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UNEP ANNOUNCES CO-COMMISSIONER-GENERALS FOR EXPO 2012

Nairobi, 4 October 2011. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has announced the appointments by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon of Amina Mohamed and Samuel Koo, as the co-Commissioner Generals of Expo 2012, which will take place in the coastal city of Yeosu, Republic of Korea.

UNEP has been designated by the UN Secretary-General to be the lead agency for the Expo whose theme, “The Living Ocean and Coast”, will showcase initiatives for achieving sustainability in the marine and coastal environments.

Ms. Mohamed, a Kenyan national and Deputy Director of UNEP, is an experienced diplomat with a distinguished career in multilateral relations. She will be responsible for coordinating the UN's system-wide activities in respect to Expo 2012.

A communications and public relations specialist, Mr. Koo who is a Republic of Korea national, has had a long and distinguished career internationally with the UN and in media. He will be responsible for the local coordination of the Expo activities.

The Expo will take place for three months starting 12 May.

UNEP, whose marine activities include scientific assessments, coordinating a network of Regional Seas and Action Plans and spearheading the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA), will be working closely with other members of the UN, including UNESCO and its Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and the Food and Agricultural Organization with its work on fisheries.

For More Information on the Expo, please visit: <http://eng.expo2012.kr/main.html>

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