

Hashemite kingdom of Jordan

Ministry of Environment

Inputs for the preparation of the ministerial declaration for the fifth UN Assembly (UNEA-5) on “**strengthening actions for nature to achieve the sustainable development goals**”

Q1: What would you, as government/organization/ stakeholder, welcome as the most important elements and/ or key messages from the ministers in the declaration to address the theme in an impactful manner?

- The declaration should focus on the necessary actions on the ground to achieve the SDGs taking into account specificities of the developing countries to comply with their commitments toward environment.
- Covid-19 pandemic underlined the importance of human-nature interaction balance, so the declaration should encourage the active promotion and implementation of certain strategies could tip the balance in favor of positive biodiversity outcomes and ecosystem services and also strengthen environmental protections, improve environmental monitoring through better use of the state of art sustainable process.
- The declaration should take into account the environmental challenges in Arab regions such as: water scarcity, food security, desertification, desertification, and energy security.
- The declaration should focus on transformation to green recovery as a result of covid-19 pandemic, taking into account the nature as the heart of any decision making.
- There should be a clear focus on the linkage between a healthy environment and a healthy population especially the Indigenous people local community LPCs and their response to climate change and zoonotic diseases.
- Enhance and encourage the research and innovation solutions in circular economy and green business development taking into account the climate change and biodiversity ...etc.
- The declaration should promote that Biodiversity and ecosystem services are increasingly taken into account in policy decisions including their importance for climate change adaptation.

Q2: how can the environment assembly make a significant contribution to strengthening actions for nature to achieve the sustainable development goals as a global scale?

- UNEA should work as platform to lead the global green recovery initiatives post covid-19.
- UNEA 5 should emphasize the importance for enhancing synergies at all levels between the biodiversity related conventions and other multilateral environmental agreements in order to efficiently contribute to implementation of the post 2020 global biodiversity framework and the 2030 Agenda for sustainable Development.
- UNEA should work on fundraising for the developing countries to implement the required actions to the protection and the restoration of environment.
- UNEA should provide a clear plan and monitoring system to ensure the progress of the achievements and the resolutions.