

A Mini-Conference organized by the UNECE Aarhus Convention Task Force on Electronic Information Tools in cooperation with the ICT Group for Development

Agenda 21

and

the Information Society

Assessing Progress on Closing the Digital Divide, Access to Environmental Information and ICT for Sustainable Development in the ECE Region

Salle IX, Palais des Nations

Thursday 13 December 2007 – 10:00 to 16:30

A one-day conference marking the 15th anniversary of the adoption of Agenda 21 and Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development by the Earth Summit held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992

Chaired by **Mr. Charles Geiger**, Special Adviser for the UNCTAD Secretariat on the Commission on Science and Technology for Development and formerly Executive Director of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)

Session One: **Regional benchmarking and capacity-building** (10:20 – 11:30)

Session Two: **Making environmental information accessible: collaboration, networking and partnerships on clearing-house mechanisms** (11:45 – 13:00)

Session Three: **E-environment, E-commerce and E-democracy in Europe** (15:00 – 16:15)