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NORTH AMERICAN CIVIL SOCIETY CONSULTATION

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November 13-14, 2008

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AGENDA

Thursday, 13 November 2008

1:00 – 1:10 **Registration**

1:10 – 1:45 **Opening Session**

Welcoming Remarks by Manish Bapna, World Resources Institute and Amy Fraenkel, UNEP Regional Office for North America

Introductory Remarks by Consultation Co-Facilitators:

Dave Foster, Blue Green Alliance and UNEP Major Groups Facilitating Committee and Morag Carter, David Suzuki Foundation

- Discuss meeting outcomes, including the possibility of a regional statement or a Co-Facilitator's Summary highlighting key messages
- Selection criteria for two regional representatives to the GCSF and GC/GMEF.

1:45 – 2:15 **Introduction to the UNEP Global Civil Society Forum (GCSF) cycle and the achievements during the last cycle.**

(including discussion of the GSCF cycle and expected outcomes as well as potential engagement opportunities.)

Speaker: Hilary French, UNEP Major Groups and Stakeholder's Branch

Background Document:

Introduction to the UNEP GCSF Cycle and the Achievements during the Last Cycle.

- 2:15 – 2:30 Question and Answer/Discussion
- 2:30-3:00 **Session 1: Preview of the 25th UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC/GMEF)**
- (including discussion of UNEP's proposed Programme of Work and Budget, the Ministerial deliberations, and expected Governing Council Decisions)
- Speaker:* Amy Fraenkel, UNEP Regional Office for North America
- Background Documents:
- Proposed Biennial and Program Support Budgets for 2010-2011*
- Themes for Ministerial Consultations*
- 3:00 – 3:15 Question and Answer/Discussion
- 3:15 – 3:30 Coffee Break
- 3:30 – 4:30 **Session 2: Introduction to the Programme of Work (POW) 2010-11:**
- Discussion of UNEP six priority areas: Climate Change (including Adaptation), Disasters and Conflicts, Environmental Governance, Harmful Substances and Hazardous Wastes (including Mercury), Ecosystem Management, Resource Efficiency-Sustainable Consumption and Production.
- Speaker:* Lucien Royer, International Trade Union Confederation and Chair, UNEP Major Groups Facilitating Committee
- Background Documents:
- Stakeholder Forum, UNEP Partnerships with Major Groups and Stakeholders to implement the Programme of Work 2010-11 Initial Findings and Key Points*
- Proposed Biennial and Program Support Budgets for 2010-2011*
- Question and Answer and Group Discussion
- 4:30 – 6:00 **Session 3: Break-out Groups on the POW 2010-11**
- 1.) *Climate Change and Disasters and Conflict*
Facilitators: Morag Carter, David Suzuki Foundation and Dave Foster, Blue-Green Alliance
- 2.) *Harmful Substances and Hazardous Wastes and Resource Efficiency/Sustainable Consumption and Production*
Facilitator: Lucien Royer, UNEP Major Groups Facilitating Committee

3.) *Ecosystem Management and Environmental Governance*

Facilitators: Karin Krchnak, The Nature Conservancy and Maria Ivanova, College of William and Mary

Discussion Questions:

- What are your views regarding the priorities of the Programme of Work (POW), taking into consideration current environmental challenges and UNEP's comparative advantage?
- With reference to the on-going work of Stakeholder Forum that has been presented earlier in the agenda, what would be your suggestions on how to strengthen the engagement of major groups in the implementation of the POW, both globally and in the North American region?

Background Documents:

Proposed Biennial and Program Support Budgets for 2010-2011

UNEP Climate Change Strategy

Friday, 14 November 2008

8:30 – 10:00	<p>Session 4: Dialogue on the 25th GC/GMEF themes</p> <p>1.) Globalization and the Environment: Global Crises: National Chaos?</p> <p>2.) International Environmental Governance and UN Reform: IEG: Help or Hindrance?</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> John Scanlon, UNEP Executive Office (via video conference)</p> <p><u>Background Document:</u></p> <p><i>Themes for Ministerial Consultations</i></p> <p>Question and Answer and Group Discussion</p>
10:00 – 10:30	<p>Nomination of Sponsored Regional Representatives to the GCSF and the GC/GMEF</p>
10:30 – 10:45	<p>Coffee Break</p>
10:45 – 12:00	<p>Session 5: Groups Report Backs from the Break-out Sessions</p>
12:00 – 1:00	<p>Lunch</p>

1:00 – 1:30 **Session 6: Selection of Sponsored Regional Representatives to the GCSF and the GC/GMEF, including alternates.**

1:30 – 2:30 **Session 7: Discussion of Meeting Outcomes**

2:30 – 2:45 **Session 8: Meeting Evaluation**

(Evaluation Form to be Distributed by UNEP.)

2:45 – 3:00 **Session 9: Closing Session**

Closing Remarks by Dave Foster and Morag Carter, Co-Facilitators

Closing Remarks by Amy Fraenkel, UNEP Regional Office for North America