

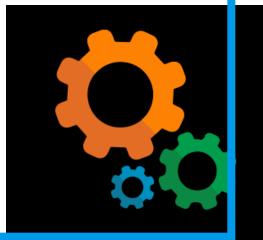


The 2019 UN Environment Assembly

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Function

- **Governing Council decision 27/2, paragraph 5 (Feb 2013)**
- Setting the global environmental agenda;
- Providing overarching policy guidance and defining policy responses to address emerging environmental challenges;
- Undertaking policy review, dialogue and exchange of experiences;
- Setting the strategic guidance on the future direction of the United Nations Environment Programme;
- Organizing a multi-stakeholder dialogue;
- Fostering partnerships for achieving environmental goals and resources mobilization.



Theme and Events

- **Date:** 11-15 March 2019 (official segment)
- **Theme:** Innovative Solutions for Environmental Challenges and Sustainable Consumption and Production
 - **Subthemes:** 1) Sustainable food systems, including food security and biodiversity; 2) Life-cycle approaches to resource, energy, chemicals and waste management; and 3) Innovative sustainable business development at a time of rapid technological change
- Open Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, 4 – 8 March 2019
- Science-Business-Policy Forum, 9 10 March 2019
- Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum, 7 – 8 March 2019 (tbc)
- Stakeholder Tent, parallel to the Assembly
- Sustainable Innovation Expo, 11 15 March 2019



Agendas

Open Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, March 4 – 8



UN Environment Assembly: March 11 – 15

	Monday 4 March 2019		Tuesday 5 March 2019		Wednesday 6 March 2019		Thursday 7 March 2019		Friday 8 March 2019	
9:00 – 10:00	Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings		Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings		Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings		Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings		Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings	
10:00 - 11:00	Opening Plenary Agenda item: 1 Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda Agenda item: 2 Adoption of minutes of the 145 th meeting Agenda item: 3 Organization of work* Venue: TBD ACEFRS		<u>Plenary</u> Report from Working Group	<u>Working Group</u> Draft	<u>Plenary</u> Report from Working Group	<u>Working</u> <u>Group</u>	Agenda item 7: Report on consultations of	<u>Working</u> <u>Group</u> Droft	<u>Plenary</u> Agenda item 8: Preparation of draft	<u>Working</u> <u>Group</u>
11:00 - 12:30	<u>Plenary</u> Agenda item 4: Budget and Programme Performance, including implementation of the Assembly's resolutions Venue: TBD ACEFRS	Working Group Draft resolutions Venue: TBD E	Agenda item 4: Budget and Programme Performance, including implementation of the Assembly's resolutions Venue: TBD ACEFRS	Draft resolutions Venue: TBD E	Agenda item 5: Administrative and budgetary issues Venue: TBD ACEFRS	Draft resolutions Venue: TBD E	the Ministerial Declaration Venue: TBD ACEFRS	Draft resolutions Venue: TBD E	Venue: TBD ACEFRS	Draft resolutions Venue: TBD E
12:30- 14:30	LUNCH BREAK									
15:00 – 18:00	<u>Plenary</u> Agenda item 4: Budget and Programme Performance, including implementation of the Assembly's resolutions Venue: TBD ACEFRS	Working Group Draft resolutions Venue: TBD E	<u>Plenary</u> Report from WGs Agenda item 5: Administrative and budgetary issues Venue: TBD ACEFRS	Working Group Draft resolutions Venue: TBD E	<u>Plenary</u> Agenda item 6: Update on the Sixth Global Environment Outlook Venue: TBD ACEFRS	Working Group Draft resolutions Venue: TBD E	Plenary Agenda item 8: Preparation of draft resolutions and action on draft resolutions Venue: TBD ACEFRS	Working Group Draft resolutions Venue: TBD E	<u>Plenary</u> Agenda item 8: Preparation of draft resolutions for transmission to UN Environment Assembly Agenda item 9: Other matters Agenda item 10: Adoption of Chair's summary Closure of the meeting Venue: TBD ACEFRS	

PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF THE 2019 ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY: 17 August 2018											
	Monday 11 March 2019		Tuesday 12 March 2019		Wednesday 13 March 2019		Thursday 14 March 2019		Friday 15 March 2019		
08:00-10:00	Regional Grou Bureau N		Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings		Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings		Regional Groups & Bureau Meetings of Environment		Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings		
10:00	Opening Plenary - Functional opening [President and Executive Director] -Statements from Regional and Political Groups -Report by the Chair of the Committee of PR's -Report from OECPR and possible actions on resolutions CR 2: ACEFRS		Committee of the Whole CR 2: ACEFRS		Committee of the Whole CR 2: ACEFRS	Global Environment Outlook, Global Chemicals Outlook & other key assessments CR 1: ACEFRS	High Level Segment Official Opening Plenary Introduction of the theme "Innovative Solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption & production" CR 2: ACEFRS National Statements (List of speakers)* CR 2: ACEFRS		National Statements	Leadership Dialogues (Moderated)** CR 1: ACEFRS	
13:00									(List of speakers)* CR 2: ACEFRS	Leadership Dialogues (Moderated)** CR 1: ACEFRS	
13:00 - 15:00	Side Event	Side Event	Side Event	Side Event	Side Event	Side Event	Side Event	Side Event	Side Event	Side Event	
	Committee of the Whole CR 2: ACEFRS		Committee of the Whole CR 2: ACEFRS		National Statements (List of speakers)* CR 2: ACEFRS	Global Environment Outlook. Global Chemicals Outlook & other key assessments CR 1: ACEFRS OR Committee of the Whole CR 1: ACEFRS (TBC)		Leadership Dialogues (Moderated)** CR 1: ACEFRS	(Mod - Summary of cc Governments/Privat - Summary of Leader Stakehold -Action on Min Closing Ple	enary Session erated) immitments from Sectors/Stakeholders ship Dialogues & Multi- er Dialogue isterial Outcome nary Session	
15:00 - 18:00							National Statements (List of speakers)* CR 2: ACEFRS	Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue (Moderated) Venue: CR 1 ACEFRS	- Adoption of Resolutions - Elections of Officers - Date & Provisional Agenda of 2021 Assemi - Adoption of the Report CR 2: ACEFRS		
18:00 - 19:00	Side Event		Side Event		Side Event		Side Event				
19:00 - 21:00								Host Country Ministerial Reception			

Expected Outcome

- 1. A negotiated Ministerial Outcome Document
- 2. New and reinforced existing **partnerships** to promote innovative solutions and sustainable consumption and production
- 3. A set of negotiated resolutions
- 4. A new Programme of Work and Budget for the UN Environment Programme for the period 2020-21
- 5. An Action Plan towards a pollution free planet, as mandated at the 3rd session of the Assembly
- 6. A Secretariat background report on innovative solutions and sustainable consumption and production
- 7. Several **environmental landmark reports**, including the 6th Global Environmental Outlook, the Chemicals and Wastes Outlook, and the global status report on resource efficiency and sustainable consumption and production from the International Resource Panel
- 8. Summaries and key messages from the **Leadership Dialogues and the Multi-Stakeholder dialogue**, involving political, civil society and business leaders
- **9.** National Statements and commitments relating to the theme "Innovative solutions and sustainable consumption and production"
- 10. A dedicated **social media campaign** relating to the theme "Innovative solutions and sustainable consumption and production"
- 11. Significant worldwide media coverage of the Assembly and its results.



Opportunities for Major Groups to Engage

- In written on all pre- and in session documents
- CPR Meetings prior to the Assembly and Annual CPR Sub Committee October 2018
- Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum
- Science-Policy-Business Forum
- Orally during all public meetings of OECPR and UNEA
- During Side Events
- Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue
- Lobbying, Bilateral Meetings, Influencing Member states prior to the Assembly
- "Green Tent"/MGS Side Events
- Major Groups Morning Meetings
- Sustainable Innovation Expo Events
- Media contacts



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Challenges

- Linking the 2018 UN Environment Assembly with the 2019 Assembly
- How to increase meaningful engagement of Major Groups before and during the 2019 Assembly?
- How to ensure more substantive contributions from Major Groups?
- The role of the private sector
- How to get more large and influential organisations involved?
- Funding for MGS engagement
- ????



Resources

UN Environment Website: <u>www.unenvironment.org</u>

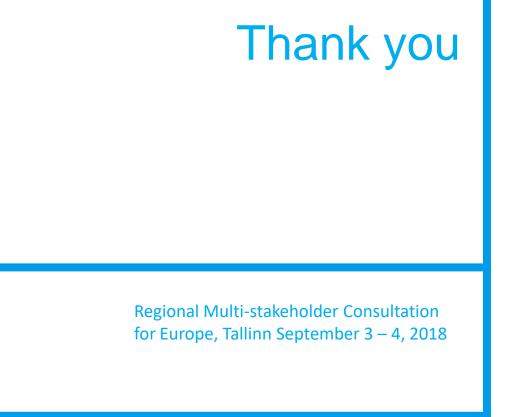
-CPR website: <u>https://www.unenvironment.org/cpr</u>

-Link to Bureau meeting: <u>https://www.unenvironment.org/cpr/meetings</u>

-Civil society website: <u>https://www.unenvironment.org/civil-society-engagement/</u>

-Accreditation: <u>https://www.unenvironment.org/civil-society-engagement/accreditation</u>







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