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Dear Colleagues,

Further to my invitation letter dated 23 May 2011 regarding the 17th meeting of the EMG Senior Officials to be held on 19 September 2011 in New York, I acknowledge with appreciation the receipt of your views on the agenda of the meeting which supported the idea of including a strategic discussion on EMG contribution to the Rio+20 Conference, including the issues of green economy as well as advancing the internal environmental and social sustainability of the UN system.

I am most thankful to Ms. Helen Clark, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for accepting to host and co-chair the meeting.

Please find attached the provisional agenda and proposed organization of work (EMG/SOM.17/01) of the senior officials segment and the preparatory technical segment of the meeting. Please also find attached the following background notes for the meeting: -

- Strategic directions for EMG: - Contributions to the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) (EMG/SOM.17/02),
- Progress report on ongoing work and suggested directions for further work (EMG/SOM.17/03), and
- The proposed work plan 2012 - 2013 (EMG/SOM.17/04).

A note on the logistical information for the meeting is also attached.

The meeting will take place in the UNDP Hank Shannon Room on the 21st floor, DC 1 Building, 1 UN Plaza, New York.

I would appreciate if you could inform the EMG Secretariat on your participation and /or the participation of your senior representative to both the senior officials segment and the preparatory technical segment at your earliest convenience.

Please send your confirmation by email to emg@unep.org. This will help us in making the necessary logistical arrangements including audio-video connection.

I look forward to receiving your confirmation of attendance and hope to see you soon in New York.

Yours Sincerely


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