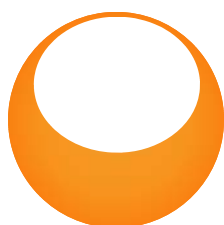



## **OTHER PLATFORMS**

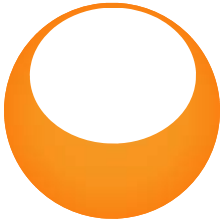
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- AFRICAN UNION
- COP19 AND RELATED PROCESSES
- MEETINGS OF REGIONAL BODIES



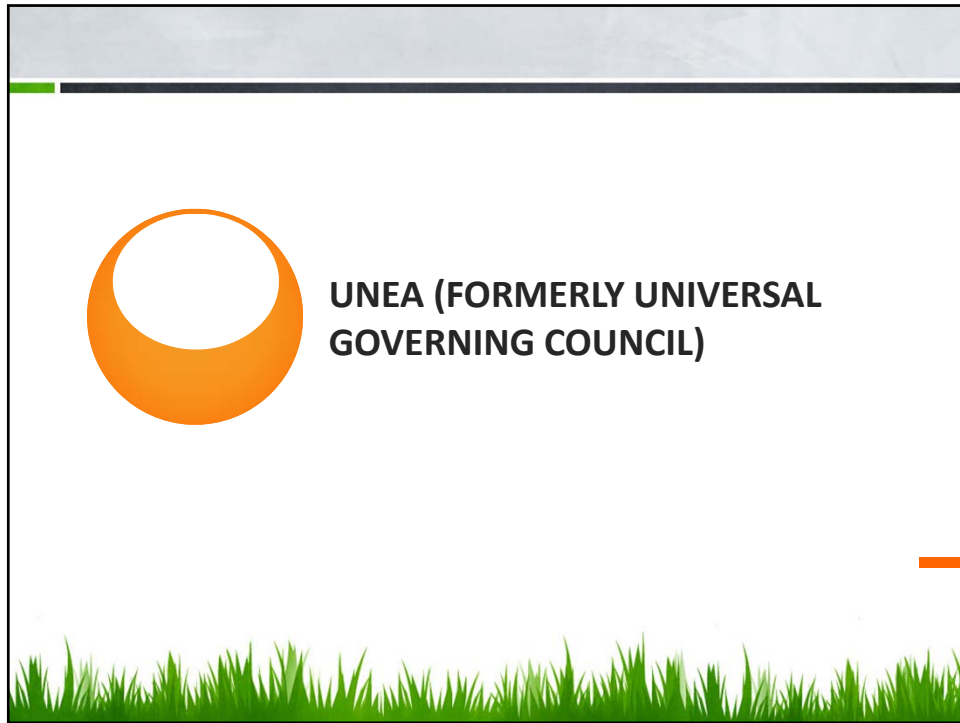
## **MAJOR GROUPS AND STAKEHOLDERS FORUM**

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**UNEA (FORMERLY UNIVERSAL  
GOVERNING COUNCIL)**



**COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVES**





## Some Principles on stakeholder participation in UNEP

### Major outcomes

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14th Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum  
(GMGSF-14) 2013

17 February 2013

The Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum supports the following Principles on Stakeholder Participation in UNEP in order to promote UNEP's mandate and improve its effectiveness in light of Rio + 20, including paragraph 88(h) of The Future We Want

## Stakeholders Principles

Principle 1. Major Groups and stakeholders<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter stakeholders) shall have the right to full and effective participation in all activities including planning, agenda setting, decision and policy-making, implementation, and evaluation activities and processes of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Principle 2. UNEP shall provide timely and easy access to all information and documents, including negotiating documents, needed by stakeholders to participate fully, and shall proactively disseminate information relevant to its activities in a comprehensible and easily accessible form and timely manner.



## STRENGTHENING THE AFRICAN POSITION





## DEVELOPING KEY MESSAGES-THE NEED TO SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE



### Future expectations

Former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan has said, **“The question is not whether climate change is happening but whether, in the face of this emergency, we ourselves can change fast enough.”** (Annan, 2006).

## **CHALLENGES/LESSONS LEARNT**

- **The MGSF representatives have no defined roles rather than attending and contributing to meetings organised by UNEP in February after the election!**
- **No guarantee that representatives will speak during the meeting! Question is whether they are just decorations.**
- **No resources to do any other work – in some instances the MGSF has no resources even to support the two elected representatives!**

## **WAY FORWARD - RECOMMENDATIONS**

- **In the new UNEA, MGSF regional representatives should have clearly defined roles**
- **Meetings should not be limited to UNEP only, but other related processes**
- **Innovative resource mobilisation efforts should be designed**
- **Working strategically with other organisations with events throughout the year would position MGSF without necessarily spending significant amount of resources**



