The 2019 UN Environment Assembly

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Function

Governing Council decision 27/2, paragraph 5 (Feb 2013)

- Setting the global environmental agenda;
- Providing overarching policy guidance and defining policy responses to address emerging environmental challenges;
- Undertaking policy review, dialogue and exchange of experiences;
- Setting the strategic guidance on the future direction of the United Nations Environment Programme;
- Organizing a multi-stakeholder dialogue;
- Fostering partnerships for achieving environmental goals and resources mobilization.
Theme and Events

- **Date:** 11-15 March 2019 (official segment)
- **Theme:** Innovative Solutions for Environmental Challenges and Sustainable Consumption and Production
  - **Subthemes:** 1) Sustainable food systems, including food security and biodiversity; 2) Life-cycle approaches to resource, energy, chemicals and waste management; and 3) Innovative sustainable business development at a time of rapid technological change
- **Open Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, 4 – 8 March 2019**
- **Science-Business-Policy Forum, 9 – 10 March 2019**
- **Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum, 7 – 8 March 2019 (tbc)**
- **Stakeholder Tent, parallel to the Assembly**
- **Sustainable Innovation Expo, 11 – 15 March 2019**
Open Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, March 4 – 8

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## Proposed Structure of the 2019 Environment Assembly

**Monday**
- 11 March 2019
- **08:00 - 10:00**
  - Regional Groups Meetings
  - Bureau Meetings
- **10:00 - 13:00**
  - Opening Plenary
    - Functional opening
    - Statements from Regional and Political Groups
    - Report by the Chair of the Committee of PR’s
    - Report from OECPR and possible actions on resolutions

**Tuesday**
- 12 March 2019
- **08:00 - 10:00**
  - Regional Groups Meetings
  - Bureau Meetings
- **10:00 - 13:00**
  - Committee of the Whole
    - CR 2: ACEFRS
  - Global Environment Outlook, Global Chemicals Outlook & other key assessments
    - CR 1: ACEFRS

**Wednesday**
- 13 March 2019
- **08:00 - 10:00**
  - Regional Groups Meetings
  - Bureau Meetings
- **10:00 - 13:00**
  - Committee of the Whole
    - CR 2: ACEFRS
  - National Statements
    - (List of speakers)*
      - CR 2: ACEFRS
  - Leadership Dialogues
    - (Moderated)**
      - CR 1: ACEFRS

**Thursday**
- 14 March 2019
- **08:00 - 10:00**
  - Regional Groups & Bureau Meetings
- **10:00 - 13:00**
  - High-Level Segment Official Opening Plenary
    - Introduction of the theme "Innovative Solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption & production"
      - CR 2: ACEFRS
  - National Statements
    - (List of speakers)*
      - CR 2: ACEFRS
  - Leadership Dialogues
    - (Moderated)**
      - CR 1: ACEFRS

**Friday**
- 15 March 2019
- **08:00 - 10:00**
  - Regional Groups Meetings
  - Bureau Meetings
- **10:00 - 13:00**
  - National Statements
    - (List of speakers)*
      - CR 2: ACEFRS
  - Leadership Dialogues
    - (Moderated)**
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  - Leadership Dialogues
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**Side Events**
- **13:00 - 15:00**
- **15:00 - 18:00**
- **18:00 - 19:00**
- **19:00 - 21:00**
  - Host Country Ministerial Reception
Expected Outcome

1. A negotiated **Ministerial Outcome Document**
2. New and reinforced existing **partnerships** to promote innovative solutions and sustainable consumption and production
3. A set of **negotiated resolutions**
4. A **new Programme of Work and Budget** for the UN Environment Programme for the period 2020-21
5. An **Action Plan towards a pollution free planet**, as mandated at the 3rd session of the Assembly
6. A **Secretariat background report on innovative solutions and sustainable consumption and production**
7. Several **environmental landmark reports**, including the 6th Global Environmental Outlook, the Chemicals and Wastes Outlook, and the global status report on resource efficiency and sustainable consumption and production from the International Resource Panel
8. Summaries and key messages from the **Leadership Dialogues and the Multi-Stakeholder dialogue**, involving political, civil society and business leaders
9. **National Statements and commitments** relating to the theme “Innovative solutions and sustainable consumption and production”
10. A dedicated **social media campaign** relating to the theme “Innovative solutions and sustainable consumption and production”
11. Significant **worldwide media coverage** of the Assembly and its results.
Opportunities for Major Groups to Engage

- In written on all pre- and in session documents
- CPR Meetings prior to the Assembly and Annual CPR Sub Committee October 2018
- Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum
- Science-Policy-Business Forum
- Orally during all public meetings of OECPR and UNEA
- During Side Events
- Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue
- Lobbying, Bilateral Meetings, Influencing Member states prior to the Assembly
- “Green Tent”/MGS Side Events
- Major Groups Morning Meetings
- Sustainable Innovation Expo Events
- Media contacts
Challenges

• Linking the 2018 UN Environment Assembly with the 2019 Assembly
• How to increase meaningful engagement of Major Groups before and during the 2019 Assembly?
• How to ensure more substantive contributions from Major Groups?
• The role of the private sector
• How to get more large and influential organisations involved?
• Funding for MGS engagement
• ????
Resources

UN Environment Website: www.unenvironment.org

-CPR website: https://www.unenvironment.org/cpr

-Link to Bureau meeting: https://www.unenvironment.org/cpr/meetings

-Civil society website: https://www.unenvironment.org/civil-society-engagement/

-Accreditation: https://www.unenvironment.org/civil-society-engagement/accreditation