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Preparatory technical segment: 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Senior officials' segment: 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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Provisional agenda and proposed organization of work

A. Provisional agenda for the preparatory technical segment of the 20th senior officials' meeting of the Environment Management Group

1. Opening remarks by the Co-Chairs
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Considerations of ongoing work and recommendations to the senior officials segment:
 - (a) The IMG on Biodiversity;
 - (b) The IMG on Green Economy;
 - (c) The IMG on Chemicals and Waste;
 - (d) Consultations on Environmental and Social Sustainability in the United Nations system;
 - (e) The IMG on Environmental Sustainability Management in the United Nations system;
(including follow up of the Secretary General's call to the UN system to become climate Neutral)
 - (f) Progress on Peer-Reviewing of environmental management profiles of United Nations organizations.
4. Contribution of the EMG to a UN System-Wide Strategy on Environment:
 - (a) Consideration and comments of the EMG members to a draft outline of the Strategy prepared by UNEP
 - (b) Discussion on modalities and a process in the EMG to contribute to the preparation of the Strategy
5. Maximizing the effectiveness of the EMG in coordinating the environmental work in the United Nations in the context of the post 2015 Development Agenda

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6. Addressing new issues considered by the mid-term meeting of the technical segment of the senior officials including:
 - (a) A cohesive vision of sustainability within the UN-system - merging and streamlining of inter-agency sustainability initiatives (proposed by WFP)
 - (b) Waste management in the UN system - leading by example in minimizing the impact of UN operations in emergency settings and fragile environments (proposed by WFP)
 - (c) Supporting the “data revolution” for key environmental nexus issues by assessing interoperability, access and capacities (proposed by WMO)
7. Environment Management Group work plan for 2015–2016
8. Process of future reporting to the UN Environment Assembly of UNEP (UNEA)
9. Date and venue of the next senior officials’ meeting
10. Any other business

B. Provisional agenda for the senior officials’ segment of the 20th senior officials’ meeting of the Environment Management Group

1. Opening remarks by the Co-Chairs
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Strategic directions for the future work of the EMG
 - (a) Contribution of the EMG to a UN System-Wide Strategy on environment
 - (b) Maximizing the effectiveness of the EMG in coordinating the environmental work in the United Nations in the context of the post 2015 development agenda
4. Consideration and adoption of the recommendations from the technical segment of the meeting on actions related to the ongoing and future work of the Environment Management Group
5. Any other business

C. Proposed organization of work on Thursday 25 September

Preparatory technical segment of the meeting

- 9:00–09:30 a.m. **Provisional agenda item 1:**
Opening remarks by the Co-Chairs, Mr. Nikhil Seth, Director of DSD/ DESA and Mr Elliott Harris, Director of the United Nations Environment Programme Office in New York and EMG Secretary
Provisional agenda item 2: (*Working document: EMG/SOM.20/02*)
Adoption of the agenda
- 9:30–10: 10 a.m. **Provisional agenda item 3:** (*Working document: EMG/SOM.20/03 and Supporting Document I*)
Consideration of ongoing work and recommendations to the senior officials' segment:
- (a) The IMG on Biodiversity; (led by CBD)
 - (b) The IMG on Green Economy; (led by UNEP)
 - (c) The IMG on Chemicals and Waste; (led by FAO)
 - (d) Consultations on Environmental and Social Sustainability in the United Nations system; (led by UNDP) (*Supporting Document I*)
 - (e) The IMG on Environmental Sustainability Management; (led by SUN) (*Supporting Document V*)
 - (f) Peer-Reviews of environmental management of United Nations organizations; (led by the EMG Secretariat)
- 10: 10–11:00 a.m. **Provisional agenda item 4:** (*Working document: EMG/SOM.20/04 and Supporting Document II and II.I*)
Contribution of the EMG to a UN System-Wide Strategy on Environment
- (a) Consideration and comments of the EMG members to a draft outline of the Strategy prepared by UNEP
 - (b) Discussion on modalities and a process in the EMG to contribute to the preparation of the Strategy
- Provisional agenda item 5:** (*Working document:EMG/SOM.20/04*)
Maximizing the effectiveness of the EMG in coordinating the environmental work in the United Nations in the context of the post 2015 development agenda
- 11:00-11:10 a.m. *Break*

- 11:10 a.m.–12:00 p.m. **Provisional agenda item 6:** (*Working document: EMG/SOM.20/03 , Supporting Document III and IV*)
- Addressing new issues considered by the mid-term meeting of the technical segment of the senior officials including:
- (a) A cohesive vision of sustainability within the UN-system - merging and streamlining of inter-agency sustainability initiatives (led by WFP, *Supporting Document III*)
 - (b) Waste management in the UN system - leading by example in minimizing the impact of UN operations in emergency settings and fragile environments (led by WFP, *Supporting Document III*)
 - (c) Supporting the “data revolution” for key Environmental nexus issues by assessing interoperability, access and capacities (led by WMO, *Supporting Document IV*)
- 12:00 p.m.–12:30 p.m. **Provisional agenda item 7:** (*Working document:EMG/SOM.20/05 and EMG/SOM.20/03*)
- Environment Management Group work plan for 2015–2016
- Provisional agenda item 8:** (*Working document: EMG/SOM.20/03*)
- Process of future reporting to the UN Environment Assembly of UNEP (UNEA)
- Provisional agenda item 9:** (*Working document:EMG/SOM.20/03*)
- Date and venue of the next senior officials’ meeting
- Provisional agenda item 10:**
- Any other business
- 12:30 p.m. **Closure of the technical segment of the meeting.**

Senior officials’ segment of the meeting

- 3:00–3:20 p.m. **Provisional agenda item 1:**
- Opening remarks by the Co-chairs Mr. Wu Hongbo Under-Secretary-General, DESA and Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP and Chair of the Environment Management Group
- Provisional agenda item 2:** (*Working document:EMG/SOM.20/02*)
- Adoption of the agenda
- 3:20–5:45 p.m. **Provisional agenda item 3:** (*Working document:EMG/SOM.20/05 and Supporting Document II*)
- Strategic directions for the future work of the EMG
- (a) Preparation of a UN system wide strategy on environment (*Supporting Document II and II.I*)

- (b) Maximizing the effectiveness of the EMG in coordinating the environmental work in the United Nations in the context of the post 2015 development agenda

Provisional agenda item 4: *(Table of suggested action points will be provided at the meeting.)*

Consideration and adoption of the recommendations from the technical segment of the meeting on actions related to the ongoing work of the Environment Management Group

5:45–6:00 p.m.

Provisional agenda item 5:

Any other business

6:00 p.m.

Closure of the senior officials' meeting