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on Sustainable Development

Meeting of the member countries of the Rio de Janeiro Platform
for Action on the Road to Johannesburg 2002: Latin America and
the Caribbean in preparation for Rio de Janeiro 2012

Santiago, 7-9 September 2011

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 7 September

- 8.30 – 9 a.m. Meeting of heads of delegation of the member countries of the Rio de Janeiro Platform for Action on the Road to Johannesburg 2002¹ (Celso Furtado meeting hall)
- Election of officers
- Preliminary adoption of the agenda
- Organization of a drafting committee² consisting of the member countries of the Rio de Janeiro Platform for Action on the Road to Johannesburg 2002
- 9 – 11 a.m. Plenary session (Raúl Prebisch meeting hall)
- Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
 - Fernando Schmidt, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile
 - Luiz Alberto Figueiredo Machado, Assistant Secretary-General for Environment, Science and Technology of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil
 - Representative of the major groups

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¹ The membership of the Rio de Janeiro Platform for Action on the Road to Johannesburg 2002 includes only the Latin American and Caribbean countries.

² As the meeting secretariat, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean will provide all the necessary support for the work of the drafting committee, which may function in parallel with or subsequent to the meeting of the member countries of the Rio de Janeiro Platform for Action on the Road to Johannesburg 2002: Latin America and the Caribbean in preparation for Rio de Janeiro 2012.

- 11 – 11.15 a.m. Coffee break
- 11.15 – 1 p.m. Plenary session (continued)
- José Antonio Ocampo, Director of Economic and Political Development, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University (by videoconference link)
 - José Graziano da Silva, Director-General elect and Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
 - Elizabeth Thompson, Executive Coordinator for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
 - John Ashe, Co-chair of the Bureau for the Preparatory Process of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
 - General statements
- 1 p.m. Closure of the plenary session
- Reception

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Meeting of the member countries of the Rio de Janeiro Platform for Action on the Road to Johannesburg 2002: Latin America and the Caribbean in preparation for Rio de Janeiro 2012

- 2.30 – 2.45 p.m. Installation of the Presiding Officers of the Rio de Janeiro Platform for Action on the Road to Johannesburg 2002: Latin America and the Caribbean in preparation for Rio de Janeiro 2012
- Adoption of the agenda
- 2.45 – 4.30 p.m. Progress made to date and remaining gaps in the implementation of Agenda 21, adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio de Janeiro, 1992)
- Presentation of the inter-agency document:
- Joseluis Samaniego, Chief, Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
 - Niky Fabiancic, Deputy Regional Director of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Statements:
- Haroldo Rodas Melgar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guatemala
 - Denis S. Lowe, Minister of the Environment and Drainage of Barbados
 - María Fernanda Espinosa, Minister of Assets Coordination of Ecuador
 - José Rafael Almonte, Vice Minister of the Environment and Natural Resources of the Dominican Republic

Statements by delegations of the member countries of the Rio de Janeiro Platform for Action on the Road to Johannesburg 2002

- 4.30 – 4.45 p.m. Coffee break
- 4.45 – 6.45 p.m. Report on the Regional Cross-sectoral Consultation on the Environment-Foreign Affairs, Central American Commission on Environment and Development (CCAD)/Central American Integration System (SICA): Towards Rio+20 (Guatemala City, 27-29 June 2011)
- Report by the delegation of Barbados on the Subregional Preparatory Meeting for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development for the Caribbean (Georgetown, 20 June 2011)
- Presentation of a proposal sponsored by Colombia and Guatemala, entitled “Rio+20: Sustainable development objectives”
- Statements by delegations of the member countries of the Rio de Janeiro Platform for Action on the Road to Johannesburg 2002

Thursday, 8 September

- 9 – 10.30 a.m. A green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication
- Presentation:
- Lucas Assunção, Head, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- Statements:
- Ricardo Irrazabal Sánchez, Vice Minister of the Environment of Chile
 - Graciela Muslera, Minister of Housing, Land Management and Environment of Uruguay
 - Anayansi Rodríguez Camejo, Head of Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cuba
- 10.30 - 10.45 a.m. Coffee break
- 10.45 a.m. – 1 p.m. A green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication (continued)
- Statements by delegations of the member countries of the Rio de Janeiro Platform for Action on the Road to Johannesburg 2002
- 1 – 2.30 p.m. Lunch
- 2.30 – 4 p.m. Global institutional framework for sustainable development

Presentation:

- Elliott Harris, Vice-Chair of the High Level Committee on Programmes (HLCP)

Statements:

- Luiz Alberto Figueiredo Machado, Assistant Secretary-General for Environment, Science and Technology of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil
- René Castro, Minister of Environment, Energy and Telecommunications of Costa Rica
- Paula Caballero Gómez, Director of Economic, Social and Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia
- Delegation of Jamaica

4 – 4.15 p.m.

Coffee break

4.15 – 5 p.m.

Global institutional framework for sustainable development (continued)

5 – 6.45 p.m.

Statements by delegations of the member countries of the Rio de Janeiro Platform for Action on the Road to Johannesburg 2002

Friday, 9 September

Noon – 1 p.m.

Adoption of the declaration of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in preparation for Rio de Janeiro 2012

Closing ceremony