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Ministerial Environment Forum**

**Provisional agenda**

**Addendum**

**Annotated provisional agenda and organization of work**

**Item 1: Opening of the session**

1. The ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will be opened by the President of the Governing Council elected at its twenty-third session, or, in his absence, by one of the other officers of the Council/Forum at its twenty-third session. The session of the Council/Forum will be held at the International Conference and Exhibition Centre, Dubai, and will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 7 February 2006.
2. The Executive Director will hold informal regional consultations with regional groups on Monday, 6 February 2006, beginning at 3 p.m. A ceremonial opening of the Council/Forum will also be held on Monday, 6 February 2006, at 7.30 p.m., together with the third Zayed Prize award ceremony. The exhibition on environmentally sound technologies – “EST Showcase”, which will be held in conjunction with the Council/Forum, will also hold its opening on the evening of 6 February 2006.

**Item 2: Organization of the session**

**(a) Adoption of the agenda**

3. The provisional agenda (UNEP/GCSS.IX/1) for the ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, as approved by the Council at its twenty-third session, was distributed together with the notification on 15 November 2005. The provisional timetable for meetings of the Council/Forum, as proposed by the Executive Director of UNEP in consultation with the Bureau of the Governing Council and the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP, is contained in the annex to the present document.

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**(b) Organization of work**

4. The office of the Vice-President of the Bureau of the Governing Council, held by the group of Western European and other States, with Mr. Beat Nobs of Switzerland as its present incumbent, will have become vacant on 1 January 2006, as confirmed by the election by the General Assembly, held on 3 November 2005, of the 29 members of the Governing Council of UNEP for the period 2006–2009.

5. In this connection, the Council/Forum will recall its decision as contained in paragraph 23 of the report of its twenty-third session, which reads: “Pursuant to a request by the group of Western European and other States, the Council decided that, in the event that Switzerland was not a member of the Governing Council in 2006, Mr. Nobs would be replaced by a representative of a State member of the Governing Council from the group of Western European and other States”. Upon submission by the group of the name of the candidate to replace Mr. Nobs, the Council/Forum will endorse the representative nominated by the group as the Vice-President.

6. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 53/242 of 28 July 1999, the Governing Council constitutes an annual ministerial-level global environmental forum to review important and emerging policy issues in the field of the environment. In view of that mandate, the Executive Director recommends that plenary meetings of the Council during the current session should take the form of ministerial consultations, beginning mid-morning on Tuesday, 7 February 2006, and continuing until and including the morning of Thursday, 9 February 2006. The Executive Director also recommends that, on the afternoon of Thursday, 9 February 2006, the Council/Forum should meet in its closing plenary meeting. It is further recommended that the Council/Forum, at its plenary meeting on the morning of Tuesday, 7 February 2006, should establish sessional committees, including a Committee of the Whole. The Chair of the Committee of the Whole will be announced at the plenary meeting on Tuesday, 7 February 2006.

7. The Executive Director recommends that, under item 5 (Policy issues) of the provisional agenda for the Council/Forum, the plenary meetings in the form of the ministerial consultations should feature discussions on the following themes: “Energy and environment”, “Chemicals management” and “Tourism and the environment”. The Executive Director also recommends that the ministerial consultations should reconvene in the form of a working dinner, in the evening of Wednesday, 8 February 2006, to consider environmental governance and issues of relevance to the outcome of the 2005 World Summit, to address expanded issues under provisional agenda item 7 (International environmental governance), with a particular focus on the issue of universal membership of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum.

8. The Executive Director recommends that the Committee of the Whole, if established, should meet from mid-morning of Tuesday, 7 February 2006 until and including the afternoon of Wednesday, 8 February 2006. The Executive Director further recommends that the Committee of the Whole should consider provisional agenda items 4 (Assessment, monitoring and early warning: state of the environment), 6 (Follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development: contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the forthcoming session of the Commission on Sustainable Development), 7 (International environmental governance), 8 (Outcomes of intergovernmental meetings of relevance to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum), and 9 (Implementation of the programme of work of the United Nations Environment Programme and the relevant decisions of the Governing Council).

9. The Executive Director recommends that items 3 (Credentials of representatives), 10 (Other matters), 11 (Adoption of the report) and 12 (Closure of the session) of the provisional agenda should be considered at the plenary meeting on the afternoon of Thursday, 9 February 2006.

10. The Executive Director will present his policy statement, contained in document UNEP/GCSS.IX/2, during the opening plenary meeting on the morning of Tuesday, 7 February 2006.

<b>Documentation</b>	
UNEP/GCSS.IX/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/GCSS.IX/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda and organization of work
UNEP/GCSS.IX/2	Policy statement of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/3	International environmental governance: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/3/Add.1	Implementation of the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/3/Add.2	Towards a UNEP Environment Watch System: updated proposal: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/4	Draft updated water policy and strategy of the United Nations Environment Programme: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/5	Environmental emergency response, and also disaster prevention, preparedness and mitigation and early-warning systems: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/6 and Add.1	Chemicals management: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/7	Mid-term progress report on the implementation of the long-term strategy on engagement and involvement of young people in environmental issues: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/8	Outcomes of intergovernmental meetings of relevance to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/9	Background papers for the ministerial-level consultations on energy and environment for development, chemicals management as well as tourism and the environment : Discussion papers presented by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/9/Add.1	Background paper for on energy and environment for development
UNEP/GCSS.IX/9/Add.2	Background paper on chemicals management
UNEP/GCSS.IX/9/Add.3	Background paper on tourism and the environment
UNEP/GCSS.IX/10	State of the environment and contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to addressing substantive environmental challenges: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/1	State of preparedness of documents: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/2	GEO Year Book 2006: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/3	Issues arising from the resolutions of the General Assembly at its sixtieth session that are of significance to the United Nations Environment Programme: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/4	Execution of the budget of the United Nations Environment Programme for the biennium 2004–2005: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/5	Implementation of the programme of work of the United Nations Environment Programme and the relevant decisions of the Governing Council: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/6	Financing of the United Nations Environment Programme: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/7	Global civil society statement to the ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/7/Add.1	African regional civil society statement to the seventh Global Civil Society Forum and the ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/7/Add.2	Asian and the Pacific regional civil society statement to the seventh Global Civil Society Forum and the ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/7/Add.3	European regional civil society statement to the seventh Global Civil Society Forum and the ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial

	Environment Forum: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/7/Add.4	Latin American and the Caribbean regional civil society statement to the seventh Global Civil Society Forum and the ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/7/Add.5	North American regional civil society statement to the seventh Global Civil Society Forum and the ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/7/Add.6	West Asian regional civil society statement to the seventh Global Civil Society Forum and the ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/8	Findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/9	Global International Waters Assessment: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/10	Progress report on activities to implement the water policy and strategy of the United Nations Environment Programme: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/11	Summary of the energy programme of UNEP and a summary of the present status, major trends and future prospects of renewable energy: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/12	Activities of the United Nations Environment Programme in the area of tourism—UNEP tourism strategy: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/13	Implementation of the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building in the programme of work for the biennium 2006-2007: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/14	Report of the high-level consultation on South-South cooperation in environment in the context of the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building: Note by the Executive Director

### Item 3: Credentials of representatives

11. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of representatives at the ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum will be examined by the Bureau, which will report thereon to the Council/Forum. It should be noted that, under rule 16, each member of the Governing Council is to be represented by one accredited representative, who may be accompanied by alternate representatives and advisers.

### Item 4: Assessment, monitoring and early warning: state of the environment

12. Under this agenda item, the Council/Forum will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the state of the environment and contribution of UNEP to addressing substantive environmental challenges (contained in document UNEP/GCSS.IX/10), which provides information on activities of UNEP that are of relevance to the environmental assessment, monitoring and early-warning, including the major findings of the Global Environment Outlook Year Book 2006, as well as those of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and the Global International Waters Assessment. The Global Environment Outlook Year Book 2006 is before the Council/Forum in document UNEP/GCSS-IX/INF/2, while the major findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and the Global International Waters Assessment are provided in documents UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/8 and UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/9, respectively.

Documentation	
UNEP/GCSS.IX/10	State of the environment and contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to addressing substantive environmental challenges: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/2	GEO Year Book 2006: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/8	Findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/9	Global International Waters Assessment: Note by the Executive Director

## Item 5: Policy issues

- (a) **Energy and environment**
- (b) **Chemicals management**
- (c) **Tourism and the environment**

13. As a basis for discussion, and also to stimulate policy dialogue and highlight issues of concern to Governments to be addressed by ministers and heads of delegations during the ministerial consultations, the Executive Director has provided discussion papers on energy and environment, chemicals management, and tourism and the environment, contained in documents UNEP/GCSS.IX/9 and Add.1, Add.2 and Add.3. It should be noted that, in connection with the theme of chemicals management, documents UNEP/GCSS.IX/6 and Add.1 contain information on the process for the development of a strategic approach to international chemicals management, as requested by decision 23/9 (Chemicals management), paragraph 12.

14. Document UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/7 contains the global civil society statement to the Council/Forum, while documents UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/7/Add.1–6 provide the regional civil society statements from the African, Asian and Pacific, European, Latin American and Caribbean, North American and West Asian regions conveying the results of the respective regional preparatory processes for the seventh Global Civil Society Forum, which is to be held prior to the ninth special session of the Council/Forum. Documents UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/11 and UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/12 provide additional information on the themes of energy and on tourism supplementing the relevant background papers (UNEP/GCSS.IX/9/Add.1 and Add.3).

Documentation	
UNEP/GCSS.IX/6 and Add.1	Chemicals management: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/9	Background papers for the ministerial-level consultations on energy and environment for development, chemicals management as well as tourism and the environment : Discussion papers presented by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/9/Add.1	Background paper on energy and environment
UNEP/GCSS.IX/9/Add.2	Background paper on chemicals management
UNEP/GCSS.IX/9/Add.3	Background paper on tourism and the environment
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/7	Global civil society statement to the ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/7/Add.1	African regional civil society statement to the seventh Global Civil Society Forum and the ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/7/Add.2	Asian and the Pacific regional civil society statement to the seventh Global Civil Society Forum and the ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/7/Add.3	European regional civil society statement to the seventh Global Civil Society Forum and the ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Note by the Executive Director

UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/7/Add.4	Latin American and the Caribbean regional civil society statement to the seventh Global Civil Society Forum and the ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/7/Add.5	North American regional civil society statement to the seventh Global Civil Society Forum and the ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/7/Add.6	West Asian regional civil society statement to the seventh Global Civil Society Forum and the ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/11	Summary of the energy programme of UNEP as well as a summary of the present status, major trends and future prospects of renewable energy: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/12	Activities of the United Nations Environment Programme in the area of tourism—UNEP tourism strategy: Note by the Executive Director

**Item 6: Follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development: contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the forthcoming session of the Commission on Sustainable Development**

15. Under this agenda item, the Council/Forum will have before it the reports of the Executive Director on various activities of UNEP that are of relevance to the follow-up of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (contained in documents UNEP/GCSS.IX/6 and Add.1 and UNEP/GCSS.IX/8). Taking into account the elements of the current thematic cluster of issues for the multi-year programme of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development, namely, energy for sustainable development and air pollution, the background paper for the ministerial consultations on energy and environment (UNEP/GCSS.IX/9/Add.1) and the Global Environment Outlook Year Book 2006, with a focus on energy and air pollution (UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/2), also provide relevant information on this agenda item.

Documentation	
UNEP/GCSS.IX/6 and Add.1	Chemicals management: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/8	Outcomes of intergovernmental meetings of relevance to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/9/Add.1	Background paper on energy and environment
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/2	GEO Year Book 2006: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/11	Summary of the energy programme of UNEP as well as a summary of the present status, major trends and future prospects of renewable energy: Note by the Executive Director

**Item 7: International environmental governance**

16. The Council/Forum will have before it the report of the Executive Director on progress made in the implementation of Governing Council decisions concerning international environmental governance (contained in document UNEP/GCSS.IX/3), as mandated by decision 23/1 (Implementation of decision SS.VII/1 on international environmental governance). The document discusses actions undertaken by UNEP in respect of the issue of universal membership of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum and all aspects of financing of UNEP, as requested in decisions 23/1 III (Universal membership of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum), paragraph 11, and 23/IV (Strengthening the financing of the United Nations Environment Programme), paragraph 20, respectively.

17. Document UNEP/GCSS.IX/3/Add.1 provides the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building, as requested

by decision 23/1 I (Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building), paragraph 6, and the Bali Strategic Plan, paragraphs 29 and 31, as well as decision 23/3 (Budget and the programme of work for the biennium 2006–2007), paragraph 33, while document UNEP/GCSS.IX/3/Add.2 contains the report of the Executive Director on the updated proposal for an UNEP environment watch system, as requested by decision 23/1 II (Strengthening the scientific base of the United Nations Environment Programme), paragraph 9. Documents UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/6, 13 and 14 also provide relevant information on this agenda item.

Documentation	
UNEP/GCSS.IX/3	International environmental governance: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/3/Add.1	Implementation of the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/3/Add.2	Towards a UNEP Environment Watch System: updated proposal: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/6	Financing of the United Nations Environment Programme: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/13	Implementation of the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building in the programme of work for the biennium 2006–2007: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/14	Report of the high-level consultation on South-South cooperation in environment in the context of the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building: Note by the Executive Director

### **Item 8: Outcomes of intergovernmental meetings of relevance to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum**

18. The Council/Forum will have before it the report of the Executive Director on outcomes of major intergovernmental meetings of relevance to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (UNEP/GCSS.IX/8). The document considers issues of relevance to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum resulting from major global and regional intergovernmental meetings held between the conclusion of the twenty-third session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum in February 2005 and 31 December 2005. Issues arising from the resolutions of the General Assembly at its sixtieth session that are of significance to UNEP are discussed in a separate document, UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/3.

Documentation	
UNEP/GCSS.IX/8	Outcomes of intergovernmental meetings of relevance to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/3	Issues arising from the resolutions of the General Assembly at its sixtieth session that are of significance to the United Nations Environment Programme: Note by the Executive Director

### **Item 9: Implementation of the programme of work of the United Nations Environment Programme and the relevant decisions of the Governing Council**

19. Under this agenda item, the Council/Forum will have before it the reports of the Executive Director providing information on the activities of UNEP in the implementation of the programme of work and the relevant decisions of the Governing Council. Document UNEP/GCSS.IX/4, together with document UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/10, provides the draft of the updated water policy and strategy of UNEP, as requested by decision 23/2 (Updated water policy and strategy of the United Nations Environment Programme), paragraphs 7 and 8. Document UNEP/GCSS.IX/5 provides a status report on the implementation of decision 23/7 (Strengthening environmental emergency response and

developing disaster prevention, preparedness, mitigation and early-warning systems in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster), as requested by paragraph 12 of that decision, documents UNEP/GCSS.IX/6 and Add.1 provide the outcome of the development of the strategic approach to international chemicals management, as requested by decision 23/9, paragraph 12, while document UNEP/GCSS.IX/7 provides the mid-term progress report of the long-term strategy on engagement and involvement of young people in environmental issues, as requested by decision 22/18 II (Long-term strategy on engagement and involvement of young people in environmental issues), paragraph 5. Document UNEP/GCSS.IX/10 also provides relevant information on this agenda item.

<b>Documentation</b>	
UNEP/GCSS.IX/4	Draft updated water policy and strategy of the United Nations Environment Programme: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/5	Environmental emergency response, and also disaster prevention, preparedness and mitigation and early-warning systems: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/6 and Add.1	Chemicals management: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/7	Mid-term progress report on the implementation of the long-term strategy on engagement and involvement of young people in environmental issues: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/10	State of the environment and contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to addressing substantive environmental challenges: Report of the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/2	GEO Year Book 2006: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/4	Execution of the budget of the United Nations Environment Programme for the biennium 2004–2005: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/5	Implementation of the programme of work of the United Nations Environment Programme and the relevant decisions of the Governing Council: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/8	Findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/9	Global International Waters Assessment: Note by the Executive Director
UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/10	Progress report on activities to implement the water policy and strategy of the United Nations Environment Programme: Note by the Executive Director

### **Item 10: Other matters**

20. The Council/Forum may consider any other matters raised by its members and observers.

### **Item 11: Adoption of the report**

21. The Council/Forum may wish to consider and adopt its report.

### **Item 12: Closure of the session**

22. It is expected that the Council/Forum will conclude its work by 6 p.m. on Thursday, 9 February 2006.



**Annex****Provisional timetable of meetings and events**

**Saturday, 4 February 2006–Monday, 6 February 2006<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Associated meeting</b>
<b>International Conference on Chemicals Management</b> 9 a.m.–6 p.m. (4–6 February) Conference rooms to be identified

**Sunday, 5 February 2006–Monday, 6 February 2006**

<b>Associated meeting</b>
<b>Seventh Global Civil Society Forum</b> 9 a.m.–6 p.m. (5 and 6 February) Conference rooms to be identified

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<sup>1</sup> A press conference will be held following the closing of the International Conference on Chemicals Management on the eve of the opening of the session, on 6 February 2006.

**Monday, 6 February 2006**

**Afternoon**

**Informal consultations with regional groups**

**Representatives of the regional groups to hold consultations with the Executive Director on the organization and structure of the session<sup>2</sup>**

3 p.m.—Venue to be identified

**Evening**

**Ceremonial opening of the Council/Forum and related events**

**Ceremonial opening of the Council/Forum and third Zayed Prize award ceremony**

7.30 p.m.— Venue to be identified

**Opening of the exhibition<sup>3</sup>**

**Social event**

**Reception hosted by the Government of the United Arab Emirates**

Time and venue to be identified

**Bureau meeting<sup>4</sup>**

**Dinner meeting of the Bureau of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum**

Time and venue to be identified

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<sup>2</sup> Each of the regional groups will hold group meetings at a date and time agreed by the respective groups. For this purpose meeting rooms will be identified for the use by the following groups: African group/Group of 77 and China, Asian and Pacific group, Eastern and Central European group, Latin American and Caribbean group, Western European and others group/European Union, and JUSCANZ.

<sup>3</sup> Exhibition on environmentally sound technology “EST Showcase” will be organized from 5 February to 8 February 2006.

<sup>4</sup> Thereafter, the Governing Council Bureau will meet every morning before meetings start (time and venue to be identified).

**Tuesday, 7 February 2006**

**Morning**

<b>Meeting of moderators</b>
<b>Breakfast meeting of the moderators with the Executive Director</b>
Time and venue to be identified

<b>Plenary</b>
<b>10–11.30 a.m. Venue to be identified</b>
<b>Formal opening of the Council/Forum</b>
<b>Item 1:</b> Opening of the session
§ Welcoming and introductory remarks by H.E. Mr. Rachmat Witoelar, State Minister for the Environment of Indonesia, the President of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum
§ Remarks by the representative of the Government of the United Arab Emirates
§ Keynote address (speaker to be identified)
§ Message by Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations
§ Statement by Ms. Anna K. Tibaijuka, Executive Director of UN-Habitat
§ Welcoming remarks by Mr. Klaus Töpfer, Executive Director of UNEP
– short break –
<b>Item 2:</b> Organization of the session <sup>5</sup>
(a) Adoption of the agenda;
(b) Organization of work <sup>6</sup> .
§ Policy statement by the Executive Director of UNEP

– Short break –

<b>Ministerial consultations<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>Committee of the Whole</b>
<b>11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Venue to be identified</b>	<b>11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Venue to be identified</b>
<b>Ministerial consultations on chemicals</b>	<b>Item 4:</b> Assessment, monitoring and early warning: state of the environment
<b>Item 5:</b> Policy issues:	<b>Item 6:</b> Follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development: contribution of UNEP to
(b) Chemicals management	

<sup>5</sup> In accordance with the decision of the Governing Council, as contained in paragraph 23 of the report of its twenty-third session, the President will inform the Council/Forum that the office in the Bureau of Vice President (group of Western European and other States) became vacant on 1 January 2006, as confirmed by the General Assembly election held on 3 November 2005, of the 29 members of the Governing Council for 2006–2009 and will request the endorsement of the nominee from that group to fill the vacancy.

<sup>6</sup> Under provisional agenda item 2 (b) the plenary will consider the establishment of sessional committees, i.e., a Committee of the Whole and a drafting group. The chairs of the sessional committees will be announced at this meeting of the plenary.

<sup>7</sup> Delivery of general national statements at the plenary are discouraged. A separate room with video recording facilities, enabling material to be broadcast via a special and continuous video, will be made available, however.

<p><b>Presentation on the outcome of ICCM</b></p> <p><b>Introductory statements</b> by the secretariat</p> <p><b>N.B.</b> Two civil society representatives will be accommodated in each meeting of the ministerial consultations.</p>	<p>the forthcoming session of the Commission on Sustainable Development</p> <p><b>Organization of the work of the Committee</b></p> <p><b>Election of the Rapporteur</b></p> <p><b>Introductory statements</b> by the secretariat</p>
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**Tuesday, 7 February 2006**

**Afternoon**

<p><b>Ministerial consultations</b></p> <p><b>3– 6 p.m. Venue to be identified</b></p>	<p><b>Committee of the Whole</b></p> <p><b>3– 6 p.m. Venue to be identified</b></p>
<p><b>Ministerial consultations on energy</b></p> <p><b>Item 5:</b> Policy issues:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) Energy and environment</p> <p><b>Keynote address:</b> To be identified</p> <p><b>Organizational and introductory statements</b> by the secretariat in support of the policy dialogue</p> <p><b>Moderators</b> (two of the ministerial-level participants to be identified)</p> <p><b>N.B.</b> Two civil society representatives will be accommodated in each meeting of the ministerial consultations.</p>	<p><b>Item 6:</b> Follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development: contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the forthcoming session of the Commission on Sustainable Development</p> <p><b>Item 7:</b> International environmental governance (Implementation of the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building; Environment Watch system)</p> <p><b>Item 9:</b> Implementation of the programme of work of the United Nations Environment Programme and the relevant decisions of the Governing Council</p> <p><b>Introductory statements</b> by the secretariat</p>

**Evening**

<p><b>Social event</b></p>
<p><b>Reception hosted by the President of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum and the Executive Director of UNEP</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">6.30 p.m. – Venue to be identified</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Cultural presentations to be identified)</p>

Wednesday, 8 February 2006

**Morning**

<b>Ministerial consultations</b> 9 a.m.– 1 p.m. Venue to be identified	<b>Committee of the Whole</b> 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Venue to be identified
<p><b>Ministerial consultations on energy</b></p> <p><b>Item 5:</b> Policy issues:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) Energy and environment</p> <p><b>Keynote address:</b> To be identified</p> <p><b>Moderators</b> (two of the ministerial-level participants to be identified)</p> <p><b>N.B.</b> Two civil society representatives will be accommodated in each meeting of the ministerial consultations.</p>	<p><b>Item 9:</b> Implementation of the programme of work of UNEP and the relevant decisions of the Governing Council</p>

**Afternoon**

<b>Ministerial consultations</b> 3–6 p.m. Venue to be identified	<b>Committee of the Whole</b> 3–6 p.m. Venue to be identified
<p><b>Ministerial consultations on tourism</b></p> <p><b>Item 5:</b> Policy issues:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(c) Tourism and the environment</p> <p><b>Keynote address:</b> To be identified</p> <p><b>Organizational and introductory statements</b> by the secretariat in support of the policy dialogue</p> <p><b>Moderators</b> (two of the ministerial-level participants to be identified)</p> <p><b>N.B.</b> Two civil society representatives will be accommodated in each meeting of the ministerial consultations.</p>	<p><b>Item 8:</b> Outcomes of intergovernmental meetings of relevance to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum</p> <p><b>Item 10:</b> Other matters</p> <p><b>Introductory statements</b> by the secretariat</p> <p><b>Adoption of the report and conclusion of the work of the Committee</b></p>

**Evening**

<b>Ministerial consultation/working dinner</b> 7–9 p.m. Venue to be identified
<p><b>Environmental governance and the outcome of the 2005 World Summit</b></p> <p><b>Universal membership of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum</b></p> <p>[format and structure of the discussion to be determined]</p> <p><b>Item 7:</b> International environmental governance</p>

**Thursday, 9 February 2006**

**Morning**

<b>Ministerial consultations/plenary</b> <b>9 a.m.–1 p.m. Venue to be identified</b>
<b>Report of the President</b> on the outcome of the ministerial consultations, including recommendations for UNEP and CSD-14
<b>Adoption of the report of the Committee of the Whole</b>

**Lunch break**

<b>Press conference</b>
Time and venue to be identified

**Afternoon**

<b>Plenary</b> <b>3 p.m.–6 p.m. Venue to be identified</b>
<b>Item 3:</b> Credentials of representatives
<b>Item 10:</b> Other matters
<b>Item 11:</b> Adoption of the report
<b>Item 12:</b> Closure of the session
<b>Closing ceremony</b> (programme to be developed)

**Evening**

<b>Social event</b>
<b>Closing banquet on the theme of “Sustainable tourism and the International Year of Deserts and Desertification”</b>
Time and venue to be identified

**Friday, 10 February 2006**

**Morning–evening**

<b>Field excursion</b>
Time and venue (several locations) to be identified, focusing on energy and tourism