

## Comments by the United Kingdom

As stated previously, it is critical we maintain progression on global environmental action, despite the Covid-19 pandemic and we thank UNEP in its role in galvanising continued momentum.

*Please see our comments below:*

- The UK welcomes efforts by UNEP, Kenya and Sweden to organize and host the respective events in Nairobi and Stockholm as part of UNEP@50.
- We value the commitment to consult member states on the development of the events and clear communication of how their distinct agendas and outcomes will be achieved whilst ensuring interlinkage.
- Given the positive lessons we have learnt about hosting meetings and events virtually, due to restrictions caused by Covid-19, we agree that attendance in person could be limited in order to both limit risks of similar events in the future as well as limiting carbon footprints and cost.
- With respect to 'box 1: Potential opportunities to strengthen environmental multilateralism from launching UNEP's 50th anniversary during UNEA-5' of the pre-session document, we foresee an additional opportunity to reflect on the global recovery from Covid-19, the implementation of a green recovery and the impact on multilateral environmental governance.
- With regard to the proposed toolkits as part of the engagement and outreach initiatives, we suggest these may need to be tailored for country and regional settings but acknowledge that these would be an extremely useful tool.
- Furthermore on engagement initiatives, we would suggest that UNEP comes up with a road map for outreach activities as discussed in the pre-session document.
- The UK recognizes the centrality of a strong science-policy interface and welcomes the development of the UNEP Global Assessments Synthesis Report. We suggest that this is communicated and presented in a way that is both assessable to policy makers and citizens alike.
- We would ask UNEP to provide more information on the financial assistance that it is requesting for in the support of the review of Fifty Years of Strengthening the Science-Policy Interface.