

Draft Outline Document for the Ministerial Outcome Document of the 2019 UN Environment Assembly

“Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production”

Vision: To develop partnerships towards sustainable and innovative societies and build upon the theme of pollution with focusing on innovative solutions to key environmental challenges, building on outcomes from previous sessions of the Environment Assembly.

The political message from the Ministers will be informed by the 6th Global Environment Outlook report on key environmental challenges as well as the report of the International Resource Panel on the global status of resource efficiency.

Main priority 1: Ensure the transparency, accountability and comparability of global environmental data and develop science-policy-business partnerships on innovative data technologies and digital solutions.

- Establish comprehensive environmental monitoring systems (including citizen observations and satellite monitoring) to improve data collection and foster cross-border environmental monitoring data exchange, (for example in the form of pilot projects on establishing global real-time air quality and deforestation monitoring systems).

Japan’s comment 1: Change the wording of the first paragraph of Main priority 1 as bellow.

Establish comprehensive environmental monitoring system (including citizen observations and satellite monitoring) to improve data collection and foster cross border environmental monitoring data exchange (for example in the form of pilot projects on establishing global real time air quality, and deforestation monitoring systems, **and developing harmonized and standardized methodologies to monitor the amount and distribution of marine litter**).

Reason: Considering global concerns on marine litter issue, it is appropriate to include it.

Japan’s Comment 2: Insert following paragraph under the Main priority 1:

- **Strengthen the information sharing and coordination among initiatives taken by a wide range of actors, to maximize effectiveness of measures against marine pollution caused by plastic litter and microplastics.**

Reason: Considering global concerns on marine litter issue, it is appropriate to insert it.

- Ensure everyone has a fair and where possible electronic access to environmental data and develop secure and accessible monitoring databases.
- Develop digital solutions to gain better knowledge on global resource use and productivity, including introducing global product information factsheets in order to make informed decisions.
- Engage regions, countries and municipalities to collect and analyze environmental data, and develop technologies and apps and make scientific discoveries through citizen science.
- Enhance integrated use and analysis of environmental data from various sources (smart devices, mobile applications, environmental monitoring and research).
- Develop global environmental data policy and common data standards.

Main priority 2: Foster sustainable and efficient resource management by promoting decarbonisation, detoxification and decoupling of resource use, to enhance ecosystem resilience and protection of the planet's natural systems.

Japan's Comment 3: Change the wording of the main paragraph of Main priority 2 as bellow.

Main priority 2: Foster sustainable and efficient resource management by promoting decarbonisation, detoxification and decoupling of resource use from economic growth, to enhance ecosystem resilience and protection of the planet's natural systems.

Reason: From the viewpoint of clarifying, it is appropriate to include it.

- Accelerate the transition towards circular economies and the application of life-cycle approaches for sustainable materials management, in a manner that fosters economic growth, improves competitiveness, creates jobs and safeguards social benefits.
- Foster innovative governance mechanisms that integrate circular economy principles and frameworks into national policies.
- Fully implement the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production.
- Maximize the benefits of sound waste management with the special focus on food, plastics and marine litter.
- Promote sustainable land management to maintain soil health, ensure food security and combat desertification.
- Introduce global product sustainability criteria to stimulate the market for secondary raw materials and sustainable products.
- Accelerate and activate sustainable and innovative financing opportunities and ensure transparent funding of eco-innovative solutions.
- Develop a Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) beyond 2020 to ensure non-toxic material cycles and healthier products.
- Commit to accelerate the implementation of the Aichi Targets and consider a new time frame going beyond 2020, to improve the health of the world's ecosystems.

Main priority 3: Support robust engagement of civil society, citizens and academia in promoting innovative approaches for meeting global environmental challenges and sustainable production and consumption.

- Allocate adequate resources to research and development to drive innovation for the environment.
- Ensure access to basic and environmental education worldwide and promote sustainable lifestyles through a wider uptake of innovative approaches in education.
- Identify and promote the wider application of indigenous knowledge about environmentally friendly practices.
- Support the creation of new, innovative business opportunities to eradicate poverty and establish infrastructure for new greener economy.
- Engage citizens in improving their local urban environment, green infrastructure and nature based solutions.
- Promote and raise awareness for sustainable tourism.

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