:**

The side event will be moderated by Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Director UNEP-DEPI

13:45-13:50: Opening remarks by Mr. Qinghua Xu, Head of Chinese Delegation

13:50-14:00: Presentation, the role of Ecosystem Management in developing a Green Economy, by Mr. Pushpam Kumar, Chief, Economics of Ecosystem Services, UNEP-DEPI

14:00-14:15: Panelist Speeches:

H.E. Mr. Stanislas Kamanzi, Minister of Natural Resources, Rwanda

Dr. Sir Robert Watson, Chief Scientific Advisor of Department for Environment, Food  
and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), UK

14:15-14:20: Introduction of UNEP International Ecosystem Management Partnership  
by Mr. Jian Liu, Director of UNEP-IEMP

14:20-14:45: Discussion

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