Civil Society Engagement

Orientation Session for New Members of the Committee of the Permanent Representatives of UN Environment

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Why civil society engagement?

- Rule 70 of Rules of Procedure
- UN practice, “The Future We Want”, Governing Council Decision 27/2
- Stakeholder expertise enriches the inter-governmental decision making
- Adds transparency and legitimacy
- Gives an opportunity for those who might be effected by decisions
**How?**

- Nine Major Groups *and* Stakeholders
- Formal accreditation to UN Environment
- Participation in UN Environment Assembly and Committee of Permanent Representatives as observers with opportunity to provide oral and written statements
- Access to CPR portal if accredited
- Major Groups Facilitating Committee
- Regional Consultations Meetings
- Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum prior to the UN Environment Assembly
- UNEP Access to Information Policy
Three levels of engagement

**Agenda-setting**
- Policy shaping
- Global political agenda setting
- UNEA agenda setting

**Decision-making/shaping**
- Policy deliberations leading to decision-making
- Transparency and access-to-information

**Implementation**
- Strategic partnerships for implementation of UNEP’s policies
- Strategic partnerships for achieving sustainable development

*Expert input and advice*
Civil Society at meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

- Accredited organisations only, in all *public* meetings, including sub-committees
- Reserved seats for the nine Major Groups
- Interactive online participation
- Opportunity for written and oral comments
- Accredited organisations receive relevant documentation and have access to the CPR portal
Civil Society Unit in the Governance Affairs Office

- Facilitates Engagement of Civil Society across UN Environment
- Administers Accreditation
- Civil Society Website
- Organisation of meetings, consultations, capacity building, support provided to divisions
- Stakeholder Engagement Handbook
- Assists Major Groups Facilitation Committee
- Organises Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum and Regional Meetings
Civil Society Engagement at UN Environment Assembly 2017

- 27-28/11: Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (CR1)

- 29/11-6/12: Tent as civil society space

- 5/12: Multi Stakeholder Dialogue “PEOPLE AND POLLUTION”
Resources on engagement

Perspectives
Resources

- Stakeholder Engagement Handbook: https://goo.gl/kpX76A
- “Perspectives” from Civil Society: https://goo.gl/bElQQ1
- Civil Society Website: http://web.unep.org/about/majorgroups/
- Accreditation: https://goo.gl/uNHd0Y
- List of Accredited Organisations: https://goo.gl/ByQWR4
- UNEP Access to Information Policy: https://goo.gl/jysx0o