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26-27 November 2012
Preparatory technical segment: 26 November, 3-6 p.m. (Geneva, Rome)
9-12 a.m. (New York), 5-8 p.m. (Nairobi)
Senior officials segment: 27 November, 3 – 5 p.m. (Geneva, Rome)
9-11 a.m. (New York), 5-7 p.m. (Nairobi)
Hosted by UN DESA
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1 UN Plaza, UN Headquarters, New York

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Report of the Meeting

I. Summary of proceedings

1. The eighteenth meeting of the senior officials of the Environment Management Group was held via video conference links between New York, Geneva, Rome, Paris, Nairobi and Montreal on 26-27 November 2012. The meeting was hosted by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA).

2. The meeting consisted of two segments as set out in the agenda (see annex I to the present report): a technical segment, at which participants considered a progress report on the on-going work and suggested actions for further work of the EMG; and a senior officials segment, at which participants approved the suggested actions and provided strategic directions for the EMG in the follow up to the Rio+20 Conference. The meeting was attended by representatives of 30 member agencies (see annex II to the present report). The working and information documents of the meeting are available at the EMG website: www.unemg.org.

A. Senior officials segment

3. The senior officials segment was opened at 9 a.m. (New York time) on 27 November 2012. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP and Chair of the Environment Management Group, and Mr. Wu Hongbo Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA). Participants heard opening remarks from the co-chairs. The Chair of the Group thanked Mr. Wu and the UN DESA for hosting and co-chairing the meeting and added that this practice signifies the system-wide nature of the EMG and its ownership by EMG members. The group engaged in a strategic discussion following the opening remarks by Mr. Steiner and Mr. Wu. After the adoption of the agenda (see annex I to the present report), the co-chairs invited an oral presentation of the outcome and recommended actions of the technical segment from its chair, chair Mr. Nikhil Seth, Director of the Division for Sustainable Development in the UN DESA. The conclusions and actions agreed upon by the senior officials segment of the meeting are presented in part II.A and B below. After adoption of the suggested actions and their strategic discussions, the eighteenth meeting of the senior officials of the Environment Management Group was declared closed at 11.15 a.m. on 27 November 2012.

B. Technical segment

4. The technical segment was opened at 9.15 a.m. on 26 November 2012. It was chaired by Mr. Nikhil Seth of the UN DESA and supported by Mr. Hossein Fadaei, Acting Secretary of the EMG secretariat. After the adoption of the agenda (see annex I to the present report), participants discussed and commented on the actions suggested under each agenda item based on the report by the Chair titled "progress report on on-going work and suggested directions for further work" (EMG/SOM.18/03). The technical segment of the meeting finalized the suggested actions and submitted them through its chair to the senior officials segment. The meeting of the technical segment was declared closed at 1 p.m. on Monday, 26 November 2012.

II. Conclusions

A. Senior officials segment

1. Opening

5. Mr. Wu Hongbo highlighted the importance of the EMG in bringing together all UN agencies and Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) with their diverse and rich capacities to support Member States in achieving environmentally sound development. He underlined the issue-focused and multi-disciplinary approach of the EMG, which has enabled it to provide system-wide multi-sectoral contributions to Member States ranging from biodiversity, desertification and green economy as well as enhancing the sustainability in the work and operations of the UN system. He highlighted that implementation of the Rio+20 outcome document makes the role of the EMG more relevant than ever. He added that mainstreaming of sustainable development in the work of the UN system could build upon the work done by the EMG on environmental and social sustainability. He underlined the importance of a systematic link between the EMG and the CEB.

6. Mr. Achim Steiner echoed the remarks of Mr.Wu on the importance of supporting the implementation of the Rio+20 outcome document and the post-2015 development agenda, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) within the existing frameworks. He underlined the importance of strengthening the relationship between EMG and the CEB and its subsidiary bodies in the context of the SG's considerations for the review of the CEB and the change management reform. This would allow the EMG inputs to better feed into the policy commitments by the UN system on sustainable development issues. He appreciated the spirit, constructive work and quality products of the EMG.

7. The additional remarks of the co-chairs on the EMG contribution to the post Rio+20 agenda, which were shared by other senior officials, are captured in section II.3.

2. Adoption of the recommendations from the technical segment of the meeting on actions related to the on-going work of the Environment Management Group

8. The senior officials heard an oral report from the chair of technical segment, Mr. Seth, including the recommended actions for approval of the senior officials as well as an overview of the common views expressed in the technical segment.

9. In considering the report, senior officials congratulated the technical segment participants on their efficient work and concise recommendations. The suggested actions were then reviewed and adopted one by one by the senior officials after inclusion of final comments. In adopting the actions, the senior officials acknowledged the substantive portfolio of the EMG and commended the results achieved since its last meeting. They welcomed the new action on peer-reviews of environmental sustainability management of the EMG members and the interest expressed by UNIDO, WMO, and UNEP to be the first volunteers for such peer-reviews in 2013.

3. Strategic approach of the Group to support implementation of the outcome document "The Future We Want" of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD)

10. The EMG senior officials in their eighteenth meeting provided strategic directions for the future work of the Group in particular in view of supporting the implementation of the Rio+20 outcome document "The Future We Want". This would be based on the framework proposed by the Secretary General on responsibilities of the UN system in implementation of the outcome document. The key strategic directions by the senior officials included:

(a) Contribution to the implementation of the Rio+20 outcome document should constitute the overall agenda of the EMG in its future work. The outcome document in its various provisions calls for UN system-wide coordination and cooperation in supporting sustainable development including on issues such as biodiversity, land, green economy and sustainability in the work of the UN system, which could benefit from continued support from the EMG.

(b) EMG has a key role in the follow-up to over 10 paragraphs in the Rio+20 outcome document. It appears in a co-leading role with other entities in five specific areas including green economy, mainstreaming sustainable development in the UN work, biodiversity as well as sharing of climate and weather information and early warning systems.

(c) The Secretary-General's implementation framework on the UN system's responsibilities in implementing the Rio+20 outcome document assigns a role to the EMG in all these areas, which makes EMG's input in the Rio+20 follow-up even more relevant.

(d) Today's landscape is characterized by multiple UN system coordinating mechanisms, focussing on the broader sustainable development agenda. EMG is the space where the expertise and views of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) can be heard and harnessed. With the exception of the three Rio Conventions, MEAs are at times somewhat disconnected from the global sustainable development related processes. EMG can play a greater role in bridging the gap.

(e) The Rio+20 Conference asked the UN system to fully mainstream sustainable development in its work and operation. In that context, the Framework on Environmental and Social Sustainability should be finalized and proposed to the CEB for follow-up and implementation at policy, program and management levels. This would support the Secretary-General, who has been asked to report regularly to the General Assembly through ECOSOC on progress on mainstreaming sustainable development in the work of the UN system.

(f) The EMG could contribute to the work of the future high level political forum on sustainable development by providing coordinated UN system input to the Forum on environmental issues.

(g) A systematic link between the work of the EMG and the CEB, including the UNDG, should be established so that environmental issues prepared by the EMG could be brought to the attention of the CEB for its consideration and integration with other system-wide sustainable development issues. This would be in accordance with the Rio+20 outcome document that underscored the need to strengthen UN system-wide coordination, especially in reporting and reinforcing cooperative efforts under existing inter-agency mechanisms.[1]

(h) In addition to reporting the work of the EMG to the UNEP Governing Council, the reports of the EMG can be made available to the governing bodies of other agencies for their information and appropriate perusal.

11. The senior officials also discussed a possible EMG contribution to the post-2015 development agenda, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) within the existing processes and through the frameworks established by the Secretary-General. They decided that the EMG, through a small drafting group, as a first step should develop a framing paper. This exercise would articulate how the EMG, including its issue management groups on land and biodiversity, could make such a contribution by providing their perspectives on key environmental priorities for the post-2015 development agenda. This could also support the UNDG thematic consultation on environmental sustainability. The EMG contribution could be tailored as input to the various post-2015 work streams/processes, including the SDGs, and would help ensure that the environmental dimension is not an add-on but rather an integral part of the post-2015 development agenda.

[1]Paragraph 78 of the outcome document: The Future We Want of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 20-22 June, 2012.

12. UN DESA and UNDP as co-chairs of the UN System Task Team on the post-2015 development agenda were invited to support the EMG in articulating what kind of input and contribution can be provided by the EMG that could help in the development of a system-wide vision and road map for the post-2015 development agenda.

13. The EMG Issue Management Groups on biodiversity and land, in carrying out their work and bearing in mind the on-going post-2015 development process, will consider how biodiversity and land concerns could be best integrated into the SDGs.

B. The technical segment

1. The IMG on biodiversity Issue management group on biodiversity

14. The technical segment was informed by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) on the decisions of the 11th Conference of the Parties (COP11) of the CBD that highlights the contribution of the EMG and welcomes its report. Following that, the technical segment considered the tasks identified by the IMG for its future work. The technical segment underlined the important role of the IMG in facilitating UN wide support for implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, which could also support the strategic planning processes of the biodiversity-related MEAs such as for migratory species. It was suggested that the IMG consider identification of a matrix of indicators in relation to the Strategic Plan and indicate how its work can best inform the post-2015 development agenda including the SDGs.

15. The technical segment proposed the following action to the senior officials segment:

***Action I*: Directions for the Issue Management Group (IMG) on biodiversity and its support to the implementation of the Biodiversity Strategic Plan and Aichi targets as well as the Rio+20 outcome document**

The senior officials decide to continue the work of the IMG on biodiversity for another year to:

1. To provide technical support to facilitate further synergies and cooperation, sharing tasks and coordination and planning of future actions by the UN system to support implementation of the Strategic Plan for biodiversity 2011-2020, as well as the strategic planning processes of the biodiversity related MEAs, such as for migratory species, including by:

    a) further developing and finalizing the synthesis mapping report of the strategic objectives and key functions of EMG members *vis a vis* the Aichi Targets; and

    b) developing appropriate metrics and indicators

2. The IMG will carry out its work bearing in mind the on-going post 2015 sustainable development process, and in this context, may consider how biodiversity concerns could be best integrated into the SDGs.

3. Prepare a common approach to support the review and implementation of the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and

4. As requested by the COP of the CBD at its 11th meeting, prepare a progress report on its work for consideration of the COP of the CBD at its 12thmeeting.

2. The IMG on land

16. The technical segment was informed by the Secretariat of the Convention on Combating Desertification and Droughts (UNCCD) on the decision of the COP10 of the UNCCD, which welcomes the EMG Drylands Report and calls on the UNCCD Executive Secretary, in

collaboration with the EMG, to work on a concrete action plan for 2012–2018 for promoting and strengthening relationships with other international organizations, institutions and agencies.

17. The technical segment discussed how the IMG, in addition to the above task, could contribute to the outcome document of Rio+20 in particular on its provision, which calls for a world free of land degradation. Similar to the IMG on biodiversity, the technical segment considered it relevant for the IMG to identify how its work and findings can best inform the post-2015 development agenda including the SDGs. In addition, the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) proposed that IMG in its considerations take into account the related work on drought and disaster risk reduction;

18. The technical segment proposed the following action to the senior officials segment:

Action II: **Continuation of the work of the Issue Management Group (IMG) on land for developing a UN Drylands Action Plan and implementation of the Rio+20 outcome document.**

1. The senior officials, in response to the UNCCD COP 10 and UNEP Governing Council decision, decide to continue the work of the IMG on land for another year to prepare an Action Plan on the implementation of the EMG report, "Global Drylands, a UN system-wide Contribution", for consideration of the 11th COP of the UNCCD. This could appropriately draw on the related work on drought and disaster risk reduction;

2. Cognizant of the ongoing processes at the UN system level for the post 2015 development agenda, consider how best the IMG can inform the post 2015 development process, including options for the integration of drylands concerns into the SDGs.

3. The IMG on green economy

19. In consideration of the suggested tasks for the IMG on green economy, the technical segment felt that the IMG could in principle play a useful role in coordination of UN system work on green economy. By ensuring an inclusive social, economic and environmental approach, the IMG could provide support in the implementation of paragraph 66 of the Rio+20 outcome document. The technical segment underlined that the IMG should not turn itself into a platform for knowledge sharing given its time-bound mandate, the high costs for establishing and maintaining of such websites and the existence of myriad internal and external websites such as the Green Growth Knowledge Platform. The strength of the IMG was seen in its convening power and issue-based approach. It was thus suggested that the IMG consider how various UN resources including toolkits, best practices, lessons learned, analytical assessment and methodologies, including for evaluation, can be made publicly available through a coherent platform. The IMG could also help in identifying options on where the work on green economy should be situated in the UN system to ensure its follow up in a balanced and inclusive manner. The issue of methodologies for evaluation of green economy could be also considered.

20. The technical segment proposed the following action to the senior officials segment:

Action III: **Continuation of the work of the Issue Management Group (IMG) on Green Economy to support implementation of the Rio+20 outcome document**

The senior officials decide to extend the work of the IMG for another year to serve as a mechanism for UN system-wide outreach, information sharing, awareness raising and coordination on inclusive green economies, building on the existing information, knowledge and experiences of the EMG members. In light of the mandates given by Rio+20, co-chairing arrangements for the IMG should be considered to ensure that the work of the IMG is led in a way which reflects the carrying out tasks that encompass the three dimensions of sustainable development and that embed the concept of green economy into the context of poverty eradication and sustainable development.

The IMG should focus on preparation of the following key deliverables:

1. Take stock of the existing UN system-wide web-based platforms and green economy resources, including toolkits, best practices, lessons learned and analytical/assessment methodologies, including for evaluation, and provide suggestions on how these resources can be catalogued and made publicly available through an appropriate platform to better serve the member states.
2. Present options to the EMG at its next session on where the coordination of work relating to the inclusive green economy should be placed within the UN system;

The senior officials agree to contribute resources on a voluntary basis in support of the basic capacity needed for the EMG Secretariat to perform the coordination functions under the IMG.

4. Consultations on advancing the framework for environmental and social sustainability in the United Nations system

21. The technical segment considered the suggested tasks for the EMG consultative process of the EMG on environmental and social sustainability. A concern was highlighted on the need for the Framework on Environmental and Social Sustainability to be moved to the CEB for its implementation at policy, program and management levels. This would ensure mainstreaming of sustainable development in the work of the UN following the Rio+20 outcome document. While agreeing on the importance of moving to and implementation of the Framework through the CEB, the technical segment suggested that the consultative process needed to continue its work in 2013. This is needed to further define the provisions of the Framework on common principles and minimum requirements as well as preparation of an implementation road map for the Framework.

22. The technical segment proposed the following action to the senior officials segment:

Actions IV: **Consultations on advancing the Framework for Environmental and Social Sustainability in the UN system to support implementation of the Rio+20 outcome document.**

1. The senior officials agree that the ongoing Consultative Process on Environmental and Social Sustainability should be continued for one more year in order to support the implementation of the Sustainability Framework, including by translating the policy-level Sustainability Framework into a roadmap that provides UN entities with an implementation framework that clarifies elements in the Framework essential for its implementation and for a common approach;
2. The senior officials also agree to recommend to the first CEB meeting in 2014, or earlier, the transfer of the Framework and its implementation to the CEB. This would ensure follow up and implementation of the Framework in all its dimensions and enable CEB consideration of options for a common support function and a knowledge sharing mechanism in which environmental, social and economic considerations are fully integrated. The EMG will remain available to provide support to the environmental part of the Framework.

5. Issue management group on environmental sustainability management

23. The technical segment was briefly informed on the suggested actions by the IMG, including the implementation of the strategic plan for environmental sustainability management and the creation of the common environmental sustainability management office. This office would replace the Sustainable UN facility (SUN), currently hosted and supported by UNEP. The technical segment expressed its overall support for a common environmental management office and the strategic plan, and agreed that guidance should be sought by the CEB in 2013 on the implementation of the strategic plan and creation of the office. It was decided that the title of the strategic plan should be modified to clarify that its subject is environmental management, thereby avoiding confusion with the Framework on Environmental and Social Sustainability.

24. The technical segment proposed the following action to the senior officials segment:

***Action V*: Strategic plan for environmental sustainability management[2] and arrangements for a common environment sustainability office and system-wide network**

1. The senior officials recall the approval of the Strategic Plan for Environmental Sustainability Management in the UN system in their 17th meeting in September 2011 by which they have committed to move towards a consistent, systematic and cost-effective approach to environmental sustainability management.
2. The senior officials have considered the proposed arrangements for the continued Sustainable UN facility and related system-wide network (IMG), and agree that the combination of both mechanisms is the most cost-effective way forward.
3. Recalling the 13 June letter to executive heads from the Secretary-General, the senior officials request the Chair of the EMG to inform and seek guidance from the CEB in 2013 on follow up to and implementation of the strategic plan for environmental sustainability management, including the proposed creation of a common UN environmental sustainability management office.
4. In preparation for the CEB discussions, the senior officials also request that the "Strategic Plan for environmental sustainability management" be clearly communicated to the HLCM, including IMG recommendations for minimum criteria for environmental sustainability management systems in the UN system.
5. The senior officials also decide to extend the IMG until the end of 2014 to continue knowledge sharing, training and awareness-raising activities on issues such as sustainable facilities, procurement, events, travel and e-communications, and to further strengthen links with relevant inter-agency networks. The senior officials also undertake to make best endeavours to continue to support the delivery of the IMG work programme.

[2] The title of the strategic plan is modified to "environmental sustainability management" to avoid confusion with the Framework on Environmental and Social Sustainability

6. Peer-Review of Environmental Profiles of the UN system

25. The technical segment considered the options paper on the peer-reviews of environmental profiles of EMG members. It was suggested that at its first phase the peer-reviews should be focused on the environmental management profiles of the interested EMG members. In the long term the peer reviews could consider broader corporate environmental and social sustainability. Overall, the technical segment felt that the peer-reviews could be a positive step in improving the UN's resource efficiency and in strengthening the its leadership on sustainability. UNIDO on behalf of the UN entities based in the Vienna International Centre, WMO and UNEP expressed interest to be the first volunteer agencies for peer-reviews.

26. The technical segment proposed the following action to the senior officials segment:

Action VI: **Environmental Peer reviews of the EMG members**

The senior officials welcome the Options Paper for Peer-reviews of Environmental Profiles of EMG members. They request further development of the peer-reviews approach, in consultation with the Issue Management Group on Environmental Sustainability Management. They also welcome the interest expressed by UNIDO, on behalf of the UN entities based in the Vienna International Centre, WMO and UNEP to be the first volunteer agencies for peer-reviews, based on the proposed approach and with a focus on environmental management. They request the EMG secretariat to share lessons learned and progress made at the next EMG meeting.

7. EMG contribution to the follow up of the Rio+20

27. The technical segment considered the proposal that EMG contribute to the implementation of the Rio+20 outcome document as well as to the relevant processes established by the Rio+20. Such contributions would take into account the inputs by the issue management groups on biodiversity and land to the post-2015 development agenda including the SDGs.

28. The technical segment proposed the following action to the senior officials segment:

Action VII: **Support the implementation of the Rio+20 outcome document including contribution to the relevant post Rio+20 processes**

1. The senior officials agree to continue cooperation towards implementing the outcome document of Rio+20, based on the implementation framework of the Secretary General and focusing on issues that might warrant a contribution by the EMG.
2. The senior officials request the EMG secretariat to provide a progress report on its work and contributions to implementation of the outcome document for their consideration and any further follow up at the 19th meeting of the EMG senior officials

8. EMG work plan for 2013–2014

29. The technical segment considered the 2013-2014 work plan of the EMG. The plan is organized according to four main expected accomplishments as they pertain to programmatic, management and operational issues as well as to overall cooperation, as presented in document EMG/SOM.18/03. It was proposed that the next work plan include an informal budgetary framework that would provide information on staffing and other resources needed to implement the adopted actions.

30. The technical segment proposed the following action to the senior officials segment:

Action VIII: **Approval of the work plan for EMG for the period 2013-2014**

The senior officials approve the work plan for EMG for the period 2013 – 2014 based on the understanding that the EMG secretariat will revise the plan presented in document EMG/SOM.18/04 to ensure that it fully reflects the actions agreed by the 18th meeting of EMG senior officials. The work plan will be implemented on the basis of in-kind contributions from members and is subject to availability of resources

9. Process for reporting to the UNEP Governing Council

31. The technical segment suggested that in view of the contributions by EMG members to the work of the EMG as well as the socio-economic dimensions of the issues addressed by the EMG. The report to the UNEP Governing Council on the work of the EMG should be also made available to the governing bodies of other EMG members for their information and perusal, as appropriate.

32. The technical segment proposed the following action to the senior officials segment:

Action IX: **Reporting to the Governing Council of UNEP**

1. The senior officials welcome the opportunity to inform the UNEP Governing Council, and through the Council the UN General Assembly, of its work. The meeting appreciates the guidance received from the Council and requests the Chair to continue the practice of circulating a draft of the EMG report to members of the Group for their comments, and to submit the final report to the 27th Session of the UNEP Governing Council
2. Senior officials also encourage members of the EMG to make the report available to their governing bodies as appropriate.

10. Date and venue of the next senior officials meeting

33. The technical segment considered possible options for the nineteenth meeting of the senior officials and recommended the following action:

Action X: **Date and venue of the next senior officials meetings**

The senior officials request the EMG secretariat to circulate to the members of the EMG the date and venues for their 19th meeting and to consult with members on its agenda.

Annex I

Provisional agenda and proposed organization of work

A. Provisional agenda for the preparatory technical segment of the 18th senior officials meeting of the Environment Management Group (26 November 2012)

1. The provisional agenda for the preparatory technical segment of the 18th senior officials meeting is as follows:

1. Opening remarks by the Co-Chairs
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Considerations ofongoing work and recommendations to the senior officials segment:
    (a) The IMG on green economy;
    (b) The IMG on land;
    (c) The IMG on biodiversity;
    (d) Consultations on environmental and social sustainability in the United Nations system;
    (e) IMG on environmental sustainability management in the United Nations system;
    (f) Options for peer-reviewing of environmental profiles of the United Nations system
    (g) EMG contribution to the follow up of the Rio+20
4. Environment Management Group work plan for 2013–2014
5. Process for reporting to the UNEP Governing Council
6. Date and venue of the next senior officials meeting
7. Any other business

B. Provisional agenda for the senior officials segment of the 18th senior officials meeting of the Environment Management Group (27 November 2012)

2. The provisional agenda for the 18th senior officials segment is as follows:

1. Opening remarks by the Co-Chairs:

    Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General for UN Department of Social and Economic Affairs (DESA) and

    Mr.Achim Steiner, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and Chair of the Environment Management Group.
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Adoption of the recommendations from the technical segment of the meeting on actions related to the ongoing work of the Environment Management Group
4. Strategic directions for EMG: - Contribution of the EMG to the follow up of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, (UNCSD) Rio+20
5. Any other business

Annex II

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