

AGEE Steering Committee

Terms of Reference

During the eighth meeting of the international Advisory Group on Environmental Emergencies (AGEE 8), held in Brussels from 6-8 May 2009, the forum endorsed the creation of a Steering Committee to guide the work of the AGEE and its secretariat, the Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit.

The AGEE Steering Committee serves as an extension of the larger AGEE, and will work more directly and regularly with the Joint Environment Unit in implementing the recommendations of AGEE 8. It will convene one or more times between the Advisory Group meetings, depending on available funding.

Specifically, the AGEE Steering Committee will provide overall guidance and support, particularly with regard to implementation of the three Thematic Areas of the *Rosersberg Initiative*, and on overall strategic direction and main activities related to environmental emergencies, by identifying major trends and opportunities, and by contributing to further engagement of countries and organizations in the AGEE.

In particular, the Steering Group will

- Ensure follow-up on the Conclusions and Recommendations of AGEE 8;
- Support the implementation of Vision 2012 (see EU/AG/50);
- Review the 'Best Practices Guidelines for requesting, receiving, offering, and providing assistance in international environmental emergencies' (see EU/AG/55) before the next Advisory Group meeting;
- Develop a fundraising strategy for the Trust Fund (see EU/AG/57);
- Discuss the development of an Environmental Emergencies Centre (see EU/AG/52);
- Assist in preparations for AGEE 9, including setting a proposed agenda.

AGEE Steering Committee composition

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