

Committee of Permanent Representatives
Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday 29 January 2019
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
United Nations Office at Nairobi, Gigiri
Conference Room 4

MEETING SUMMARY

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.

1. H.E. Mrs. Francisca Ashietey-Odunton, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representative, and High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Ghana, opened the meeting. The meeting agenda was adopted.

Agenda Item 2: Secretariat briefing on the outcome of the negotiating meeting on the Summary for policy makers for GEO-6.

2. The Secretariat provided a briefing on the successful outcome of the negotiating meeting on the Summary for policy makers for the 6th Global Environment Outlook (GEO-6), which took place 21-24 January 2019 in Nairobi, in the form of a negotiated Summary for Policymakers. The full report as well as the Summary, which will now be translated to all 6 UN languages, will be presented at the fourth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly. In addition, the Co-chairs of the negotiating meeting and the GEO-6 High-Level Group was tasked to develop a short complementary document with key messages to be presented at the Assembly. The meeting was also informed that the main report will be made available as e-book version on the UN Environment publications app, and that a range of derivative and communication products of the main report are under production, including a Global Environment Outlook for Youth. The Secretariat also thanked relevant member States for providing financial support to make negotiation meeting possible.
3. Member States welcomed the briefing and inquired about the usefulness of the derivative products, noting that such products may need to be assessed with regard to the accuracy of information as compared to the original data, as well as their effectiveness. Member States also asked about lessons learnt from the development of GEO-6, and about what is planned in terms of future GEO products.

Agenda Item 3: Consideration of draft resolutions for the Fourth Session of the UN Environment Assembly.

4. The Chair of the Committee provided an update on the process to consider draft resolutions for the Fourth Session of the UN Environment Assembly, and announced the nomination of co-facilitators to facilitate the negotiations of draft resolutions, as follows:

- Cluster 1 (“Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production”): South Africa and Finland.
 - Cluster 2 (“Resource Efficiency, chemicals and waste”): Colombia and Canada.
 - Cluster 3 (“Ecosystems and biodiversity management and protection”) Romania and Argentina.
 - Cluster 4 (“Environmental Governance”): Sri Lanka and Barbados.
 - Cluster 5 (“UNEP Programme of Work and related matters”): The Czech Republic and the United States.
5. The Chair invited the co-facilitators to take floor, whereby nominated co-facilitators present at the meeting expressed their readiness to facilitate the negotiation process and announced that informal consultations with proponents of resolutions were already underway, with the initial aim to merge and consolidate drafts with similar content.
 6. The meeting underlined the importance of involving all interested member States in the process of negotiating the draft resolutions during the upcoming informal consultations and requested clarification on the co-facilitation of the resolution on the Implementation Plan “Towards a pollution-free planet” under Cluster 5. The representative of the African Group announced that the remaining draft resolutions put forward by the Group would be submitted later during the week, alongside a new draft resolution on the topic of “Rangelands and Pastoralism”.

Agenda Item 4: Other matters.

7. There were no other matters discussed.

Agenda Item 5: Closing of the meeting.

8. The meeting closed at 10:30 a.m.