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GC.26 / GMEF

26th session of the Governing Council / Global Ministerial Environment Forum

Identifying Solutions

Addressing the Challenges of Sound

Management of Chemicals and Hazardous Wastes

Chemicals undoubtedly contribute to the wellbeing of modern societies and economies. At the same time, chemicals and hazardous wastes are a potential threat to sustainable development if they are not managed soundly.

The eleventh special session of the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum in decision SS.XI/8 requested the Executive Director, in collaboration with relevant partners, to launch initiatives to raise awareness of the importance of the sound management of chemicals and wastes.

In response to this decision, the side event during GC26/GMEF will address challenges as well as possible solutions for the environmentally sound management of chemicals and hazardous wastes.

The discussions of the side event will feed into key activities and events in the chemicals and hazardous waste field in 2011 and 2012, such as the consultative process on financing options for chemicals and wastes; the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Convention COPs respectively; CSD 19; meetings of the Mercury INC; GEF Council meetings; ICCM-3; International Year of Chemistry, Rio +20 and others.

Objective: Increased awareness of the solutions for the sound management of chemicals and hazardous wastes from a sustainable development perspective (Rio+20)

Agenda:

Time	Agenda Item	Speakers
1:30–1:40 pm	Opening remarks - outlining the challenges of sound management of chemicals and hazardous wastes at the global, regional and national level	Mr. Bakary Kante Director, Division of Environmental Law and Conventions (DELIC), UNEP
1:40–2:25 pm	Identifying Solutions - Addressing the Challenges of Sound Chemicals and Hazardous Wastes Management Panel discussion	H.E. Mr. Andreas Carlgren Minister of Environment The Kingdom of Sweden H. E. Ms. Arq. Graciela Muslera Minister of Environment The Oriental Republic of Uruguay Mr. Martin Kayser Co-Chair of the Chemicals Policy and Health Leadership Group, International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) UNEP
2:25–2:30 pm	Closing remarks	Mr. Bakary Kante , Director, DELIC, UNEP

Side Event

DATE: 24 February

TIME: 1.30—2.30 pm

VENUE: Room 10

Light snacks and beverages will be provided

Moderator: **Ms. Maria Ivanova**
Professor, University of Massachusetts Boston and Director, Global Environmental Governance Project

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