

Committee of Permanent Representatives
Briefing from the Secretariat to the Subcommittee
Thursday 15 February 2018
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.,
United Nations Office at Nairobi, Gigiri
Conference Room 4

MEETING SUMMARY

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the meeting and adaptation of the agenda

1. The Secretary of Governing Bodies, Mr. Jorge Laguna-Celis opened the meeting. The meeting adopted the agenda.

Agenda Item 2: Briefing on the process of the Sixth Global Environment Outlook.

2. The Secretary invited Mr. Eduardo Zandri, Chief, Scientific Assessment Branch and Mr. Pierre Boileau, Head, Global Environmental Outlook Unit to brief the meeting on the Sixth Global Environment Outlook.
3. Mr. Zandri informed the meeting that the Global Environment Outlook (GEO) is UN Environment Programme's main assessment of the state of the global environment. He thanked Norway, Italy, China, Singapore, Denmark, Thailand and Switzerland for their contributions.
4. Mr. Boileau brought it to the meetings attention that funding has been a challenge and that currently there remains a funding gap to finalize the work.
5. The meeting requested the Secretariat to circulate information on the budget and funding gaps as a matter of priority, monitoring and evaluation and follow-up mechanisms for GEO-6, in line with previous requests from Member States as set out in the Report of the Third Open Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives.

Agenda Items 3 and 4: Efforts to promote environmental sustainability within the UN System Joint effort of the UN Office at Nairobi and the UN Environment Programme to promote an environmentally Sustainable UN Headquarters in Nairobi

6. Ms. Isabella Marras, Coordinator, Sustainable UN and the Climate Neutral Team briefed the meeting on the UN's approach towards being climate neutral and more sustainable, highlighting that out of the over 60 UN entities assisted by Sustainable UN, 39 entities

are now climate neutral, based on effective measures to reducing environmental impacts and offsetting unavoidable GHG emissions.

7. Ms. Talia Owen-Frigyik, Chief, Facilities and Management of the United Nations Office in Nairobi, briefed the meeting on joint efforts of the UN Office at Nairobi and the UN Environment Programme to promote a sustainable UN within the Gigiri compound.
8. Ms. Owen-Frigyik, updated the meeting on several concrete environmental management initiatives in the areas of waste water and water management, power management, transport and mobility, waste management, and construction within the compound.
9. The meeting generally welcomed the ongoing initiatives and efforts, and suggested to share lessons learned as appropriate, and to explore new avenues for wider collaboration with the Government of Kenya to bring about positive environmental impacts as well as create job opportunities going beyond the Gigiri compound, with potential mutual benefits for the UN and Nairobi city.
10. Several Member States also called for the possible expansion of conference facilities to meet the needs of the Assembly and expressed interest in involving UN Habitat in this endeavor.
11. The meeting closed at 10:30 a.m.