



Feedback Switzerland

2nd Draft of PoW and Budget 2010-2021

Weblink : [PDF Document \(TC\)](#), [PDF Document \(clean\)](#)
Version Draft UNEP : 8 October.2018
Document Reference: R384-0591
Date Submission : version 23.10.2018, for ASC, 22-26 October 2018

Federal Office for the Environment FOEN
Sebastian König
Papiermühlestrasse 172, 3063 Ittigen
Postal address: 3003 Bern
Telephone +41 58 46 330 05, Telefax +41 58 46 303 49
sebastian.koenig@bafu.admin.ch
www.foen.admin.ch



Chapter	Page/Table	Paragraph / Section	Proposed changes to text	Argumentation / Comments
I. Introduction	4	Para 1	Amendment to para 1: “... and 76/213 in 2012. UNEP is the authoritative voice by generating relevant scientific information, by providing overarching policy guidance, and by developing adequate international policies. ”	It is critical that the reader understands the overall mandate of UNEP at the beginning of this strategic document. References to documents alone are not sufficient.
I. Introduction	14	Subchapters GEF and GCF	Additional text (<i>placing tbd</i>): Anticipated efficiency gains of this next generation module are expected to reach \$ XY.	The module is expected to reduce efforts and to eliminate redundant processes pertaining to project portfolios. The anticipated efficiency gains should be communicated.
I. Introduction	6	8	No changes only a question with regards to the planned policy changes in the GEF	Do the planned project delivery figures for the GEF for 2020-21 already take into account the foreseen policy changes in the GEF (max. share per agency financed through the GEF of implementing agencies total project portfolio)? Based on the current discussions in the GEF Council, UNDP could currently not implement any new projects. How is UNEP planning to respond to the planned policy changes in the GEF?
II. Policymaking Organs and stakeholder engagement	16	40	Add: “... and the draft decisions it will consider, and oversees the implementation of the resolutions and of the Programme of Work once	The mandate for the annual subcommittee meeting includes the preparations for the new programme of work, as in Decision of the UNEP GC in 2013.

Federal Office for the Environment FOEN
Sebastian König
Papiermühlestrasse 172, 3063 Ittigen
Postal address: 3003 Bern
Telephone +41 58 46 330 05, Telefax +41 58 46 303 49
sebastian.koenig@bafu.admin.ch
www.foen.admin.ch

			<p>adopted, and prepares the forthcoming Programme of Work for adoption by the United Nations Environment Assembly."</p> <p>"... purpose to review the medium-term strategy and programme of work and budget, and to prepare the forthcoming Programme of Work for adoption by the United Nations Environment Assembly."</p>	<p>"11. Decides to establish a sub-committee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives that will meet annually for a period of 5 days to review, with the support of the secretariat, the Medium Term Strategy and Programme of Work and budget, in a manner coherent with the budgetary cycle of the United Nations, to be endorsed by the Committee of Permanent Representatives and for the governing body's approval, and to oversee their implementation and accountability by the Secretariat;"</p>
II. Policymaking organs and stakeholder engagement	16	Paras 43 and 44	Merge both paragraphs to one paragraph and be more specific and streamlined	<p>Both paragraphs do express the same area that is partnerships. There is a lot of words alluding to general, overarching concepts that are – in comparison to the other preceding paragraphs – not specific enough. Consider rewriting to make it more tangible.</p> <p>e.g. " ... - moving away form the notion of incremental change to transformational change."</p>
II. Policymaking organs and stakeholder engagement	16	Para 43	Adjust: "Effective communication outreach around the overarching policy making decisions and the theme-of the United Nations Environmental Assembly and other environmental issues catalyses global attention and action."	<p>This paragraph deals with outreach / communication. Communication is part of the outreach. It should not be limed to communication, we should instead speak of outreach. Outreach is important and must not be limited to the theme as suggested here. The theme is considered to be an overarching concept for the high level segment of UNEA. The resolutions – as the main policy outcome – can vary greatly from the theme. The outreach</p>

				must be around these policy making decisions towards all stakeholders.
II. Policymaking organs and stakeholder engagement	16	Para 44	Add: “ The Secretariat... continues to promote, support, and oversee, control and guarantee the due diligence of such partnerships”	Due diligence with its risk assessment are key to engage in a partnership.
II. Policymaking organs and stakeholder engagement	17	Table (a)	Adjust: “Environment Assembly attracts significant interest from key decision-makers and stakeholders, including the private sector ” New indicator: <i>(iv) Number of UN representatives, in particular from MEAs, attending the UN Environment Assembly</i> Add Baseline etc.	There is no reason to highlight one specific actor of the groups and stakeholders. Alternatively, name <i>all</i> actors (incl. <i>iv</i>) as listed under the indicators section. In particular, MEA representation at UNEA is key. Baseline etc missing
II. Policymaking organs and stakeholder engagement	17	Table (a)	In “Indicators of Achievement”, Unit of measure (iii), merge (a) and (b)	There is no reason to highlight one specific actor of the groups and stakeholders. Alternatively, name <i>all</i> actors (incl. <i>iv</i>) as listed under the indicators section.
II. Policymaking organs and stakeholder engagement	18	Table (b)	Delete: “(b) Partnerships that catalyse action and commitment through the Environment Assembly and its resolutions” Alt b): <i>(b) Environment Assembly sets global environmental policy agenda for the upcoming years</i> Use parts of POW/B 18-19 for suitable indicator: <i>(ii) Percentage increase of surveyed UNEP partners in Governments and in the United Nations system that rate as useful the Environment Assembly in providing policy guidance to important global environmental issues</i>	There is no reason to develop an accomplishment that is entirely dependent on a sub-group of stakeholders. As mentioned earlier, partnerships are not a policy making organ. This alt achievement speaks directly to the mandate of UNEA that is to set the global environmental agenda, and develop international policies. Important: UNEA is the main policy setting organ and an achievement must relate to the decision-making of the Assembly, with member states at its heart

II. Policymaking Organs and stakeholder engagement	18	(i)	Replace: (i) the number of meetings that engage the private sector PARTNERS in the run-up to the UN Environment Assembly.	Partnerships are not restricted to the private sector. Hence, all partners should be taken into account for the indicator of achievement.
III. Executive direction and management	20	General	Add Paragraph on Introduction and Rationale for UNEP with the Agenda 2030 and the international environmental goals	The Table in this section lists an achievement and indicator with respect to the SDGs and the IAEGs. However, no explanation is given in the general description of this section.
III. Executive direction and management	20	Para 46	Add from PoW 2018-2019 add exact wording from Paragraph 62, p. 17: “UNEP ensures attention is paid to audits, inspections, performance monitoring and evaluations, and reviewing trends in the status of the environment alongside its progress in achieving the targets of the programme of work.”	The important aspects of audits, trends and progress against the delivery of the PoW are missing in this section. Please add from adopted and current PoW 2018-2019.
III. Executive direction and management	20	Para 48	Adjust: “ The Executive Office UNEP aims to build long-term partnerships, with other organizations and businesses, to foster innovation and trust, at strategic and technical levels internationally, regionally, and nationally. ”	There is a paragraph on partnerships. It gives the Executive Office the authority to build partnerships. However, it is not the Executive Office that solely needs to build up partnerships. It is important that there are strategic but also technical partnerships that UNEP has to engage in. That means UNEP including the technical Divisions/ Subprogrammes need to be included.
III. Executive direction and management	20	Paras 50, 51, 52	Merge all three paragraphs	All three paragraphs do express the same or similar area that is effectiveness. There is a lot of words alluding to general, overarching concepts that are – in comparison to the other preceding paragraphs – not specific enough. Consider rewriting to make it more tangible.
III. Executive direction and management	21	Para 53	Adjust: “The Executive Director may also identify areas of attention from the Programme of Work and the Decisions form the United Nations Environment Assembly that require advocacy and political outreach to all the relevant stakeholders frame and steer elements of the ”	This paragraph is on outreach and emerging issues. It shall not be up to the ED to identify areas for outreach that are outside the adopted PoW and decisions from the UNEAs. Outreach

			<p>Programme of Work in a manner that is more understandable to the public, partners and donors.</p>	<p>must therefore speak from and to the PoW and also the Decisions by UNEA itself.</p> <p>We must also assure that the outreach and communication is geared towards all stakeholders, most notably the governments.</p> <p>Who is deciding what is “more understandable”</p>
<p>III. Executive direction and management</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>Subchapter South-South Cooperation</p>	<p>Question</p>	<p>Question: What is the rationale for including this section in the new PoW? There is no such section in the preceding and current PoW. What justifies it over other decisions from the Rio+20 outcome document?</p>