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22nd Senior Officials' Meeting of the Environment Management Group

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Technical Segment, 21 September 2016 (8a.m.-13.00. NY time) at the UN HQ GA Building Conference room 8 (CR8) 1st basement.

22 September 2016

Distribution: EMG members

Senior Segment, 22 September 2016, (9.00 a.m.-12.30pm NY time) at the UN HQ GA Building Conference room 8 (CR8) 1st basement.

Summary of Approved Action Points

Action I: The Issue Management Group on the Sound Management of Chemicals

The Senior Officials:

1. Take note of the achievements made by the IMG including the preparation of the Synthesis Report "United Nations and Sound Chemicals Management – Coordinating delivery for Member States and sustainable development" including the Joint Statement by Heads of Agencies;
2. Welcome the initiative taken by the IOMC to follow-up on the recommendations in the EMG Synthesis Report and the Joint Statement, including by convening a regular Inter-Agency Meeting of the UN agencies on the Sound Management of Chemicals which met for the first time in May 2016 to identify collaborative activities on sound chemicals management in the context of the 2030 Agenda. Further welcome the interest expressed among agencies to continue to meet in this context going forward;
3. Invite the IOMC to inform the EMG at regular intervals on their progress in this area;
4. Decide to conclude the work of the IMG in light of the progress made by the Group and its achieved objectives.

Action II: The Issue Management Group (IMG) on Tackling E-waste

The Senior Officials:

1. Welcome the Terms of Reference of the IMG on Tackling E-waste and invite the Group to proceed with the implementation of the tasks as outlined in the ToR;

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2. Invite the Group to provide a report on progress made, to the 23rd meeting of the EMG Senior Officials.

Action III: System-wide Commitments on Environmental Sustainability Management

The Senior Officials:

1. Endorse the above report on activities of the IMG on environmental sustainability management and invite the EMG to continue its joint work, including with HLCM, to ensure progressive implementation of the UN Roadmap for Climate neutrality by 2020 including the new streams of work related to waste management, water management and staff awareness;
2. Welcome the proposal of the IMG to prepare a note for HLCM attention/decision on a UN-wide approach to an improved and more responsible waste management system in UN offices and operations, in line with the goals of the above mentioned Roadmap;
3. Request the IMG to collaborate with the appropriate committees within the CEB to ensure that environmental management and the Roadmap for a Climate Neutral UN by 2020 is well integrated in the CEB discussions for internalizing SDGs in the work of the UN system at all levels;
4. Provide a brief note on progress made in the areas of environmental sustainability management and climate neutrality in the UN system for information of the CEB at its second regular session of 2016.

Action IV: Consultations on Advancing the Framework for Environmental and Social Sustainability in the UN System

The Senior Officials:

1. Take note of the findings of the Synthesis Report on the piloting of the Environmental and Social Sustainability (ESS) Framework and the progress made by the EMG members in integrating and implementing the Framework at its three entry points of policy/strategy, program/project and facilities/operation, including the recent strategic considerations of the ESS Consultative Process on its future work;
2. Acknowledge that the ESS Framework as it stands can serve as the basis for a common approach and a system-wide commitment to advancing environmental and social sustainability in the UN system, in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
3. Recognize the role the Consultative Process plays to inspire individual agencies to undertake corporate commitments to ESS and the facilitative role the Consultative Process can play in promoting coherence at the institutional and policy level, as well as interagency collaboration in monitoring progress towards the SDGs, as required by SDG17;
4. Welcome the progress made by a significant number of UN agencies in introducing and integrating environmental sustainability in their operations and facilities management, with the support of the IMG on Environmental Management and the SUN Initiative;

5. Agree to revise the Interim Guide, informed by lessons learned from the piloting of the Framework, turning it into a living guide/source book with the aim to concretely guide agencies' sustainability efforts at the three entry points of the Framework;
6. Agree to elaborate, possibly in collaboration with the UNDG, a common approach for environmental and social standards for UN programmes and projects, including at country level, with the potential to inform the UNDG process to pilot and rollout the new UN Sustainable Development Framework Guidance (UNSDF);
7. Agree to develop options for enhancing communication, knowledge sharing and peer exchange on environmental and social sustainability issues among the UN agencies, including clarifying the link between the ESS Framework and the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, and exploring options for a possible UN-wide hub to support exchange on ESS efforts at program/project level and build a community of practice;
8. Agree to extend the Consultative Process by one year to accomplish the above mentioned tasks and report on progress to the next Senior Officials' meeting.

Action V: Peer-Review of Environmental Profiles of UN Organizations

The Senior Officials:

1. Welcome the preparation of the draft Peer Review Report of the IMF and thank the contributing UN entities for taking part in this review process;
2. Take note of the preparation made by the UNFCCC Secretariat to undertake a peer review of its headquarters;
3. Welcome the interest expressed by UNRWA , WFP, UNOPS and UNDP to pilot the peer review concept in their field offices in Amman, Jordan and the progress made in preparing the peer reviews of these agencies ;
4. Encourage the reviewed agencies to consider sharing their peer review reports with the EMG members, as well as share information on the progress made in implementing the recommendations of their Peer Review reports with other EMG members;
5. Consider developing guidelines and documenting good practices to support agencies who wish to undertake peer reviews independently, as an output of the peer review process.

Action VI: Linkages Among EMG processes on Internal UN Sustainability and Possibilities for Synergies and Consolidation

The Senior Officials :

Request the EMG Secretariat in consultation with the EMG members to explore options for whether or not to streamline the EMG processes on UN internal sustainability to maximize their effectiveness and delivery for consideration of the Senior Officials .

Action VII: Consultative Process on a UN System-Wide Framework of Strategies on the Environment

The Senior Officials:

1. Welcome the finalization of the System-Wide Framework of Strategies as a significant step forward in system-wide cooperation and collaboration on the environment in support of implementing the 2030 Agenda;
2. Extend the Consultative Process to support the follow-up of the Framework, including the process for preparation of the Synthesis Report as outlined in the Framework;
3. Request the Consultative Process to provide a report on its progress to the next meeting of the Senior Officials for submission to the third session of the UNEA.

Action VIII: Maximizing the Effectiveness of the EMG in Enhancing Coordination on the Environment in the UN System in the Context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

The Senior Officials:

1. Take note of the draft report “Supporting implementation of the environmental dimension of the SDGs - identifying linkages between the SDGs and existing international environmental goals and processes”; and invite the EMG members to finalize the paper and use it as a tool in their efforts to support implementation of the environmental dimension of the SDGs;
2. Take note of Resolution 2/5 of the second session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, requesting the Executive Director of UNEP to report on progress on the implementation of the recommendations and findings of the effectiveness report;
3. Decide to extend the Task Team for another year to prepare a proposal on implementation of the recommendations contained in the EMG effectiveness report for consideration of SOM23 and the third session of the UNEA.

Action IX: Approval of the EMG Work Plan for 2017

The Senior Officials approve the EMG work plan for 2017 based on the understanding that the EMG Secretariat will revise the plan presented in document EMG/SOM.22/05 to ensure that the plan fully reflects the actions agreed by the 22nd Senior Officials Meeting of the EMG. The work plan will be implemented on the basis of in-kind contributions from members and is subject to the availability of resources.

Action X: Reporting to the UN Environment Assembly of UNEP

The Senior Officials welcome the opportunity to inform the UN Environment Assembly of UNEP on the work of the EMG by providing a summary report by the Executive Director of UNEP in his capacity as Chair of the EMG.

Action XI: Date and venue of the next Senior Officials' Meeting

The Senior Officials request the EMG Secretariat to circulate to the EMG Members the date and venues for the 23rd Meeting of the Senior Officials, and consult with Members on its agenda. The Technical segment of the EMG Senior Officials meeting will take place a week before the Senior Segment of the meeting if possible by audio-video conference .