

Comments by Switzerland on Contributions of the UN Environment Assembly to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

We welcome the approach of a short 'key/main message' at the beginning of each section (a-f). Receiving clear and short key messages from UNEA will be crucial for the deliberations at the HLPF. The HLPF has to cope with a vast amount of often lengthy inputs, which risk to get lost in the shuffle.

Supplementary to the 'key/main messages' at the beginning of each section, important findings would benefit from being highlighted better in the text, such as e.g. under (d), where six emerging issues are enumerated, the key statement could be made more visible.

With regard to the 'gaps and areas requiring urgent attention' (b) we miss a reference to scientific evidence for the identified areas, whereas this is formulated well under (d, emerging issues).

With respect to (e), which describes areas where political guidance from the HLPF would prove useful, we request, to the extent possible, to formulate suggestions instead of questions. We fear that the deliberations at the HLPF will not be able to deliver any answers to these questions.

Why have the boxes, illuminating the environment perspective on each of the SDGs under review at the HLPF 2018 disappeared?

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