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UNEP Executive Director presents Green Economy Report to a full house in Washington, D.C.

Panel discussion on "Growing Green in a Crowded, Carbon-Constrained World"

On Wednesday, 9 March 2011, more than 250 people from academia, the private sector, the NGO community, and multilateral organizations, came together at Johns Hopkins Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) to hear Achim Steiner speak about UNEP's newly released landmark report on the Green Economy. Joining Steiner on the panel, which was organized in collaboration with the United Nations Foundation (UNF), were Kate Gordon, Vice President for Energy Policy from the Center for American Progress and Richenda Van Leeuwen, UNF's Senior Director of Energy Access.

UNEP's report, entitled ***Towards a Green Economy: Pathways to Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication***, which calls for an investment of two per cent of the global GDP in 10 key sectors, was enthusiastically received, and the discussions that ensued looked to the panel for answers on how best to move forward in real terms.

Steiner took this opportunity to emphasize the role governments can play to promote the green economy at Rio+20. He explained that the agenda for this important UN meeting in 2012 had not been fully developed, thus presenting governments with a unique opportunity to shape the direction of both international environmental governance and sustainable development: the two themes of Rio+20.

To see a webcast of the event, visit: www.sais-jhu.edu/pressroom/live.html