

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
- Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum prior to the UN Environment Assembly
- Regional Consultations Meetings
- Major Groups Facilitating Committee
- 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

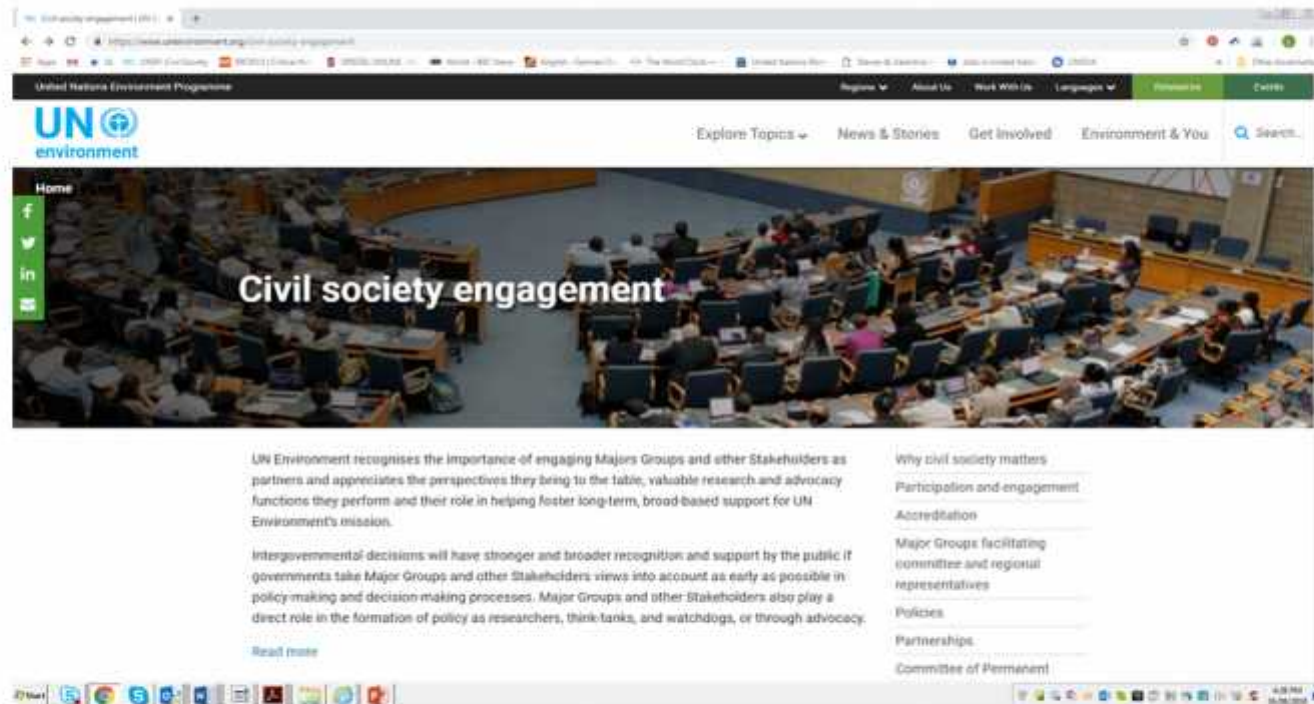
- Accredited organisations only, in all *public* meetings, including sub-committees
- Reserved seats for the nine Major Groups
- Interactive online participation
- Opportunity for written and oral comments
- Accredited organisations receive relevant documentation and have access to the CPR portal

Civil Society Unit in the Governance Affairs Office

- Facilitates Engagement of Civil Society
- Administers Accreditation
- Civil Society Website
- Organisation of meetings, consultations, capacity building
- Stakeholder Engagement Handbook
- Assists Major Groups Facilitation Committee
- Organises Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum and Regional Meetings

Resources

Civil Society engagement website



<https://www.unenvironment.org/civil-society-engagement>

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