

Meeting of Major Groups and Stakeholders back to back with the meeting of the Bureaus of the United Nations Environment Assembly and the Committee of Permanent Representatives

March 21 - 22, 2018, Nairobi, Kenya

Agenda

Background

The **third session** of the United Nations Environment Assembly took place in December 2017, under the over-arching theme “Towards a pollution-free planet”. It brought together an unprecedented number of governments, international organizations, Major Groups, private sector representatives, scientists, media and individuals, and adopted a Ministerial Declaration and 11 specific resolutions, through which member states agreed to address pollution to air, land and soil, freshwater, and oceans. The resolutions and decisions called for accelerated action and strengthened partnerships to, for example: combat the spread of marine plastic litter and microplastics; eliminate exposure to lead paint and promote sound management of used lead-acid batteries; improve air quality globally; address water pollution; manage soil pollution; and control pollution in areas affected by terrorist operations and armed conflict.

The **fourth session** of the UN Environment Assembly will take place from 11-15 March 2019, in Nairobi, Kenya. The theme of the 2019 Assembly and key elements of the overall preparatory process will be discussed during a joint 2-day meeting of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN Environment and the Bureau of the Assembly on March 22 – 23 in Nairobi, Kenya. To date, the following themes have been proposed for the 2019 Assembly:

- Sustainable Consumption and Production
- Food and Nature/Biodiversity
- Innovation for the Environment

On March 21, about 15 representatives of Major Groups and Stakeholders are invited by UN Environment to come to Nairobi to discuss the follow up to the 2017 Assembly and to prepare their input to the meeting of the Bureaus. A joint consultative meeting between Major Groups and the Assembly is planned to take place in the morning of March 22.

Objectives of the Meeting of Major Groups

The meeting of Major Groups and Stakeholders will have the following overarching objectives:

- To take stock of the outcomes of the third UN Environment Assembly, discuss lessons learned and propose options for the way forward to promote implementation of the declaration and resolutions in relation to the theme “pollution”

- To develop a vision for Major Groups and Stakeholders for the fourth UN Environment Assembly, including:
 - Identification of an overarching theme of the fourth Assembly, including topics that should be addressed in addition to the main theme
 - Develop a roadmap for stakeholder engagement in the preparatory process for the 2019 Assembly
 - Identify opportunities and challenges towards ensuring an effective and meaningful engagement of stakeholders at the 4th Assembly, including through the Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue and the Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum
- To share the vision with Member States and engage in an exchange of views.

Expected Results

It is expected that the meeting will result in:

- Concrete Stakeholder recommendations regarding the way forward on “Pollution”
- A Stakeholder recommendation regarding the theme of the 2019 Environment Assembly
- Proposals on how to strengthen the engagement of Major Groups and Stakeholders at the 4th Assembly, including during the preparatory process and at the Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum
- A proposal for a specific theme for the Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue.

Participants are encouraged develop short papers well in advance of the meeting that may be shared with member states and Major Groups.

Background Material

Participants will be provided with the following background material:

- A note from the Secretariat describing the selection criteria and proposed themes for the 2019 Assembly
- Results of a Survey among Major Groups about the 2017 Assembly
- A draft paper on the way forward regarding the implementation of the 3rd Assembly on pollution
- An options paper on the way forward regarding the UN Environment stakeholder engagement policy.

Meeting Place

The meeting will be held in the Tribe Hotel in Nairobi. Meals and accommodation will be provided

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March 21

Introduction

Facilitation: Leida Rijnhout

9.00 – 9.15h Opening Remarks by UN Environment and a Major Groups Representative

9.15 - 9.30h Introduction of Participants, Set up of Drafting Group(s)

Session 1: 2017 Assembly follow up

Facilitation: Leida Rijnhout

Expected result: It is expected that this session results into several action points that reflect concrete proposals of participants on the way forward on the pollution theme.

9.30 – 10.00h Presentation by Jorge Laguna, Secretary of the Governing Bodies of UN Environment: Outcomes of 2017 UN Environment Assembly

10.00 – 11.00 Discussion/Brainstorming: The 2017 Assembly: what worked, what could be improved?

11.00 – 12.30 Discussion/Brainstorming: Action points to “beat pollution”

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch Break

Session 2: The theme of the 2019 UN Environment Assembly

Facilitation: Mohamed Abdelraouf

Expected Result: A common position on the theme for the 2019 Assembly (including possible new themes)

13.30 – 13.45 Presentation of UN Environment on possible themes for the 2019 Assembly

13.45 – 15.00 Discussion on the theme and reaching of a common position

Session 3: Stakeholder Engagement in the 2019 Assembly preparatory process

Facilitation: Yugratna Srivastava

Expected Result: An amended Stakeholder Engagement Roadmap for the 2019 Assembly

15.00 – 15.15 The Stakeholder Roadmap to 2019 UN Environment Assembly, presentation by Alexander Juras, Chief Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch

15.15 – 16.15 Discussion, mapping out additional options and opportunities for stakeholder engagement

Session 4: Expectations for achieving a more meaningful stakeholder engagement at the 2019 UN Environment Assembly

Facilitation: Janice Cox

Expected result: A list of options that presents option for more meaningful engagement of Major Groups during the 2019 Assembly, including the set-up and them of the Multi Stakeholder Dialogue

16.15– 17.30 Discussion and development of options and proposals for more meaningful engagement of stakeholders

17.30 – 19.30 Drafting group(s): preparation of the following summary statements to be communicated to UNEA and CPR Bureaus on March 22, based on the discussions of the day (1-2 pages each):

- Main action points/proposals regarding the way forward on “Pollution”
- A recommendation of participants regarding the theme of the 2019 Environment Assembly
- Action points/proposals to achieve a more meaningful engagement of Major Groups and Stakeholders in the 2019 Assembly, including its preparatory process and the theme for the Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue

March 22

10.00 – 13.00 Joint meeting of participants with member states (see separate agenda)

End of the Meeting