

Environment ministers from around the world, decision makers , scientists, civil society representatives and business leaders are set to gather at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) headquarters next week to galvanize a new era of stronger action on pressing environmental issues.

The delegates will be making history by attending the first ever meeting of the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC/GMEF) under universal membership as a result of the Rio+20 Summit held last year.

“UNEP-with its long history of working with partners from governments ,the UN family ,cities, the scientific community ,businesses and civil society- is entering a new phase that can better serve the needs of a growing global population while keeping humanity’s foot print within planetary boundaries,”said UN Under-Secretary –General and UNEP Executive Director Achim Steiner.

Steiner went ahead to say that they will also address the issue of illegal trade in terms of poaching affecting africa which has adverse effect on our flora.

As well as charting a course for the strengthening of UNEP that will help transform a wide body of science into concrete policy action ,the meeting will cover many pressing and emerging issues including: sustainable consumption and production patterns and the post-2015 Development Agenda ,financing options for chemicals and waste ,and system –wide coordination on Rio+20 follow-up.

UNEP will launch new reports outlining emerging issues such as the global consequences of rapidly receding ice in the Artic, the latest research on the impacts of chemical exposure on the hormone system of humans and animals, and an assessment of off-grid lighting in several countries around the world.

Environment ministers set to gather in Nairobi for UNEP Council

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During the press briefing was permanent secretary for ministry of environment Ali Mohamed together with former foreign minister Dr.Njoroge Mungai.