



4th ASEM Environment Ministers' Meeting
on
Sustainable Water and Forest Management
Ulaanbaatar, 22-23 May 2012
Venue: Government House

DRAFT AGENDA

DAY 1: Tuesday, 22 May 2012

08:30-09:30 Registration of Participants

Registration of the participants will take place at the Meeting venue

09:30-10:00 **Opening of the Meeting**

The 4th ASEM Environment Ministers' Meeting on Sustainable Water and Forest Management will be opened at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 22 May 2012, at the Government House

Chair: H.E. Mr. Tsogtbaatar Damdin, Minister for Nature, Environment and Tourism of Mongolia

Welcoming Addresses by:

- Video Message of H.E. Mr. Elbegdorj Tsakhia, President of Mongolia
- H.E. Mr. Batbold Sukhbaatar, Prime Minister of Mongolia
- H.E. Mr./Ms. ... (tbd)

10:00-10:30 **Photo Opportunity**

10:30-13:00 **SESSION 1: SUSTAINABLE WATER MANAGEMENT**

Chair: H.E. Mr./Ms.... (tbd-representative from Europe)

10:30-10:50 **Keynote Speech:**

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Eelko Van Beek**, Professor, Dynamic DELTA, the Netherlands

The Keynote Speaker will address the challenges to deal with the increased pressure of social-economic developments and climate change on the water systems in Asia and Europe. The past emphasis on infrastructural interventions have decreased the capabilities of the natural water bodies to provide the needed ecosystem services to mitigate the impacts of floods and droughts and to deal with pollution. Solving this requires an approach in which people and their environment should be taken as starting point. Sustainable water management can only be achieved if social equity, economic efficiency and environmental sustainability goals are integrated

10:50-11:15 Q&A, observations and comments

Following the keynote speech, participants will have an opportunity to raise questions and receive answers in regard to the content of the presentation as well as on general water management surrounding issues. Participants will also be invited to share their observations and comments.

11:15-11:45 Coffee break

11:45-13:00 Statements by Honorable Ministers and Heads of Delegation

Each speaker will have 5 minutes for a statement

Closing of the Session will be made by the Chair who will summarize findings from interactive discussions and statements by the Honorable Ministers and Heads of Delegation.

13:00-15:00 Lunch at the Government House

15:00-18:00 SESSION 2: SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

Chair: H.E.Mr./Ms... (tbd -representative from Asia)

15:00-15:20 Keynote Speech:

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Dominique Reeb**, Deputy Chief Forestry and Timber Section, UN Economic Commission for Europe/FAO

The Keynote Speaker will provide an overview of the forestry sector in Asia and Europe and some development scenarios for the future challenges to deal with the increased pressure of social-economic developments and climate change on the forestry systems. He will also introduce the possibilities of the forest resources and their contribution to Global Carbon cycles productive, functions of forests, conservation of biological diversity in forest ecosystems and raise the issue of the overall policies, institutions and instruments for sustainable forest management in the regions. The Green Economy concept to be addressed as of the new opportunity in the regard of its strong influence for the forestry sector worldwide and identifying the opportunities and challenges that Green Economy might provide.

15:20-15:45 Q&A, observations and comments

Following the keynote speech, participants will have an opportunity to raise questions and receive answers in regard to the content of the presentation as well as on general forest management surrounding issues. Participants will also be invited to share their observations and comments.

15:45-16:15 *Coffee break*

16:15-17:30 **Statements by Honorable Ministers and Heads of Delegation**

Closing of the Session will be made by the Chair who will summarize findings from interactive discussions and statements by the Honorable Ministers and Heads of Delegation.

17:30-18:00 **Closing of the Meeting**

Closing Remarks by H.E. Mr. Tsogtbaatar Damdin, Minister for Nature, Environment and Tourism of Mongolia

18:30 Reception hosted by H.E. Mr. Tsogtbaatar Damdin, Minister for Nature, Environment and Tourism of Mongolia

DAY 2: Wednesday, 23 May 2012

08:00-19.00 **Field Trip to Hustai National Park**

The Government of Mongolia will make special arrangements for the field trip