

Global Civil Society Workshop on the Rio+20 “Zero Draft” and Rights for Sustainability

Church Center for the United Nations
777 UN Plaza
(Corner of 1st Avenue and 44th Street)
New York City, NY, United States of America
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*This event is **OPEN TO ALL** interested individuals and civil society actors.*

January 16, 2012

Dear colleagues and friends,

Greetings from Manila!

We welcome you to **Global Civil Society Workshop on the Rio+20 “Zero Draft” and Rights for Sustainability**, organized by IBON International. This workshop, which is slated for January 24 in the conference room located at the 2nd level of the Church Center for the United Nations, shall gather civil society representatives belonging to various Major Groups and Stakeholders to examine the content of the “Zero Draft” of the outcome document for Rio+20.

This will be held back-to-back with the UN DESA training session for members of the Major Groups in connection with the Jan. 25-27 Informal Consultation on Rio plus 20 Zero Draft which will be held in the same venue on Jan. 24, 09:00 until 13:00h.

This information sheet was prepared as a guide for your trip to New York. In this document, you will find logistical arrangements and guidelines and general information about the venue for the event.

We look forward to welcoming you to the meeting, and to its stimulating discussions and fruitful outcomes.

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Logistics Note

GETTING TO THE VENUE

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Across New York City's First Avenue from the entrance to U.N. Headquarters is a row of office buildings and embassies. Signs along side streets indicate parking is only for diplomats. Automatic-teller machines flash choices of three and four languages in which to transact business.

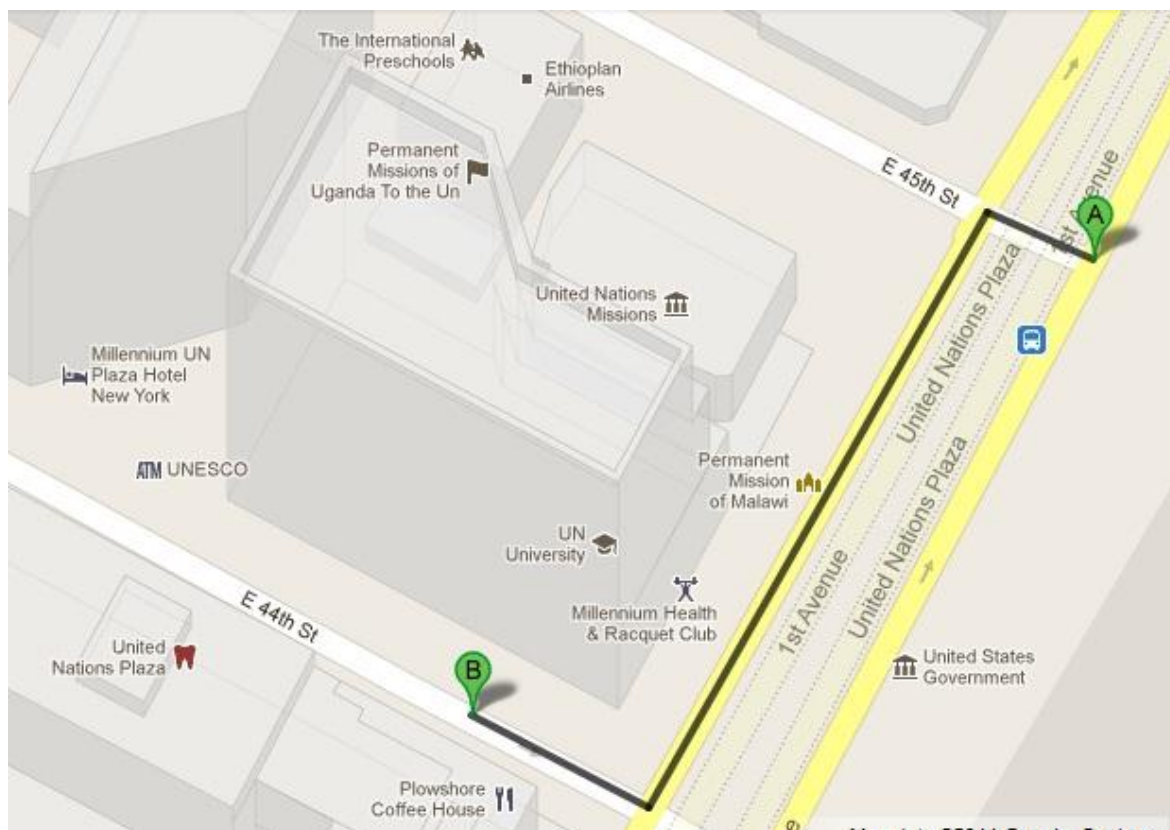
In the midst of this is a building boldly labeled "**Church Center.**"

Source: http://gbgm-umc.org/umw/education/ccun_article.html

LANDMARKS

1. Millennium UN Plaza Hotel New York
2. Plowshore Coffee House
3. UN University
4. Millennium Health and Racquet Club

From the **United Nations Headquarters** in New York City



By walking

From the United Nations Headquarters (Point A), head west on East 45th Street toward 1st Avenue/United Nations Plaza. Turn left onto 1st Avenue/United Nations Plaza and turn right onto East 44th Street. Estimated travel time is about **2 minutes**.

GENERAL REMINDERS

All inputs from member states and other stakeholders for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) received on or before 1 November 2011 have been compiled by the UNCSD Secretariat and have formed the basis for the “Zero Draft” of the Outcome Document for Rio+20. Initial discussions by members states on the "zero draft" will take place from 25-27 January 2012, followed by three “informal informal” meetings to negotiate the outcome document from February to April, 2012.

Logistics Note

All civil society actors who wish to participate in the initial discussion must first [register](#) their respective organizations online through the attached link: <http://esango.un.org/irene/index.html?page=viewContent&nr=18002&type=8&s=8>. Online registration is open for CSOs that are accredited to Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD), ECOSOC Consultative Status and World Summit on Sustainable Development. Non-accredited organizations can explore the option of registering through other accredited groups.

Kindly note that there is no funding available for all interested participants.

Another important update is that the [zero draft](#) is finally out and can be downloaded through the attached link: <http://www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/content/documents/370The%20Future%20We%20Want%2010Jan%20clean.pdf>

Regardless of accreditation status to ECOSOC/WSSD/CSD, all interested individuals and civil society actors who wish to participate in the *Global Civil Society Workshop on the Rio+20 Zero Draft and Rights for Sustainability* may attend the meeting and contribute to its discussions.

The SECRETARIAT

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