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ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS MEETING OF THE G8 COUNTRIES

The Environment ministers of the G8 countries and the European commissioner responsible for environment held their the first two sessions of work devoted to Africa and the consumption and production pattern, on saurday April 26th.

Mrs Roselyne BACHELOT-NARQUIN, Minister of Ecology and Sustainable Development, opened the session by presenting the rich exchanges occurred the day before with the representatives of the civil society. She recalled that the issues included on the agenda are key themes of the action plan worked out during the Summit of Johannesburg and would be also discussed during of the next G8 Summit of Evian.

Mrs Tokia SAÏFI, Secretary of State for Sustainable Development introduced the topic "Africa". The Senegalese minister of environment, M.DIAGNE, exposed the progress of the environmental dimension of the New Partnership for Africa Development (NEPAD).

The debates pointed out, in particular, the close connection existing between poverty and environment and underlined the importance, in this respect, of a greater co-operation in the sectors of water and energy.

The session devoted to the sustainable production and consumption patterns stressed the interest of the demand management in particular in water sector, and called for an increasing of investment in the field of technology in order to implement new production models.

Public and consumers information, to support more environmental respectful behaviours, was also debated.

The last session devoted to the international environmental governance will take place on April 27th, starting from 9 am. It will be followed by a press conference related to the whole meeting at 10. 45 am.

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