

Our Contributions:

UNEA 5 Theme:

“Strengthening action for nature to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”,

We've no objection to the proposed theme because all benefits that nature attributes to can be echoed in it if implemented concurrently as a team globally i.e. sustainable development, among them combating climate change and its impacts, halting the loss of biological diversity, reducing pollution and contributing to ending poverty in our view we see it's a theme suitable globally.

“1. UNEA can consolidate environmental actions within the context of sustainable development and give motivation to more effective implementation. This approach will motivate member states and stakeholders into sharing and implementing successful approaches and solutions, while avoiding duplication and overlaps with the mandates of other fora.”

It's true the UNEA can consolidate environmental actions if all the UNEA stakeholders especially governments in collaborative efforts with CSOs address important issues through broad transparent channels on issues such as the Population growth, agricultural intensification, urbanization and industrial production and come-up with drastic views and actions from the communities, elaborating clearly channels used to collect and share the views and recommendations of both technical and of common man's views, putting pressure on natural resources, including land, water and other environmental management components to be forwarded to UNEA 5.

As NGO representatives we believe this will strengthen actions for nature base recovery that promotes restoration, conservation and sustainable utilization of biodiversity using a collective nature-based solutions suggested by the vulnerable groups in our communities and consolidated in the UNEA 5 as environmental actions.

“2. UNEA has the potential to demonstrate how a healthy environment underpins a thriving economy and society, and how actions to enhance them are important part of the solutions to different challenges.”

Although there is an increased in the outbreaks of zoonotic diseases like SARS, Ebola, avian influenza, swine influenza and currently the Corona virus pandemic, the common man has failed to understand the scientific explanation of how health is related to environment issues because the One Health Approach isn't disseminated to the right audience, therefore, a need to involve the One Health approach in the forthcoming UNEA 5, so as to enhance solutions to different challenges identified in the Environment, Wildlife and Human Healthy to be resolved under one bucket hence One Health Approach through the UNEA 5.

“3. UNEA-5 can provide, under such theme, a platform to capture the potential of transformative actions for nature to bring together contributions from different fora, in particular from relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements.”

To capture the potential transformative actions or contributions from stakeholders especially governments through the ministry of environment, from our organization point of view and on behalf of the vulnerable groups in our communities, we propose National platforms to be organized per each country so as to have reliable transformative actions in the forthcoming UNEA-5, because the technical environmental actions forwarded by government experts in many occasions has proved not to be practical, therefore, we recommend National Environment Platforms to be formulated so as to make the forthcoming UNEA-5 as success with affirmative actions to be implemented.

“4. Implementation of resolutions that will be adopted at UNEA-5 will contribute to practical strengthening actions for nature to achieve SDGs.”

Yes, they will be implemented, if the National Environment Platforms are in place and will be an avenue to learn and share reports and also evaluate the steps taken by each stakeholder so as to meet the SDGs.