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**Implementation Plan ‘Towards a Pollution-Free Planet’  
Joint Bureaux Retreat  
Tallinn, 6-7 September**

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# Mandate

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Paragraph 14 of the Third Session of the UN Environment Assembly's Ministerial Declaration calls for

*“the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment programme to submit a plan for implementation in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, for [Member States] consideration by no later than the next United Nations Environment Assembly”,*

*“building on the outcomes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the United Nations Environment Assembly”.*

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# Consultations on the development of the Plan

CPR  
subcommittee  
meeting: initial  
presentation to  
Member States

15 March  
*(Nairobi)*

Major groups  
and stakeholders  
consultations  
Joint CPR and  
UNEA bureau

21-22 March  
*(Nairobi)*

CPR  
subcommittee  
meeting

24 April  
*(Nairobi)*

CPR committee  
meeting

10 May  
*(Nairobi)*

Informal  
brainstorming (with  
representatives from  
stakeholders and  
regional groups)

13-14 June  
*(Paris)*

Joint Bureaux  
meeting

September  
*(Tallinn)*

Consultations  
/ feedback  
from Member  
States in CPR

Sept/Dec  
*(Nairobi)*

Additional  
(virtual)  
consultations  
with  
stakeholders

Sept/Dec

Consultations/  
feedback at  
regional  
preparatory  
UNEA 4  
meetings

Last  
quarter  
2018

Submission  
of plan for  
discussion at  
UNEA 4

15  
December

UNEA4

March 2019  
*(Nairobi)*

# Objectives

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The Implementation Plan to reduce, control and manage pollution is a forward looking plan to:

- I. Facilitate implementation of **UNEA3 Ministerial Declaration and resolutions addressing pollution, addressing gaps and challenges** to prevent, manage and control pollution
- II. Increase **global awareness of pollution and its consequences on ecosystems and human health and well-being**
- III. Catalyze efforts of institutions and partners to **accelerate change and increase impact** to prevent, better manage and control pollution
- IV. **Monitor and report on progress** towards a cleaner planet

The Plan contributes to achieving the **Sustainable Development Goals**

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# Expected Outcomes

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- ✓ **Knowledge** on pollution, environment and health linkages is available and shared
- ✓ The enabling **regulatory and policy environment** at all levels is strengthened and best practices are shared.
- ✓ **Locally suitable solutions, technologies, innovations and infrastructure** to address environment and health linkages are demonstrated, deployed, and transferred
- ✓ **Capacity across sectors** is enhanced through coordinated action and **partnerships at the global, regional, national and local levels**
- ✓ **Awareness** of pollution impacts on environment, health and the economy and **of available solutions** is raised, to drive behavioural change
- ✓ **Leaders** from national and local governments, business and financial sectors, international community and NGOs are mobilised to act

# Facilitate Implementation of Resolutions



- ✓ Science, data, access to information, reporting, Sustainable Development Goals
- ✓ Standards, regulations and integrated policy development
- ✓ Regional cooperation, partnership building with all, incl. UN Agencies
- ✓ Industry, private sector engagement, (incl. circular economy/lifecycle) and engagement of Non Governmental Organizations
- ✓ Methodologies and tools development
- ✓ Capacity-building, strengthening of technical and institutional capacity
- ✓ Education, training
- ✓ Communication

# Contributes to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

	<p>Cleaner environments improve health and worker productivity and work days</p>		<p>Growing food on non-contaminated soils helps to fight hunger and ensure the provision of safe food round</p>		<p>Actions on pollution substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination</p>
	<p>A clean environment enables quality education and education enables acquisition of knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles</p>		<p>Pollution reduction as well as equality, for example through reduced burden of fetching clean water, cleaner indoor air quality and better health enable gender equality</p>		<p>Better managed freshwater ecosystems and cleaner water significantly reduce the number of deaths from diarrhoeal diseases</p>
	<p>Access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy can cut air pollution indoors, which will particularly benefit women and children</p>		<p>Reduced exposure to pollution leads to improved health and well-being of workers and therefore increased productivity and economic growth</p>		<p>Pollution avoidance through adoption of green technologies and ecosystem based solutions fosters innovation and sustainability in industry and infrastructural sectors</p>
	<p>Pollution governance and actions can ensure that no group or community is made to bear a disproportionate share of the harmful effects of pollution</p>		<p>Sustainable transport, waste management, buildings and industry lead to cleaner air in cities</p>		<p>Resource efficiency and circularity in materials and input use reduce pollution and waste and contribute to sustainable consumption and production</p>
	<p>Clean energy and low carbon policies reduce air pollution and mitigate climate change impact at the same time</p>		<p>Action on marine pollution reduces potential bioaccumulation of toxic substances as well as habitat destruction, and help maintain healthy fisheries and ecosystems</p>		<p>Integrating ecosystem and biodiversity values into development plans and poverty reduction strategies supports better land management and avoids pollution</p>
	<p>Good "pollution-related" governance reduces environmental burdens and injustices and can enhance availability of 'saved' resources for the underserved</p>		<p>Global partnerships to address pollution can have positive implications to health, jobs, worker productivity, planet and well-being</p>		

# Focus on key high-impact solutions/accelerators which cut across pollution dimensions

## KNOWLEDGE Science for Policy

- ✓ Data collection and sharing
- ✓ Shared environmental information systems and open data policy
- ✓ Economics of pollution and health
- ✓ Multiple benefits of actions on pollution

## IMPLEMENTATION Capacity, Incentives and Integrated Policies

- ✓ Pollution tool-box
- ✓ Capacity-building and institutional strengthening
- ✓ Policy-mix to build incentives, correct market failures by aligning price signals and fiscal policies
- ✓ National action plans
- ✓ Legal and regulatory approaches
- ✓ Financing

## INFRASTRUCTURE Technologies, Innovation, Circularity

- ✓ Waste, wastewater management
- ✓ Infrastructure planning/support services
- ✓ Nature based solutions
- ✓ Innovative solutions
- ✓ Circularity: redesign, reuse, remanufacture, repair, recycle

## AWARENESS Communication, Education and Consumer Information

- ✓ Communication campaigns
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Consumer information
- ✓ Product labeling

## LEADERSHIP Mobilizing Leaders and Partners

- ✓ Governments
- ✓ Financial investors
- ✓ Private sector
- ✓ Academia
- ✓ Local governments
- ✓ Regional fora
- ✓ South-south cooperation

➤ KNOWLEDGE AND GOOD PRACTICES SHARING PLATFORM

➤ REPORT ON POLLUTION STATUS AND ON MONITORING ACTION/POLICY PROGRESS

# Accelerate delivery through an alliance of partnerships



Note: The above logos are meant to be illustrative and do not provide an exhaustive picture of current initiatives and partnerships addressing air pollution.



# Monitor and report on progress

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- **Aligning pollution data from reports on Sustainable Development Goals, Multilateral Environmental Agreements and other existing monitoring and reporting mechanisms**
- **Monitoring, tracking and attribution of pollution actions based on voluntary commitments** by Member States and stakeholders and the voluntary national reviews submitted by Member States to the high-level political forum;
- **Identify policy indicators to monitor regulatory and policy progress in preventing and managing pollution and share progress**
- **Reporting through a Pollution Status report at UNEA 5 (2021) and UNEA 10 (2031)**

=> **Commitment makers are going to be invited to share progress by UNEA4**



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Thank You

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