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Mainstreaming Poverty Reduction for an Inclusive Green Economy - Joint UN Programming Experiences and Civil Society Engagement, from Burkina Faso and Mongolia

Jointly organized by the UNDP-UNEP Poverty-Environment Initiative and the UNEP Green Economy Team

Outline:

This session will present evidence of the efficacy of Poverty-Environment (PE) mainstreaming, SWITCH, and Green Economy advisory services as vehicles for setting in place building blocks for an inclusive green economy in Africa and Europe CIS, responding and addressing the fiscal and economic policy drivers of sustainability. The role and experience of civil society in engaging in – and meaningfully contributing to –these processes will also be highlighted. The outcome will be heightened awareness of the complementarity of - and synergies between - these three flagship "One UN" initiatives implemented in collaboration with UNDP, appreciation of the importance of joint programming responses to government needs, and broader support and demand for PE mainstreaming and green economy offers.

Burkina Faso will be featured and discussed as an example of good coordination between government, civil society, and UN initiatives, where planning for the 2016-2020 UNDAF cycle is underway and where a package of measures is seen to offer the most impact for poverty reduction, economic growth, and a transition towards an inclusive, greener economy. Mongolia will then be featured as an equally inspiring example, showing how strong governmental leadership can help steer a country onto a more sustainable economic growth path, whilst at the same time ensuring the needs of the poor and future generations are also taken into account.

Speakers:

- Mette L. Wilkie, Director, DEPI (UNEP) (to be confirmed), 7 minutes
- Nik Sekhran, Director, Environment & Energy Group (UNDP) 7 minutes
- H.E. Salif Ouedrago, Minister of Environment, (Government of Burkina Faso) 7 minutes
- H.E. Oyun Sanjaasuren, Minister of Environment and Green Development, (Government of Mongolia) (to be confirmed), 7 minutes
- M. Representative from Civil Society (to be confirmed), (Burkina Faso) 7 minutes
- Discussion 10 minutes