



Executive Office

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Dear Colleagues,

In connection with the 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly in September 2017, I would like to take advantage of your presence in New York to convene the 23rd Senior Officials Meeting of the Environment Management Group.

The meeting will have two segments: (i) the technical part will be held on Monday, 18 September from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and (ii) the high-level part will be held on Wednesday, 20 September from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

The technical segment will consider the progress report of the Issue Management Groups and Consultative Processes as well as new issues that would benefit from inter-agency collaboration. The high-level segment will focus on a strategic discussion including as relates to the implementation of Agenda 2030. It will also approve *ad interim* the decisions for the future work of the Group.

Please do not hesitate to propose issues that you consider relevant and important for system-wide cooperation in the field of environment for discussion during the high-level segment. To date, we have received proposals on environment and humanitarian action, air pollution and enhancing environmental law. Please send us other interesting proposals!

Please also confirm your participation to the Secretariat by e-mail to EMG@unep.org. Additional information will be sent closer to the time.

Thank you very much for your continued commitment and contributions to the work of the Environment Management Group. I look forward to a fruitful discussion in September!

Best wishes,

Erik Solheim
Executive Director and Chairman of the Environment Management Group

To: Members of the Environment Management Group