

## *INFORMAL MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS – 22/23 JULY 2015*

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### **Wednesday, 22 July**

09:00                      Arrival at the European Convention Centre Luxembourg (ECCL) and welcome by the Minister for the Environment of Luxembourg  
Mrs Carole Dieschbourg

### ***Session I – Environment and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)***

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9:40                      Introductory Speech by **Achim Steiner**, executive director of **UNEP** about the upcoming challenges of Environment Protection.

Discussion, ministerial round table  
Ministers will be invited to reflect on the inclusive approach of the Post-2015 agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with focus on the environmental aspects.  
**A background document for this session was circulated with questions for a ministerial debate.**

12:15                      Working lunch for Heads of Delegation

The lunch debate will offer the opportunity to collect input from EU Environment and Nature Ministers to the IUCN Global Work Programme and enhance alignment of IUCN's programmatic focus with the EU biodiversity agenda, in particular the EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy.

**IUCN** Director General **Inger Andersen** will highlight key elements of the draft IUCN Global Work Programme (2017-2020) and possible synergies with the EU agenda.

A representative from **BirdLife**, member of the EEB and IUCN, will present key findings of the BirdLife's Mid-term report of the EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy and will link these with opportunities in the IUCN Work Programme.

Question for the debate:

*How to enhance synergies between the upcoming IUCN Global Work Programme and the EU Biodiversity Agenda?*

**The IUCN Global Work Programme 2017-2020 was circulated to serve as a background document for the lunch debate.**

## ***Session II – Climate Finance***

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- 13:45                      The topic of climate finance is being addressed on the basis of keynote presentations by **Héla Cheikhrouhou**, executive director of the **GCF**, by **Jonathan Taylor**, vice-president of the **EIB** and by **Achim Steiner**, executive director of **UNEP**
- Discussion, ministerial round table  
As climate finance has been identified as one of the crucial elements of the Paris Agreement, Ministers are invited to reflect on several selected issues in the view of defining a climate finance toolbox for effective climate action.
- A background document for this session was circulated with questions for a ministerial debate.**

### **Thursday, 23 July**

- 08:30                      Welcome by the Minister for the Environment of Luxembourg  
Mrs Carole Dieschbourg

## ***Session III – SOP of climate negotiations Limited to EU MS and European Commission***

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- 09:10                      The following aspects will be addressed during the session
- Current status of the Lima-Paris-Action Plan (“Agenda des solutions”)
  - Debriefing from the 22<sup>nd</sup> MEF and the 3<sup>rd</sup> COP21 informal consultation
  - Wrapping up of the discussions on climate finance from the day before
  - Presentation of the Commission’s proposal revising the ETS directive (point without debate)
- Discussion, ministerial round table  
**A background document for this session was circulated with questions for a ministerial debate.**
- 14:00                      Press Conference