

Committee of Permanent Representatives to the
United Nations Environment Programme
Sub Committee meeting
Thursday, 13 April 2017
11:30 a.m. to 13:00 p.m.,
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Conference Room 4

**Note by the Secretariat on Commitments of Actions in
support of a Pollution-Free Planet**

The Third session of the United Nations Environment Assembly will take place in Nairobi, from 4 to 6 December 2017 on the theme, “Towards a Pollution-Free Planet.”

Member States, businesses, citizens, mayors, local governments, partnerships, civil society organizations are invited to make voluntary commitments of actions in support of a “Pollution-Free Planet”.

The commitments of actions:

- may target any or all of the following pollution risk areas: air, water, land, coastal and marine, chemicals and waste;
- may consist of concrete targets or actions designed to avoid, reduce, mitigate, measure, monitor, report, and/or manage pollution;
- may include, quantifiable information in the form of targets or actions, including commitment period and timeframe for implementation and;
- can be new or can have already been made; in this case, for the commitment to be taken into account, progress made will need to be reported on to the Secretariat.

The entity making the commitment will need to commit to report on the progress made towards achievement.

The commitments of action should be communicated to the UN Environment Secretariat to enable inclusion in the background report prepared for the UN Environment Assembly and/or announcements in the months preceding or at the Assembly itself.

Stocktaking of commitments of action will be made as of 15 June, 30 September and 30 November to enable commitments to be included in the background document prepared for the Assembly or to be announced. Early announcements are encouraged with a view to keep up the momentum.

A standard questionnaire to record the commitment will be made available on line through the UN Environment Assembly web platform, and will also be available as a downloadable

word document. The Secretariat will accept both commitments made on line and those recorded on paper.

A specific email address will be created to receive the commitments which cannot be made online.

Two draft templates are attached for comments. One template is for voluntary commitments by Government, parliamentarians, law enforcement entities and judges and another is for businesses, private sector entities and associations.

Annex 1

Voluntary Commitment towards a Pollution-Free Planet

Draft template for Government, parliamentarians, law enforcement entities, judges

The Questionnaire will be made available for stakeholders to be able to enter their commitments online, and downloadable as a word/excel document as needed.

Entity name (under the authority of which the commitment is made)

Lead entity type <choose from list>

- 1) Government
- 2) Parliamentarian
- 3) Enforcement Entity
- 4) Judge
- 5) Other (please specify)

Geographical scope <choose from list>

- 1) National
- 2) Other (please specify)

Specify geographical scope, as relevant

Contact Information (required for follow up) (including name, address and email contacts)

1- COMMITMENT(S)

Respondents can enter as many commitments as they want with respect to the various pollution areas

Pollution risk area <choose from list>

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 1) air pollution | 5) chemical pollution |
| 2) marine and coastal pollution | 6) waste, including electronics and radioactive waste, food waste |
| 3) land/soil pollution | 7) other, please specify |
| 4) freshwater pollution | |

Title/name of voluntary commitment

Description of commitment (objectives, implementation methodologies, follow-up mechanisms, governance, etc.) up to 500 words *(possibility to attach documents)*

Type/Category of commitment <choose from list>

- 1) public advocacy/campaign
- 2) environmental education
- 3) monitoring and reporting of pollution levels
- 4) institutional strengthening
- 5) research and development
- 6) technology change
- 7) innovation
- 8) partnership building
- 9) new legislative/policy/ financial instruments (e.g. to support redesign/remanufacture/reuse of products)
- 10) policy enforcement and compliance
- 11) restoration/clean-up of polluted or degraded sites
- 12) compensations to those affected by pollution
- 13) other (please specify)

Deliverables

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.....n

Time frame

Sustainable Development Goal(s) to which the commitment contributes to <choose from list>:

1. **No Poverty** - End poverty in all its forms everywhere
2. **Zero Hunger** - End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
3. **Good Health and Well-being** - Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
4. **Quality Education** - Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
5. **Gender Equality** - Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
6. **Clean Water and Sanitation** - Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
7. **Affordable and Clean Energy** - Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
8. **Decent Work and Economic Growth** - Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
9. **Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure** - Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
10. **Reduced Inequalities** - Reduce income inequality within and among countries
11. **Sustainable Cities and Communities** - Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
12. **Responsible Consumption and Production** - Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
13. **Climate Action** - Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts by regulating emissions and promoting developments in renewable energy
14. **Life Below Water** - Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
15. **Life on Land** - Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
16. **Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions** - Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

17. **Partnerships for the Goals** -
Strengthen the means of
implementation and revitalize the

global partnership for sustainable
development

Responsible entity

Please note that with submitting this commitment, the entity agrees that UN Environment will make the information contained herein available to the public.

Please indicate however if there is any restriction for this commitment or information contain in this questionnaire to be made public

Please note that with submitting this commitment, the entity commits to monitor commitments and communicate results of the monitoring. Indicate how the monitoring will be done <choose from list>

- 1) Regular monitoring and subsequent reporting to UN Environment
- 2) Regular monitoring and publicizing of results
- 3) Other (please specify)

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2- POLLUTION CHALLENGES

This section aims at defining the baseline in order to better understand the added value that the commitment will bring.

Pollution challenge <choose from list>

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 1) air pollution | 6) waste, including electronics and radioactive waste, food waste |
| 2) marine and coastal pollution | 7) other, please specify |
| 3) land/soil pollution | |
| 4) freshwater pollution | |
| 5) chemical pollution | |

Impacts of <this> pollution on human health, environment, economic and social development, peace, security and human rights [500 word limit] (possibility to attach documents)

List the existing laws/regulations/legislative development/judicial decision/enforcement of promulgated law/institutions in your <country > that are used to address [this] pollution [500 words limit] (possibility to attach documents)

List economic / fiscal/ financial instruments in place to address [this] pollution [500 words limit] (possibility to attach documents)

What are the national (or maximum) standards for [this] pollution? [500 words limit] (possibility to attach documents)

What are the monitoring protocols for <this> pollution? [500 words limit] (possibility to attach documents)

Additional information [500 words limit] (possibility to attach documents)

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3- RESOURCES MOBILIZED TOWARDS COMMITMENT

Indicate if the commitment is a new or an existing commitment

Indicate the start and end date of the commitments <to be selected from a drop down menu with year, and month as an option>

If the commitment is an existing one, indicate at which occasion/when it was made

If the commitment is an existing one, indicate progress already made towards the commitment (if relevant) [max. 500 words]

Type of resource mobilized to support the commitment <choose from list>

Financial <choose from list>

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1) Official development assistance | 6) Insurance |
| 2) Debt relief | 7) Positive impact finance |
| 3) Foreign direct investment | 8) Public-private partnership |
| 4) Domestic revenues | 9) Other (please specify) |
| 5) Green financing | |

Non financial <choose from list>

- 1) Legal
- 2) Technology transfer
- 3) Precautionary principle
- 4) Extended producer responsibility
- 5) Partnership
- 6) Institutional strengthening
- 7) Advocacy and awareness-raising
- 8) Capacity development
- 9) Other (please specify)

Details regarding the source to support the commitment <for all>

Available or required technologies to deliver on the commitment, if relevant <for all>

Required economic/financial instruments to deliver on the commitment, if relevant <for all>

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Annex 2

Voluntary Commitment towards a Pollution-Free Planet
Draft template for Businesses, private sector entities and associations

The Questionnaire will be made available for stakeholders to be able to enter their commitments online, and downloadable as a word/excel document as needed.

Entity name (under the authority of which the commitment is made)

Lead entity type <choose from list>

- 1- Business/industry association
- 2- Company
- 3- Other (please specify)

Geographical scope <choose from list>

- 1) Global
- 2) Regional
- 3) National
- 4) Subnational
- 5) Local
- 6) Other (please specify)

Specify geographical scope, as relevant

Lead entity sector <choose from list>

- 1) Agriculture, Fisheries
- 2) Building and Construction
- 3) Chemicals
- 4) Communication and media
- 5) Consumer durables, personal and household goods and products
- 6) Energy
- 7) Environmental Protection/Conservation
- 8) Extractives (Oil and gas, Mining)
- 9) Finance and investment (Banks, Financial services, Insurance)
- 10) Food and Beverages
- 11) Forestry
- 12) Health care
- 13) Industrial goods and services
- 14) Infrastructure
- 15) Pharmaceutical
- 16) Retail
- 17) Services
- 18) Technology
- 19) Telecommunication (Information and Communication Technology)
- 20) Tourism, hotels, restaurants and leisure
- 21) Transportation (including Automotive industry)
- 22) Other, please
- 23) specify

Provide specification on the sector/subsector (optional)

Contact Information (required for follow up) (including name, address and email contacts)

1. COMMITMENT(S)

Respondents can enter as many commitments as they want with respect to the various pollution areas

Pollution risk area <choose from list>

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| 1) air pollution | 5) chemical pollution |
| 2) marine and coastal pollution | 6) waste, including electronics and radioactive waste, food waste |
| 3) land/soil pollution | 7) other, please specify |
| 4) freshwater pollution | |

Title/name of voluntary commitment

Description of commitment (objectives, implementation methodologies, follow-up mechanisms, governance, etc.) up to 500 words *(possibility to attach documents)*

Type/Category of commitment <choose from list>

- 1) public advocacy/campaign
- 2) environmental education
- 3) monitoring and reporting of pollution levels
- 4) institutional strengthening
- 5) research and development (e.g. for private sector: into cleaner products, processes and materials);
- 6) resource and material efficiency: e.g. redesign/remanufacture/reuse of products
- 7) business model/ processes change
- 8) technology change
- 9) innovation
- 10) partnership building
- 11) observance of international standards/certification
- 12) compliance with international/national/local rules for pollution avoidance and control
- 13) restoration/clean up of polluted or degraded sites
- 14) compensations to those affected by pollution
- 15) other (please specify)

Deliverables

Time frame

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.....n

Sustainable Development Goal(s) to which the commitment contributes to <choose from list>

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Responsible entity/agency

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2. POLLUTION CHALLENGES

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Pollution challenge <choose from list>

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- 2) marine and coastal pollution
- 3) land/soil pollution
- 4) freshwater pollution
- 5) chemical pollution
- 6) waste, including electronics and radioactive waste, food waste
- 7) other, please specify

Impacts of <this> pollution on human health, environment, economic and social development, peace, security and human rights [500 word limit] (possibility to attach documents)

<for private sector operating at the national or local level only > List the existing laws/regulations/legislative development/judicial decision/enforcement of promulgated law/institutions in your <country >or <locality> that are used to address [this] pollution [500 words limit] (possibility to attach documents)

what are the industrial/private sector standards observed for [this] pollution [500 words limit] (possibility to attach documents)

What are the global standards/certifications you adhere to for [this] pollution [500 words limit] (possibility to attach documents)

What are the monitoring protocols for <this> pollution? [500 words limit] (possibility to attach documents)

Additional information [500 words limit] (possibility to attach documents)

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3. RESOURCES MOBILIZED TOWARDS COMMITMENT

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If the commitment is an existing one, indicate progress already made towards the commitment (if relevant) [max. 500 words]

Type of resource mobilized to support the commitment <choose from list>

- 1) Financial
- 2) Technical support, expertise and exchange
- 3) Partnerships
- 4) Greening value chains
- 5) Other (please specify)

Details regarding the source to support the commitment <for all>

Available or required technologies to deliver on the commitment, if relevant <for all>

Required economic/financial instruments to deliver on the commitment, if relevant <for all>

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