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21st Senior Officials' Meeting of the Environment Management Group Technical Segment 9 September 2015 (3-5pm GVA time) by video-audio conference 21 September 2015 (9am-12pm NY time) in-person meeting in New York (Venue to be confirmed)	EMG/SOM.21/02a 1 September 2015 Distribution: EMG members
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Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work of the Technical Segment

Introduction

The technical segment of the 21th meeting of the EMG Senior Officials will meet twice in advance of the senior officials meeting to consider the progress report of the EMG Issue Management Groups and Processes and approve (ad referendum) the decisions for the future work of the EMG on behalf of the senior officials. This new modality is expected to a) provide enough time for EMG focal points to consider the EMG progress reports and recommendations for future actions, b) allow the Senior Officials to focus on strategic issues at their meeting, and c) to allow the EMG focal points to brief their Senior Officials thoroughly in advance of the senior segment.

The technical segment will meet once by audio-video conference on September 9, 2015, and once in person on September 21, in New York. This arrangement was proposed to allow for proper internal consultation between the two technical meetings within the agencies on issues and suggested actions requiring further internal considerations.

The first of these meetings (September 9) will focus on overall preparations for the senior officials meeting including the agenda, documentations and logistics, as well as any other issues that require consideration in preparation for the second in-person meeting of the technical segment for its smooth organisation and conduct.

The second meeting will consider the progress reports of the IMGs, Consultative Processes and Task Teams, and discuss and agree on the suggested action points for their future work. The senior officials are expected to formally endorse the report of the technical segment without further discussion, including any decisions contained therein, unless there is a specific request for discussion by a participant.

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September 09, 2015 (video-audio conference 3-5pm GVA time)

A. Provisional agenda for the first preparatory meeting of technical segment of the 21st senior officials' meeting of the Environment Management Group

3:00–3:10 p.m.

Item 1: Opening remarks by the Elliott Harris, Director of the EMG Secretariat.

Providing an overview of preparations for SOM21 (documentations, agenda, logistics, etc.)

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda.

3:10–3:50 p.m.

Item 3: Approval of the agenda for the second meeting of the technical segment on 21 September .

- *Does the agenda include all current EMG issues?*
- *How can the agenda be further improved to ensure a smooth discussion?*
- *Are there issues, in particular any suggested action points or reports that require further preparation/modification by the Secretariat before the second meeting of the technical segment?*

3:50–4:30 p.m.

Item 4: Preparing for the meeting of the senior officials.

- *Meeting modality*
- *Strategic issues for discussion*
- *Roles of the senior officials – lead discussants/panellists*
- *Expected outcomes*

4.30-4.45 p.m.

Item 6: Any other business.

Item 7: Closure of the meeting.

September 21, 2015 (In person meeting in New York : 9am-12pm NY time)

B. Provisional agenda for the second preparatory meeting of technical segment of the 21st 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 Chemicals and Waste;
 - (b) Consultations on Environmental and Social Sustainability in the United Nations system;
 - (c) The IMG on Environmental Sustainability Management in the United Nations system;
 - (d) Progress on Peer-Reviewing of environmental management profiles of United Nations organizations;
 - (e) Contribution of the EMG to a UN System-Wide Strategy on the Environment;
 - (f) 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. Preparation of panel discussions during the senior segment
 - Panel I: Theme: Responding to the Environmental sustainability dimensions of the SDGs and supporting their effective implementation
 - Panel II: Theme: Contribution of a System Wide Framework of Strategies on the Environment and ways of maximizing the EMG effectiveness in supporting the post 2015 development agenda and the SDGs
5. Environment Management Group work plan for 2016–2017
6. Reporting to the second session of the UN Environment Assembly of UNEP (UNEA)
7. Date and venue of the next senior officials' meeting
8. Any other business



C. Proposed organization of work for 21 September

Preparatory technical segment of the meeting

Time (NY)	Nr.	Agenda Item	Associated Document
9:00–09:10 a.m.	Agenda item 1	Opening remarks by the Co-Chairs, Mr. Tim Scott, Policy Advisor, UNDP and Mr Elliott Harris, Assistant Secretary General and EMG Director	
	Agenda item 2	Adoption of the agenda	<i>Working document: EMG/SOM.21/02</i>
9:10–10:45 a.m.	Agenda item 3	Consideration of ongoing work and recommendations to the senior officials' segment: (a) The IMG on Chemicals and Waste (led by WHO (tbc); (b) Consultations on Environmental and Social Sustainability in the United Nations system (led by UNDP); (c) The IMG on Environmental Sustainability Management in the United Nations system (led by UNEP-SUN); (d) Progress on Peer-Reviewing of environmental management profiles of United Nations organizations (led by EMG Secretariat); (e) Contribution of the EMG to a UN System-Wide Strategy on the Environment (led by UNEP); (f) Maximizing the effectiveness of the EMG in coordinating the environmental work in the United Nations in the context of the post 2015 development agenda (led by UNITAR) (tbc).	<i>Working document: EMG/SOM.21/03</i>

10:45-11:00 a.m.		<i>COFFEE BREAK</i>	
11.00-11.30 am.	Agenda item 4	Preparation of panel discussions during the senior segment a) Panel I: Theme: <u>Responding to the Environmental sustainability dimensions of the SDGs and supporting their effective implementation</u> b) Panel II: Theme: <u>Contribution of a System Wide Framework of Strategies on the Environment and ways of maximizing the EMG effectiveness in supporting the post 2015 development agenda and the SDGs</u>	<i>Working document: EMG/SOM.21/04</i>
11.30–11.35 a.m.	Agenda item 5	Environment Management Group work plan for 2016–2017	<i>Working document: EMG/SOM.21/05</i>
11.35–11.45 a.m.	Agenda item 6	Reporting to the second session of the UN Environment Assembly of UNEP (UNEA)	
11.45 a.m.	Agenda item 7	Date and venue of the next senior officials' meeting	
11.50 a.m.	Agenda item 8	Any other business	
12.00		Closure of the technical segment of the meeting	
