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Nairobi, 19 November 2020

Online meeting

13:00 – 15:00; 15:30 – 17:30 (GMT+3)

Agenda Item 7(a): Structure of UNEA-5

Following the consideration of the timing and format of the fifth session of the UN Environment Assembly in view of COVID-19 by the [UNEA Bureau](#) at its meeting on 8 October, the UNEA Bureau decided to support the [proposal by the UNEA President](#) to adopt a “two-step” approach that will allow for the convening UNEA-5 in February 2021 at the dates previously agreed in a virtual format with a revised and streamlined agenda. The UNEA Bureau also requested the Secretariat to propose a structure for a virtual session of UNEA-5 in February 2021 for consideration at the 7th annual subcommittee and thereafter, on the basis of feedback from Member States, to the next meeting of the Joint Bureaux of UNEA and of the CPR, scheduled for 1 December 2020.

DRAFT STRUCTURE FOR THE VIRTUAL SESSION OF UNEA-5

This note outlines a revised draft structure for the virtual session of UNEA-5 to be held from 22 to 23/24 February 2021 and a proposed distribution of agenda items between the virtual and resumed session of UNEA-5 in February 2022.

In particular the Secretariat proposes that the virtual session of UNEA-5 consists of one opening plenary which will fulfill the functions outlined in the structure contained in this document, one high level opening, one multi-stakeholder dialogue, one leadership dialogue and one adjournment and wrap-up plenary.

The high-level opening will consist of a structured virtual event which will offer the opportunity for the Assembly to hear messages by dignitaries from the host country and a regionally balanced group of Heads of State and government. It will also offer the opportunity for the Secretary-General of the United Nations to address the Assembly.

The proposed theme of the Leadership Dialogue is “Strengthening UNEP to help us build back better”. In order to allow for maximum participation, interactivity and constructive engagement the Secretariat proposes that the dialogue be organized across 4 groups with 2 different timeslots in order to facilitate both the connection and the interaction amongst Ministers and high-level representatives. Each group will have as per practice a moderator.

The Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue, organized by Major Groups and Stakeholders, provides an opportunity for Major Groups and Stakeholders to engage in a dialogue with Government and share views and experiences relevant to the theme of the Assembly. This dialogue is open to interested Ministers and high-level representatives.

With regards to the timing of the adjournment wrap-up plenary the Secretariat, proposes two possible options and times, Tuesday 23 February 2021 from 17:00 - 19:00 or Wednesday 24 February 2021 from 14:00 -16:00, for consideration.

Member States are invited to consider the draft provisional agenda and proposed structure for the virtual session of UNEA-5 and provide feedback and guidance with a view to facilitate further consideration of this matter at the next meeting of the Joint Bureaux of UNEA and of the CPR, scheduled for 1 December 2020.

DRAFT STRUCTURE FOR THE VIRTUAL SESSION OF UNEA-5

	22 February 2021	23 February 2021		24 February 2021	25 February 2021	26 February 2021
11:00 - 13:00	Opening Plenary - Functional opening [President and Executive Director] - Adoption of the agenda and organization of work - Statements from Regional and Political Groups - Credentials of representatives - Report by the Committee of PR's on recommended decisions ACEFRS	Leadership Dialogue: Group A <i>Strengthening UNEP to help us build back better</i> ACEFRS	Leadership Dialogue: Group B <i>Strengthening UNEP to help us build back better</i> ACEFRS			
13:00 - 14:00	BREAK					
14:00 - 16:00	High Level Opening ACEFRS	Leadership Dialogue: GROUP C <i>Strengthening UNEP to help us build back better</i> ACEFRS	Leadership Dialogue: Group D <i>Strengthening UNEP to help us build back better</i> ACEFRS	(Alt.)Adjournment (Wrap-up) Plenary Session - Summary of Leadership Dialogues - Adoption of procedural decisions including MTS and POW - Political message - Kick-off of UNEP@50 - <i>Adjournment of the Session.</i> ACEFRS		
16:00 – 17:00	BREAK					
17:00 – 19:00	Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue ACEFRS <i>Theme TBC</i>	Adjournment (Wrap-up) Plenary Session - Summary of Leadership Dialogues Adoption of procedural decisions including MTS and POW - Political message - Kick-off of UNEP@50 - <i>Adjournment of the Session.</i> ACEFRS				

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Provisional agenda as adopted by [UNEA decision 4/2](#) ¹

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Credentials of representatives.
4. Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
5. International environmental policy and governance issues.
6. Programme of work and budget, and other administrative and budgetary issues.
7. Stakeholder engagement.
8. Contributions to the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
9. High-level segment.
10. Provisional agenda and date of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly.
11. Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session.
12. Election of officers.
13. Other matters.
14. Adoption of the report.
15. Closure of the session.

¹ The proposed distribution of items for the virtual session of UNEA-5 (February 2021) and the resumed session of UNEA-5 (February 2022) are reflected in the following page.

Proposed distribution of agenda items

Agenda items to be considered during the virtual session February 2021

- Opening of the session.
- Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
- Credentials of representatives.**
- Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.*
- Programme of work and budget, and other administrative and budgetary issues including Programme of Work and Budget for 2022-2023 and Medium-Term Strategy for the Period 2022-2025.
- Stakeholder engagement.
- High-level segment and Leadership dialogue.

Agenda items to be considered at the resumed session of UNEA-5 in February 2022

- International environmental policy and governance issues.
- Contributions to the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- High-level segment and Leadership dialogue.**
- Provisional agenda and date of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly.
- Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session.**
- Election of officers.
- Other matters.
- Adoption of the report.
- Closure of the session.

Supplementary item recommended in accordance with rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure to be considered at the resumed session in February 2022 or alternatively as a high-level event convened back-to-back with the resumed session.

- Commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment held in Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972.

** The report of CPR will remain open in light of the work required to prepare the resumed session of UNEA-5 and the need to convene an OECPR meeting in 2022.*

*** These items, having been opened in the virtual session (February 2021) will be formally closed during resumed session (February 2022).*