



GC.26 / GMEF
GOVERNING COUNCIL
GLOBAL MINISTERIAL
ENVIRONMENT FORUM
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NAIROBI, KENYA



TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL/GLOBAL MINISTERIAL ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NAIROBI, 21-24 FEBRUARY 2011

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

As of 18 February 2011

SATURDAY, 19 FEBRUARY

<p>PRE-SESSION EVENT 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 2-5.30 p.m. Conference Room 1 [E/F/S]</p> <p>Twelfth Global Major Group and Stakeholder Forum</p>

- The registration for the Council/Forum and GMGSF will open from 12 noon on Thursday, 17 February 2011.
- Two press events are scheduled prior to the Council/Forum:
 - 17 February 2011, 10.30 a.m. Launch of the UNEP Year Book, Norfolk Hotel
 - 18 February 2011, 11.30 a.m. Launch of Low Sulphur Fuels Project in Kenya, UN Petrol Station and Recreation Centre
- Global Youth Gathering 2011 will be held from 19 to 22 February with the participation of Tunza Youth Advisors from various regions, at conference rooms in the UN Complex.
- Each of the Regional Groups will hold group meetings at a date and time agreed by the respective Groups. For this purpose, meetings rooms are allocated for the use by each Group outside official meeting hours as follows:

	<u>19 Feb Sat-20 Feb Sun</u>	<u>21 Feb Mon</u>	<u>21Feb Mon-24 Feb Thu</u>
Group 77 and China	Conference Room 12	Conference Room 1 or 2*	Conference Room 2
African Group	Conference Room 12	Conference Room 1 or 2*	Conference Room 2
Asian Group	Conference Room 3	Conference Room 6	Conference Room 9
Eastern and Central European Group	Conference Room 5	Conference Room 5	Conference Room 5
Latin America and Caribbean Group	Conference Room 4	Conference Room 9	Conference Room 4
Western European and Others Group	Conference Room 6	Conference Room 10	Conference Room 10
European Union	UNESCO Conference Room	UNESCO Conference Room 10	UNESCO Conference Room 10

* Rooms to be confirmed depending on the time of meetings.

SUNDAY, 20 FEBRUARY

PRE-SESSION EVENT
9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 2-5.30 p.m. Conference Room 1 [E/F/S]

Twelfth Global Major Group and Stakeholder Forum

- Presentation of Movie Premiere "Silent Snow" will be at 6 p.m. at the Conference Room 1.
- A cocktail reception will be held for GMGSF participants at 7 p.m. at the Recreation Centre.

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITH THE REGIONAL GROUPS
4-5 p.m. Conference Room 4 [English only]

The Executive Director will hold informal consultations with Regional Groups on the structure and organization of GC26/GMEF, including nominations from Regional Groups for officers to be elected.

- Meeting of moderators and facilitators of the ministerial consultations will be held at 5 p.m. at Conference Room 12 (upon invitation only)

MONDAY, 21 FEBRUARY

PLENARY 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Conference Room 2	
10-10.45 a.m.	
<i>Cultural component</i> <i>Curtain raiser</i>	
Item 1: Opening of the session	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcoming and introductory remarks by the President of GC/GMEF ▪ Message by the United Nations Secretary-General ▪ Statement by Mr. Joan Clos, Executive Director of UN-Habitat ▪ Welcoming address by Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP, including introduction on "paperless GC" ▪ Address by the representative of the Government of Kenya 	
– Dignitaries leave the conference room –	
Item 2: Organization of the session	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Election of officers; (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work 	
Policy statement of Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP Overview of the matters before the Council/Forum	
Statement by the Acting Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on draft decisions	

PRESS CONFERENCE 1-2 p.m. Press Centre	
Focus: Launch of the green economy report	

SPECIAL EVENT 1.30-2.30 p.m. Conference Room 10	SPECIAL EVENT 2-3 p.m. Conference Room 12
Six years into the Bali Strategic Plan – what has worked and what hasn't?	Transport, infrastructure and green economy

MONDAY, 21 FEBRUARY

MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS 3-6 p.m. Conference Room 1	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3-6 p.m. Conference Room 2
<p>Item 4 (b): Emerging policy issues</p> <p>Contribution of UNEP to the preparatory process to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development</p> <p>N.B. Civil Society representatives MEAs Executive Secretaries</p>	<p>Organization of the work of the Committee Election of the Rapporteur Introductory statement by the secretariat</p> <p>Item 4: Policy issues (a) State of the environment; (c) International environmental governance</p> <p>Item 6: Budget and programme of work for the biennium 2012–2013 and the Environment Fund and other budgetary matters.</p> <p>N.B. Detailed programme of the Committee of the Whole will be decided at its first meeting on Monday, 21 February.</p>

SOCIAL EVENT 6.30 p.m. – Fountain Area
<p style="text-align: center;">Reception hosted by the Government of Kenya Opening of the New Office Facilities</p>

TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY

MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Conference Room 1		COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Conference Room 2	
Item 4(b):	Emerging policy issues	Cont'd Item 6:	
	Green economy	Cont'd Item 4 (a)	
	Moderated plenary discussion		
N.B.	Civil Society representatives MEAs Executive Secretaries		

SPECIAL MINISTERIAL LUNCH EVENT 1-3 p.m. Conference Room 1	
Contribution of UNEP to the nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (HOD+1)	

SPECIAL EVENT 1.30-2.30 p.m. Conference Room 10	SPECIAL EVENT 1.30-2.30 p.m. Conference Room 12
Managing what you measure: Sustainability reporting and indicators to manage the change to green economy	The future of environmental assessments – what have we learned to far?

PLENARY-MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS 3-6 p.m. Conference Rooms TBD		COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3-6 p.m. Conference Room 2	
Item 4(b):	Emerging policy issues	Cont'd Item 4 (a):	
	Green economy		
	4 parallel ministerial roundtable discussions		
N.B.	Civil Society Representatives in each MRT		

SPECIAL DISCUSSION 6-7 p.m. Conference Room 9	
Focus: Prototype Methane Fund, organized by International Cryosphere Climate Initiative	

Meeting of the "Friends of the President" 6-7 p.m. GC President's Office	
<i>A meeting of the Friends of the President with the support by the Rapporteur of the Council and the rapporteurs of the ministerial roundtables to prepare a draft summary of the President.</i>	

TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY

SOCIAL EVENT
6.30 p.m. - Fountain Area

Green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, reception organized by the Government of Germany

WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY

SPECIAL BREAKFAST 7.30-9.30 a.m. Conference Room 1
Breakfast meeting of the Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for the Environment (upon invitation)

MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Conference Room 1	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Conference Room 2
<p>Item 4(b): Emerging policy issues</p> <p>International environmental governance</p> <p>Moderated plenary discussion</p> <p>N.B. Civil Society representatives MEAs Executive Secretaries</p>	<p>Item 4 (d), (e) and (f): (d) Coordination and cooperation within the United Nations system on environmental matters; (e) Coordination and cooperation with major groups (f) Environment and development</p> <p>Item 5: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of United Nations summits and major intergovernmental meetings, including the decisions of the Governing Council</p>

SPECIAL LUNCH EVENT 1-3 p.m. Recreation Centre
At humanitarian and environmental crossroads --strengthening environmental responses in time of crisis, organized by Switzerland/UNEP/OCHA

PRESS CONFERENCE 1 -2 p.m. Press Centre
Focus: Announcement of EU-UNEP partnership

SPECIAL EVENT 1.30-2.30 p.m. Conference Room 10	SPECIAL EVENT 1.30-2.30 p.m. Conference Room 12
Greening the Blue: Moving towards a Climate Neutral UN – The UN Systems’ footprint and efforts to reduce it	Quick impact on climate change: the option of reducing short-lived climate change forces

SPECIAL BRIEFING 2-3 p.m. Conference Room 3
Focus: High Level Panel on Global Sustainability

PARALLEL EVENT 1-2:45 p.m. Conference Room 1
Meeting of Commonwealth Consultative Group on Environment (closed meeting)

WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY

PLENARY-MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS 3-6 p.m. Conference Rooms TBD		COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3-6 p.m. Conference Room 2
<p>Item 4(b): Emerging policy issues</p> <p>International environmental governance</p> <p>4 parallel ministerial roundtable discussions</p> <p>N.B. Civil Society Representatives in each MRT</p>	<p>Item 7: Provisional agenda, date and venue of future sessions of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: (a) Twelfth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum; (b) Twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum.</p> <p>Item 8: Other matters</p> <p>Adoption of the report and conclusion of the work of the Committee</p>	
SASAKAWA AWARD CEREMONY 6.30 p.m. - Fountain Area		
UNEP Sasakawa Prize Awards Ceremony (HOD+1)		

- A press briefing on the Sasakawa Award will be held prior to the ceremony, at 4.30 p.m. at the Press Centre

THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY

**Meeting of the "Friends of the President"
8.30-9 a.m. GC President's Office**

A meeting of the Friends of the President with the support by the Rapporteur of the Council and the rapporteurs of the ministerial roundtables to prepare a draft summary of the President.

**PRESS CONFERENCE
1 -2 p.m. Press Centre**

Closing press conference

**SPECIAL EVENT
1.30-2.30 p.m. Conference Room 10**

**Identifying solutions - Addressing the Challenges
of Sound Management of Chemicals and
Hazardous Wastes**

**PLENARY
3-6 p.m. Conference Room 2**

Item 3: Credentials of the representatives

Item 8: Other matters

Item 9: Adoption of the report

Report of the President on the outcome of the Ministerial Consultations

Report on the outcome of the Committee of the Whole by its Chair

Adoption of decisions

Item 10: Closure of the session