



Secretary-General's High-level Panel on UN System-wide Coherence
in the Areas of Development, Humanitarian Assistance, and the Environment

ENVIRONMENT CONSULTATION

Gigiri, Nairobi – 5 May 2006

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Objectives of the consultation:

- Interaction between Panel members and key actors in the field of the environment, including select experts, UN partners and NGOs.
- Enhanced understanding among Panel Members as to what are the key environmental challenges that the UN system will have to effectively address at the national, regional, and global levels over the short, medium and long-term.
- Enhanced understanding among Panel Members of the institutional framework within which environment is dealt with by the UN system, and its strengths and weaknesses.
- Enhanced understanding among Panel Members with regard to a range of, and rationale underpinning, recommendations that have been made with regard building a more coherent institutional framework.
- Enhanced understanding among Panel Members with regard to major challenges to mainstreaming environment in development decision-making; as well as best practices that have effectively linked the normative and operational aspects.
- Development of an understanding among Panel Members with regard to the type of proposals that they could put forward that would be ambitious and bold, yet practically realizable within the current inter-governmental context and consistent with the general framework of system wide coherence to be proposed.

Friday, 5 May 2006
Seminar on Environment

Venue: UNON Conference Room 4

Opening

- 10am-10.15am **Welcoming Remarks by Chair:** Mohamed El-Ashry
- 10.15am-10.30am **Introduction by Panel Secretariat**
- *Briefing on role of the High-level Panel with respect to environment*
 - *Introduction of issues paper*
 - *Objectives and structure of discussion*

Interaction on Topic I and II:

* **‘Coherence in the normative and analytical work of the UN in the field of environment’**

* **‘Institutional framework for the UN system’s environment activities’**

- 10.30-10.50am **Presentation:** Maria Ivanova, Assistant Professor of Government and Environmental Policy, The College of William & Mary, and Director, Yale University Center for Environmental Law and Policy - Global Environmental Governance Project
- 10.50am-11.10am **Presentation:** Adil Najam, Associate Professor of International Negotiation and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy - ‘Mapping Global Environmental Governance Reform’ Project (IISD)
- 11.10am-1pm - *Open discussion on questions outlined in issues paper*
- *Chair’s summary of discussion*

Lunch hosted by UNEP [1pm-3pm]

Venue: Recreation Center

- During lunch **Presentation:** Paul Faeth, Senior Vice-President, World Resources Institute – ‘Environmental Trends and Future Challenges’

Interaction on Topic III:

*** ‘Mainstreaming environment in development decision-making’**

- 3pm-3.15pm **Presentation:** Warren Evans, World Bank, Director of Environment – ‘Mainstreaming environment in development decision-making’
- 3.15pm-3.30pm **Presentation:** H.E. Mr. Malik Amin Aslam Khan, Minister of State for Environment, and representative of Panel Co-Chair Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz of Pakistan
- 3.30pm-3.45pm **Presentation:** Philip Dobie, UNDP Drylands Development Centre – ‘Poverty and Environment Initiative’
- 3.45pm-4.00pm **Presentation:** Ivar Baste/Marion Cheatle, UNEP - Science Initiative
- 4.00pm-5.15pm - *Open discussion on questions outlined in issues paper*
- *Chair’s summary of discussion*

Closing

- 5.15pm-6pm **Review of findings**
- *Summary (Chair)*
- *Concluding Remarks by Chair*

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