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Work plan 2017

Note by the Chair

Introduction

1. This note presents the work plan for the Environment Management Group (EMG) for 2017. The plan reflects the actions adopted by the 22nd SOM.
2. The work plan captures activities planned over one year and has four main expected accomplishments which pertain to programmatic, operational and management issues, as well as overall cooperation.
3. The work plan remains un-costed as there is no common budget for EMG activities. It will, however, be implemented with the support of the respective IMGs and member agencies of the EMG. It is therefore recommended that the work plan be implemented through in-kind contributions, mainly in terms of allocation of time to EMG work, and subject to the availability of resources. Any monetary contributions will be budgeted, programmed and reported on by each member within their own administrative processes.

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Environment Management Group work plan for 2017

Expected accomplishment	Activities ¹	Schedule
A. Programmatic issues		
Enhanced coherence in programming.	<p style="text-align: center;">1. The Issue Management Group on Tackling E-waste:</p> <p>Facilitate the implementation of the tasks outlined in the ToR including through:</p> <p>a) Liaising with and supporting UNU in undertaking a mapping of existing e-waste initiatives across the UN system, including on environmentally sound management of e-waste approaches and terms used;</p> <p>b) Prepare a draft report based on the mapping results and circulate it to the IMG for comments;</p> <p>c) Finalize the report and convene the IMG to consider the recommendations of the mapping report and ways to address the e-waste challenge in the UN system going forward;</p> <p>d) Arrange a meeting of the IMG to discuss and agree on the follow-up of the recommendations of the mapping report;</p> <p>e) Support, coordinate and facilitate the work of sketching modalities and preparing a work-plan/strategy incl. a financing strategy for the development of a UN system-wide coordination mechanism on sustainable production, consumption and final disposal of electrical and electronic equipment;</p> <p>f) Support the development of a system-wide approach and a related strategy for implementation within the UN system to address the global e-waste challenge;</p>	<p>Sept-Dec 16</p> <p>Sept-Dec 16</p> <p>January-February 17</p> <p>March 17</p> <p>April –June 17</p> <p>June-August 17</p>

¹ Activities will be undertaken with the support of members in the form of personal time, travel, in-kind and financial support, with support provided by the UNEP hosted EMG secretariat and the support provided by the UNEP Sustainable UN Facility (SUN).

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	<p>g) Possible presentation of the IMG's work to relevant intergovernmental or interagency processes;</p> <p>h) Prepare a progress report to the 23rd meeting of the EMG Senior Officials.</p>	<p>January-August 17</p> <p>July 17</p>
B. Operational issues		
<p>Enhanced coherence in advancing Environmental and Social Sustainability of the UN system.</p>	<p>1. Consultations on Environmental and Social Sustainability:</p> <p>Facilitate the Consultative Process in close cooperation with the IMG on Environmental Sustainability Management and other relevant inter-agency mechanisms and entities with the view to:</p> <p>a) Support and coordinate the working group on revising 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;</p> <p>b) Provide support and coordination of the working group on the elaboration, possibly in collaboration with the UNDG, on a common approach for elaborating and implementing environmental and social standards for UN programming and projects, particularly at the country level, with the potential to inform the UNDG process to pilot and rollout the new UN Sustainable Development Framework Guidance (UNSDF);</p> <p>c) Support the development of options for enhancing communication and knowledge sharing, peer learning and peer reviewing on environmental and social issues among the UN agencies, including exploring</p>	<p>October 16-August 17</p> <p>October 16-August 17</p> <p>October 16-August 17</p>

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	<p>options for a possible UN-wide hub to support the ESS efforts at program/project level and integrating these practices at the field level, where relevant;</p> <p>d) Report on progress to the next Senior Officials meeting.</p>	July 2017
C. Management issues		
Enhanced sustainability of management practices in the United Nations system.	1. IMG on Environmental Sustainability Management	
	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 by:	
	a) Preparing and publishing the eighth common greenhouse gas inventory;	Nov 16
	b) Preparing 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;	Jan-March 17
	c) Updating and maintain the Greening the Blue campaign;	Ongoing
d) Presenting the work on waste management to the HLCM for consideration in Spring 2017;	March 17	
e) Continuing to facilitate the implementation of the four EMS pilots.	Ongoing	
2. Peer-Reviews of environmental profiles of the EMG members:		

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	<p>a) Arrange a meeting of the Peer Review Body to conclude the Peer Review of IMF;</p> <p>b) Facilitate and coordinate the peer reviewing of UNFCCC HQ in Bonn and the field offices of UNRWA, WFP, UNDP and WFP in Amman, including by organizing site visits, managing consultants and coordinating the compilation of the reports.</p> <p>c) Support the development of guidelines and documentation of good practices to support agencies who wish to undertake peer reviews independently, as an output of the peer review process.</p> <p>d) Liaise with UN-Habitat on a possible peer review of its facilities with regard to the indicated interest at SOM22.</p>	<p>Oct-Dec 16</p> <p>Oct 16- August 17</p> <p>October 16- Dec 17</p> <p>Jan-Dec 17</p>
D. Overall cooperation		
<p>Strengthened cooperation among EMG members in setting a common agenda, implementing joint initiatives and reporting on progress.</p>	<p>1. Consultative Process for preparing a UN System-wide Framework of Strategies on the environment:</p> <p>Facilitate the implementation of the Framework for enhancing coherence in the UN system in response to the environmental sustainability dimension of the SDGs.</p> <p>a) Support the follow-up of the Framework, including by organizing a workshop to discuss the preparations of the first Synthesis Report and the data collection process;</p> <p>b) Finalise and convey survey to EMG Members</p> <p>c) Coordinate and manage the information collection and analysis</p> <p>d) Preparation of the Zero Draft Synthesis Report</p> <p>e) Consultation with EMG for finalisation of the report and arrange 8th meeting of the Consultative Process</p>	<p>September 2016</p> <p>Sep-Dec 16</p> <p>Jan- March 17</p> <p>March - April 17</p> <p>April - August</p>

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	<p>f) Prepare a report on progress to the next meeting of the Senior Officials.</p> <p>g) Presentation of the synthesis report to SOM23</p> <p>h) Communication of the synthesis report including to UNEA III</p>	<p>2017</p> <p>September 17</p> <p>September-December 17</p>
	<p>2. Task Team on maximizing the effectiveness of the EMG in the context of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, supporting the implementation of the environmental dimension of the SDGs:</p> <p>a) Share the draft analytical paper on the implementation of the environmental dimension of the SDGs for comments with EMG members and finalise the report based on the feedback received</p> <p>b) Prepare a discussion note on improving EMG's modalities of work</p> <p>c) Prepare a discussion note on role and contribution of the EMG in the delivery of the 2030 agenda including relevance of its TOR and mandate</p> <p>d) Organize the meetings of the Task Team to discuss and agree on proposals for EMG's modalities of work and TOR</p> <p>e) Provide a report on implementation of the recommendations and findings of the effectiveness report to the SOM 23 and the 3rd session of UNEA.</p>	<p>Oct –Nov 16</p> <p>Oct -Dec 16</p> <p>Oct-Dec 16</p> <p>Nov16-June 17</p> <p>August-Nov 17</p>
	<p>3. Exchange of information and outreach:</p> <p>a) Facilitate the exchange of information and outreach on EMG activities including through maintaining the EMG communications and website.</p>	<p>2017</p>

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	<p>4. Senior Officials' meetings of the EMG</p> <p>a) Prepare and organize a mid-term meeting of the Senior Officials' Technical Segment in May 2017 to review progress of the Work Plan and to facilitate preparation of the SOM23;</p> <p>b) Prepare and organize the SOM23 of the EMG in September 2017.</p>	<p>April 17</p> <p>April-Sept 17</p>
	<p>5. Reporting, including to the Environment Assembly of UNEP (UNEA) on EMG accomplishments and work ahead</p> <p>a) Provision of information by the EMG Chair, on EMG accomplishments and work ahead reviewed by EMG members, for submission to the 3rd session of the UN Environment Assembly of UNEP in December 2017;</p> <p>b) Circulate the information note to EMG members for submission to their governing bodies as appropriate;</p> <p>c) Provide information on progress and ongoing work to MEAs, HLCP, HLCM , CEB among others as appropriate;</p> <p>d) Report to UNIMDIS and PIMS on the implementation of the EMG project, as required.</p>	<p>Sep-Nov 17</p> <p>Sept-Dec 17</p> <p>Sept-Dec 17</p> <p>2017</p>