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**Annual meeting of the Environment Management Group  
Hosted by the World Health Organization at its Headquarters  
Geneva, 8 October 2007  
9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**

### **Provisional Annotated Agenda**

#### **1. Opening of the Meeting and Adoption of the Agenda**

- 1.1. Opening statement by the Chair of the United Nations Environment Management Group (Mr. Achim Steiner, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UNEP).
- 1.2. Welcoming remarks by the Director General of the World Health Organization.
- 1.3. Brief remarks by Executive Heads of Agencies and Executive Secretaries of Multilateral Environment Agreements.

#### **2. System-wide coherence on International Environment Governance**

##### **2.1. Progress report and update**

Update on the latest developments in relation to the UN General Assembly discussions on environmental governance, including on the contribution of the EMG to the reform processes through the work of its Issue Management Group on “environment cluster”.

##### **2.2. Specific Issues for discussion:**

Discussion on key issues and elements arising out of the first EMG consultations on environment cluster, including in particular:

- platforms for issue- or theme-based cooperation that could result in enhanced systemic coherence;
- issue-based approach to enhance coherence and synergies within MEAs;
- roles and specificities of the different intergovernmental institutions dealing with environment and sustainable development;
- policy coherence between the environmental and economic/trade agendas;



- 2.3. Conclusions and proposals for the future focus and work of EMG on the environment cluster and agreement on next steps.

### **3. The UN Secretary General's initiative on making the UN Climate-neutral**

3.1. Background information and update

Report on the work of the EMG including the results of its Issue Management Group on a climate-neutral UN

3.2. Specific issues for discussion:

- Discussion on the EMG climate-neutral strategy paper
- Next steps in becoming climate-neutral
- Key areas for cooperation among EMG members

3.3. Conclusions and proposals for the future work of EMG

Approval of the EMG draft strategy on a climate-neutral UN for submission to the CEB

### **4. Work of the EMG in the area of Sustainable Procurement**

4.1. Background information and update

Update on the work of the EMG including the preparation of the survey on sustainable procurement practices in the UN, and a follow up strategic concept paper on sustainable procurement.

4.2. Specific Issues for discussion:

- The need for the inclusion of sustainable development considerations in UN management; practices (from sustainable procurement to sustainable operations management);
- Consideration of the best steps to assure EMG collaboration with other interagency groups for sustainable procurement, facilities management;
- Need for High-level backing within agencies and among relevant stakeholders in support of sustainable procurement practices.

4.3. Conclusions and proposals for the future work of EMG

Means of implementation, role of the EMG membership and the way forward



## **5. Issues related to the future work of the EMG**

5.1. Criteria for selection of EMG issues

5.2. Strategic views of members on the future focus of the EMG and suggestions on specific themes or issues for the 2008 programme of work.

## **6. Any other business**

6.1. Preliminary discussion on the following structural and organizational issues for further discussion and decision of the EMG at its next annual meeting:

- Relationship with GA, CEB, HLCP and UNDG
- EMG Terms of Reference, including membership in the EMG
- EMG support structure

6.2. Other issues

## **7. Date and agenda for the next meeting**

## **8. Closure of the meeting**