

# Green and Climate Neutral UNEP & 25 GC/GMEF



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The UN Climate Neutral Strategy was adopted by decision of the UN Chief Executive Board in October 2007. The strategy commits all UN agencies to “move towards a climate neutral UN”. The UNFCCC COP15 in December 2009 will be a significant milestone for progress. Within the UN system, UNEP has a leading role to champion the implementation of this strategy, which is both supported by relevant GC decisions and by UNEP’s own climate neutral strategy adopted in September 2007.

Ask for a flyer providing more details about the efforts made for this event at the “Welcome to Green UNEP” desk!

The 25th session of UNEP’s GC/GMEF will be both a green and a climate neutral event. A task force comprising of members from UNEP and UNON has been working on this project since September 2008.

Activities initiated for a green and climate neutral GC 25/GMEF:

- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the GC;
- Offsetting for CO2 emissions;
- Water, food and accommodation;
- Greening Gigiri;
- Green Recommendations to the delegates.

Who is involved in Greening Gigiri?

- Voluntary staff members in Step-by-Step;
- Assigned staff members (UNON and UNEP, one part-time staff member from each agency);
- United Nations Office at Nairobi, UNON, running the facilities and providing service support;
- All staff on the compound with green considerations in all daily operations!

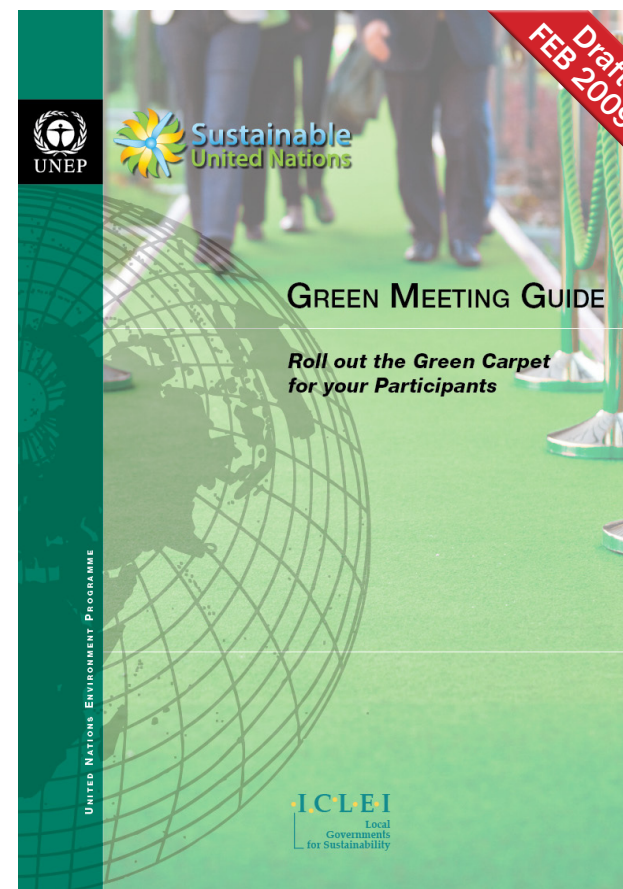
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## Publication Overview



# About the UNEP Green Meeting Guide

Obtain a copy of the final draft of the guide from [sustainable.un@unep.org](mailto:sustainable.un@unep.org) or the "Welcome to Green UNEP" desk.



The UNEP Green Meeting Guide provides convincing arguments and practical guidance in the design, organisation and implementation of meetings that have reduced environmental impacts and leave a positive legacy for the host community.

The United Nations organisations are responsible for a very large number of meetings each year - ranging from small team meetings to large events with several thousand participants.



These meetings take place in countries varying greatly in terms of environmental conditions, capacity, and infrastructure. Whether large or smaller, they represent a business opportunity in the location where they take place. They allow exchanges of ideas and foster mutual understanding.

They also present an occasion to address topics such as peace, sustainable development, and human rights.



However, these meetings often have also a negative impact on the environment. This may include greenhouse gas emissions caused by travel, resource use for the venue, hosting and catering, printing of meeting documents, etc.

Many UN organizations have already taken initiatives to reduce the negative environmental impacts of their meetings and large events. The UNEP Green Meeting Guide builds on these experiences and on the ones of other large and small green meetings organisers.



The guide was developed within the framework of the Sustainable UN initiative (SUN) and the UN Environment Management Group (EMG) by the international Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) in consultation with several UN experts and Conference Services (Nairobi, Bangkok, NY, etc.).

For more information, visit the SUN web site: [www.unep.fr/scp/sun](http://www.unep.fr/scp/sun)



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