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"Supporting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by enhancing UN system-wide collaboration and coherent responses on environmental matters"

DAY 2

POLICY SEGMENT, JULY 14TH, 14.00 – 16.00

Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House, 3 UN Plaza, New York

During the Policy Segment, Senior Officials of UN entities, Member States and other stakeholders will share their perspectives on supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda by strengthening the poverty-environment nexus. The panel will address poverty-environment nexus challenges and opportunities for enhancing partnerships and issues that require strategic planning by the UN system, including through the work of the EMG.

14.00 – 14.10 Opening of the policy segment

Opening remarks by Mr. Elliott Harris, EMG Director

14.10 -14-20 Introductory Remarks by the Government of Switzerland

Mr. Sebastian Koenig, Senior Policy Advisor, Federal Office for the Environment

14.20 – 14.35 Summary of the technical segment's discussion and conclusions

Summary of the Dialogue's technical segment discussions by the moderator.
Introduction of the panel.

14.35 – 15.45 Panel discussion

Theme: Supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda by strengthening the poverty-environment nexus – challenges, opportunities and issues for further work by the UN system

Moderator: Mr. Tom Bigg, Director, Strategy and Learning Group, International Institute for Environment and Development

Panelists:

Mr. Rasmane Ouédraogo, Director of the Division of environmental policies, Burkina Faso

Ms. Isabell Kempf, Co-Director of UNDP–UN Environment Poverty-Environment Initiative

Mr. Tim Scott, United Nations Development Programme

Mr. Elliott Harris, Assistant Secretary General, UN Environment

Mr. Paul Ladd, Director, UN Research Institute for Social Development

Dr. Erik Chavez, Research Fellow, Imperial College London



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Building on the outcome of technical segment of the Dialogue held on the 13th of July, the moderator will invite the panellists to deliberate on i.a. the following questions:

- 1) Where do you see real progress over the past year or two, which shows what can be achieved?
- 2) Please provide a context in which you see major obstacles and barriers to progress which will be tough to overcome.
- 3) Please share an example of an opportunity for major change over the coming years which is only beginning to take shape.
- 4) Describe an issue where there is currently real uncertainty, which requires further research and exploration over the coming year or two.

15.45. – 16.00 Closing remarks