during The 12th Special Session of the Governing Council / Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC/GMEF) of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will be held from 20 to 22 February 2012 at the United Nations Office in Nairobi, Kenya.

Millennium Consumption Goals

Linking MCG to Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP), Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) & Sustainable Economies (SE)

Date: 20 February 2011 **Time**:1:45 - 3:00 PM **Venue:** Green Room

The event will focus on the Millennium Consumption Goals (MCGs) proposal submitted for Rio+20 (and beyond), how the MCGs will help to achieve overall sustainable development goals, how they will complement MDG for the poor, what are the best possible MCG target areas, and what policies might be used for effective implementation. Several keynote speeches and a panel discussion are planned, and active audience participation will be encouraged.

The event will be organised by MIND and the Millennium Consumption Goals Initiative (MCGI) - a broad stakeholder coalition, to target Rio+20 and establish an international mandate for the MCGs.

Addressing under-consumption of the poor, the first MCG ensures that basic human needs (food, water, energy, etc.) are met worldwide. Next, addressing over-consumption of the rich in all nations, various resource-related MCGs would target: GHG emissions, energy use, water use, land use, and other areas.

We need MCGs urgently, because unsustainable consumption and production have caused multiple problems threatening humanity's future - like poverty, resource scarcities, hunger, conflict and climate change. Global production already uses resources that exceed the environmental carrying capacity of planet earth by 40%. The world's 1.4 billion richest people consume over 80% of this output. Meanwhile, Millennium Development Goals seek to raise consumption levels of over 2 billion poor. Clearly, the unsustainable consumption of the rich is "crowding out" the poor. The MCGs will help to avoid a global resource crisis and increasing risk of social conflict, by persuading the affluent to contribute to the solution, instead of being seen as the problem.

Organised by: Millenium Consumption Goals Initiative (MCGI)

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