

UN Day

24 October 2008

Programme



09:45–10:30 UN House, 5th Floor, Teaterplassen 3

- 09:45–09:50 Welcome**
Peter Prokosch
Managing Director, UNEP/GRID-Arendal
- 09:50–09:55 Address**
Oddvar Skaaia
Vice-Mayor, Aust-Agder County
Leader, UN City Steering Committee
- 09:55–10:05 Vital Forest Graphics**
Ieva Rucevska
Programme Officer, UNEP/GRID-Arendal
- 10:05–10:15 Himalayan Climate Change Impact and Adaptation Assessment and the Rapid Response Assessment on Food Crisis**
Christian Nellemann
Senior Officer, Rapid Response Assessments/GLOBIO
- 10:15–10:25 Marine activities – status and opportunities**
Morten Sørensen
Head, Marine Programme, UNEP/GRID-Arendal
- 10:25–10:30 Wrap-up**
Peter Prokosch

10:30–10:45 UN Day parade from the UN House to the Arendal Cultural Centre and Municipal Hall

Participating are elementary school children, Minister Erik Solheim, municipal and county officials, and GRID-Arendal staff.

10:45–11:00 Foyer, Arendal Cultural Centre and Municipal Hall

- 10:45–10:48 Welcome Remarks**
Peter Prokosch
Managing Director, UNEP/GRID-Arendal
- 10:48–11:00 Opening of the exhibition and launch of the local children's painting competition**
Erik Solheim
Minister of Environment and Development

11:00–12:30 Store Torungen, Arendal Cultural Centre and Municipal Hall

Audience will include more than 600 students from the Arendal videregående skole and the Strømsbu videregående skole.

- 11:00–11:45 UN Day messages**
Svein Tveitdal, Facilitator
- 11:00–11:05 Torill Rolstad Larsen, Mayor, Arendal Municipality
11:05–11:10 Laila Øygarden, Mayor, Aust-Agder County
11:10–11:15 Finn Ljøsne, District Manager, Skanska Norge AS
11:15–11:20 Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP (video message)
11:20–11:35 Erik Solheim, Minister of Environment and Development
11:35–11:45 Q & A session
- 11:45–12:30 Presentations on selected environmental issues**

Disappearing Forests: Are we stopping the downswing?
Ieva Rucevska, UNEP/GRID-Arendal

Bærekraftig høsting fra havets økosystemer: Om forskning og samarbeid for en rikere framtid
Odd Aksel Bergstad, Institute of Marine Research, Flødevigen

UNEP/GRID-Arendal: Reaching out to the world's coastal states
Yannick Beaudoin, UNEP/GRID-Arendal