THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT IN THE 21ST CENTURY:
FROM COMMON CHALLENGES TO SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES

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Programme

14 November 1997

10:00 Welcome
Jacques Fomerand, Director, United Nations University Office in North America

10:10 Opening Addresses
Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs
Oscar R. de Rojas, Deputy Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations & Chairman of the Second Committee
Joanne Fox-Przeworski, Director, UN Environment Programme Regional Office for North America

10:30 International Organizations: Catalysts for Action
Overview
Moderator: Michael W. Doyle, Princeton University

10:45 UNEP: Current Assessment and Future Directions
Marc Levy, Williams College

11:00 The Commission for Sustainable Development
Pamela Chasek, Columbia University

11:15 The World Bank’s Environmental Agenda
Mikiyasu Nakayama, Utsunomiya University

11:30 Commentary
John Mathiason, Robert S. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University
Steiner Andresen, Senior Research Fellow, Research Director at the Fridtjof Nansen, Lysaker, Norway.

11:45 Discussion

12:30 - Lunch Break -
2:30  **Market Forces: Agents for Change**

Overview
Moderator: Chung-in Moon, Yonsei University

2:45  Coping with the Global Fresh Water Dilemma: The State, Market Forces, and Global Governance
Peter Gleick, Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment, and Security

3:00  Sustainable Energy in a Developing World: The Role of Knowledgeable Markets
Ken Wilkening, Nautilus Institute for Security and Sustainable Development

3:15  Food Security Perspectives: Focus on Asia and the Philippines
Angelina M. Briones, University of the Philippines

3:30  Commentary
Charles Constantinou, United Nations (retired)

3:45  Discussion

4:30  - Break -

4:45  **Civil Society: Defining a New Partnership**

Overview
Moderator: Volker Rittberger, Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen

5:00  The Transnational Politics of Environmental NGOs
Paul Wapner, American University

5:15  Energy Development and Environmental NGOs: The Asian Perspective
Lin Gan, Centre for International Climate and Environmental Research - Oslo (CICERO)

5:30  *Environmental NGOs in an Emerging Global Civil Society*
Helmut Breitmeier, Volker Rittberger, Eberhard-Karls-University, Center for International Relations/Peace and Conflict Studies; Tübingen, Germany

5:45  Commentary
Zehra Aydin, Major Groups Focal Point, U.N. Division for Sustainable Development

6:00  Discussion

6:30  Reception

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10:00  **States: Sovereignty and Responsibilities**
Overview
Moderators: Atul Kohli, Princeton University & George Sorensen, University of Aarhus

10:15 States, Markets and Energy Use Patterns
Holly Sims, State University of New York, Albany

10:30 Sustainability and Degradation in Third World Cities
Peter Evans, University of California, Berkeley

10:45 Technological Leapfrogging
Jose Goldemberg, Universidade de Sao Paulo

11:00 Commentary
Guest Commentator (TBA)

11:15 Discussion

12:00 - Lunch Break -

1:30 Regiona l Arrangements: Institutional Challenges

Overview
Moderator: Muthiah Alagappa, East-West Center

1:45 Environmental Problems in Eastern Europe and the Role of Regional Arrangements
Egbert Tellegen, University of Amsterdam

2:00 Energy and the Environment in Asia Pacific: Regional Cooperation and Market Governance
Lyuba Zarsky, Nautilus Institute for Security and Sustainable Development

2:15 Environmental Problems in Sub-Saharan Africa and the Role of Regional Arrangements
Nil Boi Ayibolete, NII Consult, Ghana

2:30 Commentary
Palitha Kohona, UN Office of Legal Affairs, Treaty Section

2:45 Discussion

3:30 Closing Statement
Jacques Fomerand, Director, United Nations University Office North America