

Second Joint Preparatory Retreat of the Bureaux  
of the UN Environment Assembly and  
the Committee of Permanent Representatives  
9 – 10 June 2017  
Hotel Villa Caletas (Pacífico Central)  
Puntarenas, Costa Rica  
Agenda item 3

### **Note by the Secretariat on the Committee of the Whole**

The Secretariat submits a note on the proposed provisional agenda, provisional annotated agenda and proposed structure of the Committee of the Whole. The Secretariat, suggests that the joint bureaux meeting consider the items under Agenda item 3: Preparations for the Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives and Committee of the Whole, at the Second Joint Preparatory Retreat of the Bureaux of the UN Environment Assembly and the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to be held on 9 – 10 June 2017.

Members of both bureaux are invited to provide comments to the Secretariat and suggested to endorse the proposed agenda and structure.

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**Committee of the Whole**  
Nairobi, 4 December 2017

**Provisional agenda for the Committee of the Whole**

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
  2. Election of Officers.
  3. Organization of work
  4. Budget and Programme Performance, including implementation of the Assembly's resolutions.
  5. Update on the Sixth Global Environment Outlook.
  6. Adoption of draft resolutions.
  7. Other matters.
  8. Adoption of the report.
  9. Closure of the meeting.
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## United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme

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**Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives  
to the United Nations Environment Programme  
Third meeting  
Nairobi, 4 December 2017**

### **Annotated provisional agenda of the third meeting of the Committee of the Whole**

**1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

The Chair of the Committee of the Whole is expected to open the meeting at 11:30 am on Monday 4 December 2017 and propose the adoption of the provisional agenda as set out in UNEP/COW.3/1.

**2. Organization of the work.**

Under this agenda item, the meeting will discuss its organization of work. It is expected to establish a working group for the finalization of resolutions and may establish contact groups if needed. The plenary is expected to take finalise and take early action on resolutions that do not require discussion in a working group.

**3. Election of Officers.**

The Committee is expected to elect a rapporteur as well as the chairs of the working group and any contact groups that may be established.

**4. Budget and Programme Performance, including implementation of the Assembly's resolutions.**

The meeting is expected to consider the following updates of the Executive Director, which have been prepared in response to the various decisions and resolutions of the previous sessions of the Environment Assembly:

- 1) Progress on the contribution of the UN Environment to the implementation of the delivering the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (EA.2/Res.5)
- 2) Update on progress made pursuant to the Assembly resolution on the role and functions of regional forums of ministers of the environment and environment authorities (EA.2/Res.2)
- 3) Update on progress to the Assembly resolution on investing in human capacity for sustainable development through environmental education and training (EA.2/Res.3)
- 4) Update on progress made pursuant to the Assembly resolutions on the role, functions and modalities for UN Environment implementation of the SAMOA Pathway as a mean of facilitating achievements of the Sustainable Development Goals (EA.2/Res.4)
- 5) Update in progress made pursuant to the Assembly resolution on the support to the implementation of the Paris Agreement (EA.2/Res.6)

- 6) Update on progress made pursuant to the Assembly Resolution on sound management of chemicals and waste (EA.2/Res.7)
- 7) Update on the implementation of United Nations Environment Assembly resolution on sustainable consumption and production (EA.2/Res.8)
- 8) Update on progress made pursuant to the Assembly Resolution on the prevention, reduction and reuse of food waste (EA.2/Res.9)
- 9) Proposal from the Executive Director on the United Nations Environment's 2011 marine and coastal strategy (replacement) pursuant the United Nations Environment Assembly resolution (EA.2/Res.10)
- 10) Update on progress made pursuant to the Assembly Resolutions on sustainable coral reefs management (EA.2/Res.12)
- 11) Update on progress made pursuant to the Assembly Resolutions on marine plastic litter and micro plastics (EA.2/Res.11)
- 12) Update on progress made pursuant to the Assembly Resolution on illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products (EA.2/Res.14)
- 13) Update on progress made pursuant to the Assembly Resolution on the protection of the environment in areas affected by armed conflict (EA.2/Res.15)
- 14) Update on progress to the Assembly Resolution on enhancing the work of United Nations Environment in facilitating cooperation, collaboration and synergies among biodiversity related conventions (EA.2/Res.17)
- 15) Update on progress made pursuant to the Assembly Resolution on the relationship between the United Nations Environment and the multilateral agreements for which it provides the secretariat (EA.2/Res.18)
- 16) Update of the progress made pursuant to the Assembly Resolution on the Midterm review of the fourth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law (Montevideo Programme IV) (EA.2/Res.19)

**5. Update on the Sixth Global Environment Outlook.**

The Committee is expected to consider the progress report of the Executive Director on the Sixth Edition on the Global Environment Outlook.

**6. Adoption of draft resolutions.**

The Committee is expected to consider and take action on draft resolutions for consideration by the third Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

**7. Other matters.**

The Committee will consider any other matters related to its work.

**8. Adoption of the report.**

The Committee is expected to adopt its draft report.

**9. Closure of the meeting.**

The meeting is expected to conclude its work by 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 4 December 2017.

PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY 26 May 2017		
	<b>Monday 4 December 2017</b>	
8:00 - 10:00	Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings	
10:00 - 11:30	<b>2017 Environment Assembly Opening Plenary</b> - Functional opening [President and Executive Director] - General statements from Regional and Political Groups - Report by the Chair of the Committee of PR's - Report from OECPR and possible actions on resolutions <b>CR 2: ACEFRS</b>	
11:30 - 1:00	<b>Committee of the Whole</b> - Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda - Statement by ED or his representative - Election of Officers - Organization of the work - Report of the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on Preparation of draft resolutions - Introduction of draft resolutions ( <i>if any</i> )  <b>Plenary Session</b> - Budget and Programme Performance <b>CR 2: ACEFRS</b>	<b>Working Group One (If needed)</b>
13:00 - 15:00	BREAK	
15:00 - 18:00	<b>Committee of the Whole Plenary Session</b> - Budget and Programme Performance, including implementation of the Assembly's resolutions ( <i>continued</i> ) - Update on the Sixth Global Environmental Outlook <b>CR 2: ACEFRS</b>	<b>Working Group One (If needed)</b>
18:00 - 19:00	BREAK	
19:00 - 21:00	<b>Committee of the Whole</b> - Adoption of draft resolutions - Other matters - Adoption of the report - Closure of the meeting <b>CR 2: ACEFRS (Till 22 hrs. if needed)</b>	<b>Working Group One (If needed)</b>
	Host Country Reception	

**ACEFRS** – Refers to official languages of the United Nations Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.