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**Global Mercury Partnership
Partnership Advisory Group
First meeting**
Geneva, 31 March – 2 April 2009

Annotated Provisional Agenda

Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

1. The first meeting of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Global Mercury Partnership Advisory Group, to be held from 31 March to 2 April 2009 in Geneva, Switzerland at the Conference Centre Varembe, Geneva, Switzerland (17 rue de Varembe), will be opened at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 31 March 2009.

Item 2: Organization of work.

(a) Election of a chair

2. In accordance with Annex I Section 3.d of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Overarching Framework which states that the Partnership Advisory Group will select a Chair who will serve for a two year term, the Partnership Advisory Group may wish to select a suitable chair.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

3. The Partnership Advisory Group may wish to adopt the agenda for the meeting on the basis of the provisional agenda set out in document UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/PAG.1/1.

(c) Organisation of work.

4. The Partnership Advisory Group may wish to agree on suitable meeting hours, subject to adjustments as necessary.

Item 3: Review overall progress, including status of partnership areas

5. Annex I Section 3.f.i and ii of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Overarching Framework state that the functions and responsibilities of the Partnership Advisory Group include encouraging the work of the partnership areas as well as reviewing the partnership area business plans in order to advise the partnership areas on the consistency of the business plans with the overall goal and operational guidelines of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

6. Business plans for six partnership areas have been prepared by the partnership areas. They are compiled and available for information and further discussion as meeting document UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/PAG.1/2.
7. Annex I Section 3.f.v of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Overarching Framework states that one of the functions and responsibilities of the Partnership Advisory Group includes reporting on activities within the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. A draft report on activities within the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership has been prepared by UNEP for consideration of the Partnership Advisory Group. The document is available for information and further discussion as meeting document UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/PAG.1/3.
8. The Partnership Advisory Group may wish to discuss and provide input on the business plans and the draft report on activities.

Item 4: Consider overarching issues and lessons learned

9. As specified in Section 7 of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Overarching Framework, UNEP has developed a reporting format to assist partnership areas track partnership activities, assess effectiveness and measure the impact of partnerships activities on the achievement of the overall goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. The draft reporting format is included for information and discussion as information document UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/PAG.1/5.
10. The Partnership Advisory Group may wish to discuss and provide input on the draft reporting format.
11. Annex I Section 3.f.iv of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Overarching Framework states that one of the functions and responsibilities of the Partnership Advisory Group includes communicating overarching issues and lessons learned while promoting synergy and collaboration across partnership areas. Individual partnership area evaluations have been prepared by the partnership areas. They are available for information and discussion as information documents UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/PAG.1/INF 1 to UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/PAG.1/INF 6.
12. Annex I Section 3.f.iii of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Overarching Framework states that one of the functions and responsibilities of the Partnership Advisory Group includes reporting to the Executive Director of UNEP on overall progress. A draft report on overall progress has been prepared by UNEP for consideration of the Partnership Advisory Group. The document is available for information and further discussion as meeting document UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/PAG.1/4.
13. The Partnership Advisory Group may wish to discuss and provide input on the overall progress report taking in mind the individual partnership area evaluations.

Item 5: Other matters

14. The Partnership Advisory Group may wish to consider other issues raised during the meeting.

Item 6: Adoption of the report

15. At its final session, the Partnership Advisory Group will be invited to consider and to adopt their decisions and the report of the meeting.

Item 7: Closure of the meeting

16. It is expected that the meeting will conclude by 6 p.m. on Thursday, 2 April 2009.