

Northern Lights on Sustainable Development

Official Side Event UN Conference on Sustainable Development

Date: 20 June 2012
Venue: P3-B, RioCentro

Growing prosperity has made it possible for countries in the Baltic Sea Region to invest in solutions to many environmental problems. In fact, no other region in the world has such a strong track-record when it comes to green economy and sustainable development, in both principle and practice. However, despite great progress the last few decades we still have a long way to walk towards ensuring prosperous economies, healthy societies and dynamic ecosystems in a balanced and integrated manner.

The side event will focus on how sub-regional cooperation can deliver sustainable development and act as a bridge between national actions and global commitments. The side event will highlight some successful projects for cross-sectoral and integrated approaches to sustainable development, energy and protection of the marine environment. The side event is organized and hosted by the German Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States.

Programme

13:00 - 13:05

Introductory remarks

by moderator

Ms. Letitia Obeng, Chair of the Global Water Partnership

13:05 - 13:30

Ministerial dialogue on sub-regional cooperation for sustainable development

Mr. Peter Altmaier, German Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

Ms. Lena Ek, Minister for the Environment of Sweden

Mr. Sergei Donskoi, Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment of the Russian Federation (tbc)

Ms. Hannele Pokka, Permanent Secretary Ministry for the Environment of Finland

13:30 - 14:00

Good Practices on Sustainable Development in the Baltic Sea Region

CBSS-Baltic 21

Ms. Mia Crawford, Senior Adviser and Head of Baltic 21 Unit at the Secretariat of the Council of the Baltic Sea States

BASREC

Mr. Daumantas Kerežis, Chief Officer, Ministry of Energy in Lithuania

Mr. Anders Larsen, Danish Energy Consultant

HELCOM

Ms. Monika Stankiewicz, Executive Secretary of the Helsinki Commission

14:00 - 14:30

Discussion