

Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum 2017:

27-28 November 2017
UN Gigiri Complex, Conference Room 1
Nairobi, Kenya

Live webstreaming of the Forum: <https://www.youtube.com/user/UnepAndYou>



The third United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-3) will give Major Groups and Stakeholders the unique opportunity to come together prior to UNEA and to actively engage with the two-day **Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum 2017 (GMGSF-2017)**. GMGSF 2017 will take place on November 27 and 28 at the UN compound in Nairobi, Kenya and it will mobilize Major Groups and other Stakeholders to engage in a multi-stakeholders setting that will also include policymakers, learning from each other, developing partnerships and creating their input into UNEA-3. Participation in the GMGSF-2017 is open of representatives of Major Groups organizations accredited to UNEP, non-accredited organizations, member states and representatives of international organizations. Representatives of MGS need to register through <http://goo.gl/forms/Ev3qqvFJBN>.

Note that registration for participation in the GMGSF does not include registration for UNEA itself. For UNEA-3 participation kindly also register under: www.unep.org/unea. Non-accredited MGS organizations may not participate in UNEA itself, but in parallel events, such as the Sustainable Innovation Forum or side events and Green Room event if they received an invitation.

Background

The Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF) will be held on 27-28 November 2017, to kick-start the series of important activities leading to the 2017 UN Environment Assembly that will take place on 4-6 December. The Forum will precede the third session of the Open-Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR) on 29 November to 1 December and the Science-Policy-Business Forum on 2-3 December.

GMGSF is a crucial opportunity for civil society organizations and major groups to collectively engage on the agenda and influence the outcome of UNEA, including other official events around it. It is a multi-stakeholder process self-organized by Major Groups and Stakeholders accredited with UN Environment, open to the participation of accredited and non-accredited civil society organizations, the private sector and Member States. The Forum provides Major Groups and Stakeholders the opportunity to deliberate and coordinate their collective inputs into both the OECPR and the UNEA itself. Civil society and stakeholders may also participate in the Science, Policy and Business Forum and other events around UNEA-2017.

GMGSF sessions are designed to allow spaces for voices from the grassroots and communities worldwide affected by various forms of pollution such as air, land, freshwater and marine including cross-cutting themes such as noise, military and chemical pollution to be heard and influence actions. Responses of communities and civil society to address pollution and present viable alternatives will be highlighted at the Forum. Interactive methodologies will be adopted in the sessions to encourage active engagement with the participants. Expertise, relevant experiences, regional and gender balance are key considerations in the choice of panelists to enhance the outcomes of the Forum.

Objectives:

1. To facilitate Major Groups and Stakeholders preparations for engagement in the Open Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and 2017 UN Environment Assembly;
2. To inform participants on engagement opportunities at the 2017 UN Environment Assembly formal program and events;
3. To provide a platform for grassroots and communities to present their experiences and actions on pollution;
4. To present Civil Society Organisations and community actions to address pollution; and
5. To formulate Major Groups and Stakeholders positions and recommendations on UN Environment Assembly Resolutions

Expected Outcomes:

1. Collective* Major Groups and Stakeholders statements and positions on themes of the 2017 UN Environment Assembly
2. Concrete recommendations related to 2017 UN Environment Assembly draft Resolutions; and
3. Collage of community stories and actions on pollution
4. Interaction with some relevant UNEA-3 actors such as UNE directives and other UN Agencies, governments, etc.

November 27, 2017 Day 1	
07:00am-09:00am	Registration
09:00am-09.30am	<p>Opening Remarks <i>To formally open the Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum 2017 and welcome the participants; as well as to set the tone on Major Groups and Stakeholders goals to make 2017 UN Environment Assembly relevant to peoples' lives as expressed by a grassroots representative</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Elenita Dano, ETC Group</p> <p>Opening Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Susana Rivero Baughman, Calvin James and Leida Rijnhout Major Group Facilitating Committee Co-Chairs ● Prof. Dr. Oliver Ruppel, Director, Climate Policy and Energy Security Programme for Sub-Saharan Africa, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung ● Jorge Laguna-Celis, Secretary of the Governing Bodies UN Environment ● Celestine Akpobari of Ogoniland, Nigeria, Africa Grassroots representative affected by pollution to convey the value of GMGSF 2017 and United Nations Environment Assembly in their lives <p>Introduction of Programme (5 mins)</p>
09.30am – 10.30am	<p>Session 2. Pollution Free Planet and 2030 Agenda <i>To expound on the theme of 2017 UN Environment Assembly and situate in the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs in the context of systemic challenges</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Leonida Odongo, IBON International-Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tessa Goverse, UN Environment UN Environment background report on Pollution ● Ado Lõhmus, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of the Environment of Estonia ● Major Groups/expert actively involved in SDGs/2030 Agenda processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wardarina, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development / Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism and Women Major Group, Asia Pacific ○ Norine Kennedy, United States Council for International Business, Business and Industry Major Group ○ Leida Rijnhout, The European Environmental Bureau, NGO Major Group, Europe <p>Open Forum</p>

10.30am – 11.00am	<p>Session 3. Understanding the UNEA and effectively engaging in its 3rd session and associated activities</p> <p><i>To orient and level off on what is UNEA, how 2017 UN Environment Assembly is organized and how can Major Groups and Stakeholders/Civil Society Organisations effectively engage in the formal program and different events/processes, including how the resolutions can be implemented at the national level and how they relevant they are as international environmental policy instrument</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Dalia Marquez, Children and Youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alexander Juras, Chief, Civil Society Unit, UN Environment Understanding the UNEA and effectively engaging in its' 3rd session and associated events ● Jan-Gustav Strandenaes, Stakeholder Forum Highlights of UN Environment guidelines on stakeholder engagement <p>Open Forum</p>
11.00 – 11.30	<p>Explanation about Dotmoc-traffic-cracy</p> <p>Health Break</p>
11.30 – 12.30	<p>Session 4. Grassroots Voices from across the world: impacts of pollution on People's and Communities Actions</p> <p><i>To provide real-life community context to the theme of 2017 UN Environment Assembly:</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Wali Haider, Roots for Equity</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p><i>Grassroots representatives who can share their stories on how pollution has impacted their communities and how they addressed the problems**</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Florence Daguitan, Tebtebba, Philippines, Asia ● Celestine Akpobari of Ogoniland, Nigeria, Africa ● Valentine Odhiambo, BAMATO Environmental and Sanitation Project in Nyalenda, Kisumu City, Kenya ● Helda Khasmy, SERUNI, Indonesia, Asia
12.30am – 1.00pm	<p>Break out Major Groups and Stakeholders groups to continue over Lunch break</p>
1.00pm – 2.00pm	<p>Lunch Break</p>
<p>Note: Sessions 5 to 9 will tackle the key Thematic Areas under the “Pollution-free World” theme of 2017 UN Environment Assembly with TV Talk Show style</p>	

<p>2.00pm – 3.30pm</p>	<p>Session 5. Land and Soil Pollution <i>To understand and deliberate on key issues in Land and Soil Pollution from the perspectives of representatives of Major Groups, academia and grassroots</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Calvin James, Farmers Major Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VIDEO: Poisoning Our Future by PANAP & EU leaders must act NOW for nature by EEB ● Resource Persons from Civil Society Organisations/Major Groups, Academe and Grassroots** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sarojeni Rengam, Pesticide Action Network Asia Pacific ○ Phyllis Omido, Center for Justice, Governance and Environmental Action, Mombasa, Kenya ○ HE Dr. Wilbert K. Ottichilo, Governor of the Vihiga County, Council of Governors of Kenya. ○ Prem Singh Tharu, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) ○ Isis Alvarez, Global Forest Coalition <p>Open Forum</p>
<p>3.30pm – 3.45pm</p>	<p>Health Break</p>
<p>3.45pm – 5.15pm</p>	<p>Session 6. Marine Pollution <i>To understand and deliberate on key issues in Marine Pollution from the perspectives of representatives of Major Groups, academia and grassroots</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Sascha Gabizon, Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF), Women Major Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VIDEO: The giant mass of plastic waste taking over the Caribbean by BBC ● Resource Persons from Civil Society Organisations/Major Groups, Academe and Grassroots** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Semia Gharbi, Association of Environmental Education for Future Generations (AEEFG) ○ Delphine Lévi Alvarès, Break Free from Plastics & David Azoulay, CIEL ○ Gary Mills, Artisanal Fishers Association, South Africa ○ <u>Guest Resource Person: Guri Sandborg</u>, Representative of the government of Norway to explain the objectives and action areas in the draft Resolution on Marine litter and microplastic <p>Open Forum</p>

05.15 – 06.45	<p>Session 7. Air Pollution <i>To understand and deliberate on key issues in Air Pollution from the perspectives of representatives of Major Groups, academia and grassroots</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Ajay Kumar Jha, CECOEDECON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VIDEO: MEPs, it's time for cleaner air! by EEB ● Resource Persons from Civil Society Organisations/Major Groups, Academe and Grassroots <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yuyun Ismawati, Bali Fokus, Indonesia ○ Mithika Mwenda, PACJA ○ Sam Barratt, Chief of Public Advocacy, UN Environment ○ <u>Guest Resource Person:</u> Soraya Smaoun, UN Environment, Air Quality Coordinator <p>Open Forum</p>
November 28, 2017 Day 2	
09.00 – 09.30	<p>Edgar Gutierrez, UNEA President on Ministerial Declaration and other important issues related to the 2017 UN Environment Assembly</p>
09.30 – 11.00	<p>Session 8. Freshwater Pollution <i>To understand and deliberate on key issues in Freshwater Pollution from the perspectives of representatives of Major Groups, academia and grassroots</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Susana Rivero, <i>nrg4SD - Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VIDEO: Water Treatment in Catalonia by nrg4SD ● Resource Persons from Civil Society Organisations/Major Groups, Academe and Grassroots** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agnes Mirembe, ARUWE, Uganda ○ Abou Thiam, PAN Africa, Senegal ○ Banamalika Chowdury, North East, India ○ Guest Resource Person: Elisabeth Bernhardt, UN Environment, Freshwater Unit on the proposed resolution on water <p>Open Forum</p>

<p>11.00 – 13.00</p>	<p>Session 9a. Cross-cutting: Chemicals and Wastes (Conference Room 1) <i>To understand and deliberate on key cross-cutting issues in Chemicals and Waste from the perspectives of representatives of Major Groups, academia and grassroots</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Mohamed Abderaouf, Gulf Research Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VIDEO: Not Wasting Our Future by WECF Youth ● Resource Persons from Civil Society Organisations/Major Groups, Academe and Grassroots** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Priscilla Achakpa, Women Environmental Programme, Nigeria & Sascha Gabizon, Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF) ● Yahya Msangi, International Trade Union Confederation Africa (ITUC, Africa) ● Aleksandra Kumbuli, Women in Development, Shkoder, Albania ● Olga Speranskaya, Eco-Accord, Russia ● Carlos Martin Novella, Deputy Executive Secretary at Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions ● HE Mr. Moustapha Mbaye, President of the Regional Council of Saint Louis, Senegal <p>Open Forum</p>
<p>11.00 - 13.00</p>	<p>Session 9b. Cross-cutting: Militarism, Noise and Other Pollution (Conference Room 2) <i>To understand and deliberate on key cross-cutting issues in Military, Noise and other pollution from the perspectives of representatives of Major Groups, academia and grassroots</i></p> <p>Facilitator: April Porteria, Center for Environmental Concerns-Philippines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VIDEO: Experimental military base continues to pollute Puerto Rican island by Telesur & Sonic Sea by Natural Resources Defense Council ● Resource Persons from Civil Society Organisations/Major Groups, Academe and Grassroots** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Doug Weir, Toxic Remnants of War Project ● Margi Prideaux, Oceancare ● Marie Therese Seif, Human Environmental Association for Development ● Tcharbuahbokengo Nfinn, Federation of Environmental and Ecological Diversity for Agricultural Revampment and Human Rights (FEEDAR & HR) ● <u>Guest Resource Person:</u> Mr. Husam Al-Fityan, Deputy Permanent Representative of Iraq on the proposed resolution “Pollution prevention and control in areas affected by terrorist operations and armed conflict” <p>Open Forum</p>

13.00 – 03.00pm	Break Out Group Lunch
03.00 – 03.30pm	<p>Session 10. “Field Interview/Reporting” on other outstanding issues in the 2017 UN Environment Assembly Agenda: <i>To understand and deliberate MGoS position on other important issues in 2017 UN Environment Assembly Agenda such as Ministerial Declaration (as discussed in the morning by the UNEA President), UN Environment budget and programme performances and the issue of coherence.</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Leida Rijnhout, NGO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sheila Aggarwal-Khan, UN Environment budget and program performance <p>Open Forum</p>
03.30 – 03.45	Health Break
03.45 – 05.00	<p>Session 11. Dialogue with UN Environment Executive Secretary Erik Solheim</p> <p>Facilitator: Tareq Hassan, West Asia</p>
05.00 – 06.15	Session 12. Drafting of Major Groups and Stakeholders Positions on 2017 UN Environment Assembly Draft Resolutions
06.15 – 6.30	<p>CLOSING</p> <p>Helen Hakena, Leitana Nehan Women Development Agency, Papua New Guinea</p> <p>MGFC</p>
6.30 - 10.00	PARTY at UN-Recreation Center