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## Notification by the Executive Director

### Second session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme

(Nairobi, 23–27 May 2016)

1. The second session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will be held in Nairobi from 23 to 27 May 2016, pursuant to Environment Assembly decision 1/2 of 27 June 2014. The session will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 23 May 2016 at the headquarters of UNEP in Nairobi. Representatives and invited guests are requested to be seated by 9.45 a.m. The session will be preceded by an informal consultation between regional groups at 4 p.m. on Sunday, 22 May 2016.
2. The provisional agenda (UNEP/EA.2/1) is set out in the annex to the present notification. It was drawn up on the basis of contributions by the Committee of Permanent Representatives resulting from discussions at the second meeting of the open-ended Committee, held from 15 to 19 February 2016.
3. The second session of the Assembly will be one of the first major global conferences to take place after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the outcome of the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change held in Paris in December 2015. At its second session, the Assembly will address challenges, opportunities and emerging issues related to the environment. Through its deliberations and the mobilization of concerted action on key environmental issues, it will strengthen the Assembly as the leading global authority that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment.
4. At its second session, the Assembly will contribute to the work of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, a United Nations platform that provides political leadership for the 2030 Agenda, reviews its implementation, and promotes the integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. It will consider, with a view to adopting, the UNEP medium-term strategy for 2018–2021 and programme of work and budget for the biennium 2018–2019, which outline how UNEP will address key environmental challenges using a results-based approach, which is aligned with the 2030 Agenda, through seven subprogrammes with associated strategies, expected accomplishments, key outputs, budgets and targets.
5. The high-level segment of the second session will be held on Thursday and Friday, 26 and 27 May 2016, focusing on the overarching theme “Delivering on the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”. In order to demonstrate pathways for accelerating the implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda, an interactive ministerial policy review session, entitled “Healthy environment, healthy people” will be organized in accordance with Governing Council decision 27/2 (subparagraphs 5 (a) and (b)). At the second session, ministers and other high-level officials are expected to identify concrete partnerships, policies and tools to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in critical areas such as air quality, healthy ecosystems, chemicals and waste. The “Healthy environment, healthy people” report, which will serve as the backbone of the ministerial policy review session, will be launched at the Assembly.
6. In accordance with decision 27/2 (subparagraph 5 (e)), the high-level segment will include a multi-stakeholder dialogue considering diverse perspectives building on the overarching theme.
7. The second session of the Assembly will feature a number of significant events. The attention of delegates is drawn to the sixteenth session of the Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum, which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 21 and 22 May 2016. The Forum will provide a space for major groups and stakeholders from different regions to get together immediately before the Assembly session to prepare their inputs and coordinate their contributions to the meeting. Delegates may participate as observers. Prior to this, a Science-Policy Forum will be held on Thursday and Friday, 19 and 20 May 2016.



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8. A three-day Sustainable Innovation Expo 2016 will take place from Monday, 23 May to Wednesday, 25 May 2016, bringing together the chief executive officers of leading companies, institutional investors, foundations, banks, insurance companies and major groups – all aspiring to contribute to the delivery of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Expo will include moderated panel discussions and symposiums linking the private sector with policymakers to consider global environmental challenges and possible solutions thereto. In addition, and following the well-received call for proposals, there will be 26 side events taking place during the period 23 to 25 May 2016. These 90-minute events, providing opportunities for inspiring discussions and presenting innovative solutions, will be held in parallel during the lunchtime break and in the evenings. There will also be “green room” side events, mainly offered by major groups and stakeholders on relevant themes, which will be held in parallel in the mornings and afternoons.

9. Two high-level symposiums will be held during the second session of the Assembly on “Mobilizing resources for sustainable development” and “Environment and displacement: root causes and implications.” They will bring together a wide range of actors and stakeholders and provide an interactive platform for discussion and mobilization of concerted action on themes related to the implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

10. Under rule 16 of the rules of procedure, an accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required, shall represent each member of the Assembly. Given the significant role played by the Committee of Permanent Representatives as an intersessional subsidiary body of the Assembly, Governments may wish to consider including their permanent representatives to UNEP in their delegations.

11. Delegations are accordingly requested to submit to the Executive Director, by 6 April 2016, the names of their representatives, alternate representatives and advisers who will participate in the second session. The online pre-registration for the session is available on the dedicated website for the second session at: <http://www.unep.org/unea2/>. Participants must pre-register online and attach their letter of accreditation. On-site registration will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Wednesday 18 to Friday 27 May 2016 at the United Nations Office at Nairobi. Limited funds are available to provide financial support, upon request, to representatives from eligible countries. Requests for such support should be communicated to the secretariat by 6 April 2016.

12. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of representatives should be submitted to the Executive Director before the first meeting which the representatives are to attend. Please send a copy of the credentials, signed by either the Head of State or Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs, by Friday, 20 May 2016, to Ms. Hyun Sung ([hyun.sung@unep.org](mailto:hyun.sung@unep.org)) and submit the original version at the registration desk upon your arrival at the United Nations Office at Nairobi.

13. In accordance with habitual UNEP practice, the second session will be paper-smart. Electronic copies of all pre-session and in-session documents will be made available in conference rooms through dedicated portals. To make the best use of this service, delegates are encouraged to bring laptop computers to the session. With regard to access to documents prior to the session, delegates are requested to visit the session website and download any copies required. All participants are invited to consider offsetting the greenhouse gas emissions caused by their travel to and stay in Nairobi.

14. Information for the second session will be available on the above-mentioned dedicated website.

15. All communications concerning the second session should be addressed to:

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## Annex

### Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session.
2. Credentials of representatives.
3. Organization of work:
  - (a) Election of officers;
  - (b) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (c) Organization of work.
4. International environmental policy and governance issues:
  - (a) Illegal trade in wildlife;
  - (b) Science-policy interface;
  - (c) Chemicals and waste;
  - (d) Marine plastic debris and microplastics;
  - (e) Air quality;
  - (f) Ecosystem-based adaptation;
  - (g) Global Environment Monitoring System/Water Programme;
  - (h) Sustainable development and poverty eradication;
  - (i) Emerging and other relevant issues;
  - (j) Coordination across the United Nations system on environmental issues;
  - (k) Relationship between the United Nations Environment Programme and multilateral environmental agreements;
  - (l) Synergies among the biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements;
  - (m) Environmental law.
5. Medium-term strategy, programme of work and budget, and other administrative and budgetary issues:
  - (a) Revisions to the programme of work and budget for the biennium 2016–2017;
  - (b) Proposed medium-term strategy for 2018–2021;
  - (c) Proposed programme of work and budget for the biennium 2018–2019;
  - (d) Management of trust funds and earmarked contributions;
  - (e) Other administrative and budgetary issues.
6. Stakeholder engagement.
7. High-level segment.
8. Provisional agenda, date and venue of the third session of the Environment Assembly.
9. Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session.



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10. Adoption of the report.
  11. Other matters.
  12. Closure of the session.
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