

# Side Event

UNEP and the Green Economy: Four Decades in Development

## Why is Ecosystem Management key to securing a GREEN economy

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**Objectives:** To emphasize the pivotal role of ecosystem management in the development of a Green Economy and to convey such key messages to Rio+20

**Time:** 13:45-14:45, February 21, 2012, Tuesday

**Venue:** Conference Room 12, UN Gigiri

**Moderator:** Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Director, UNEP-DEPI



### Agenda:

**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

**Background:** In the run up to Rio+20, 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, ministers and leaders 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.

