Meeting of EC-ESA Plus Principals  
Wednesday, 6 July 2011  
3:00 – 6:00 p.m  
Salle XXVII at the Palais des Nations  
Geneva  
Provisional Agenda  

I. Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development 2012 (Rio+20)  

(a) Exchange of views on the outcomes to be achieved at Rio + 20  

The purpose of this agenda item is to exchange views on the outcomes that may be achieved at Rio+20 and how the UN system can work together towards achieving these outcomes. Principals are invited to provide concrete proposals in line with the objective and themes of the Conference. They may address the following questions:  

1. What key actions should be proposed in the outcome document, particularly for advancing a vision of a green economy which would bring tangible benefits to all countries and contribute to sustainable development and poverty eradication?  

2. What practical initiatives can be launched at the Summit to complement the outcome document? What are your specific plans?  

3. How do we promote and facilitate collaboration among the UN system, Member States and Major Groups in designing and launching such initiatives?  

Documents:  

(i) Letter from the UNCSD Bureau requesting inputs for the Outcome document for Rio+ 20.  
(ii) Guidance Note on Inputs to the compilation document  

(b) Discussions on the preparations of UN Study on Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development (IFSD).  

The 26th Session of the UNEP Governing Council invited the Second Meeting of the Preparatory Committee for Rio+20 to consider initiating a full analysis of the financial, structural and legal implications and of the comparative advantages of the options contained in the Helsinki-Nairobi Outcome, by utilizing the expertise of relevant United Nation system entities, relevant stakeholders and major groups. This matter was however not considered by the 2nd PrepCom. Subsequently, this invitation was brought to the attention of Members of ECESA Plus. The process of consultations has already been initiated.  

The Principals will exchange views on further steps and ideas for strengthening the IFSD. They are requested to address the following questions:  

1. What are the most practical options to strengthen the global institutional architecture for sustainable development?
2. What actions are required to build stronger bridges between the three pillars of sustainable development and their respective institutions at global, regional, national and sub-national levels?

3. How inter-ministerial coordination at the national level can be improved to address the need for better governance and increased coherence nationally as well as internationally?

Documents:

(i) UNEP Governing Council Decision (Helsinki-Nairobi Outcome-UNEP/GC.26/18);
(ii) Outline of the proposed IFSD study

II. Follow-up to the 2010 MDG Summit

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on MDGs

An analytical report of the Secretary-General is being prepared and to be finalized by July 11. The report will include an update of MDG progress and policy recommendations on accelerating the achievement of the MDGs, with particular reference to strategies to achieve sustained and inclusive economic growth, as requested in the relevant GA resolution. A draft of the report has already been circulated among focal points from all ECESA-plus agencies. The Principals will discuss the key messages of this report.

(b) Advancing the UN development agenda beyond 2015

The report of the Secretary-General is also expected to outline further steps to advance the UN development agenda beyond 2015. ECESA Plus Principals are required to share their vision and ideas on pursuing the UN development agenda beyond 2015.

1. What should be the key elements of the UN system’s proposal on pursuing the UN development agenda beyond 2015?
2. Should we establish an ECESA Plus Task Force for developing a common set of proposals for the report of the Secretary-General?

Document

(i) Draft report of the Secretary-General on MDGs

III. Other Matters

Update on the preparations of the Report of the Secretary-General on Global Economic Governance