Committee of Permanent Representatives
Briefing by the Secretariat
Tuesday 4 December 2018
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Conference Room 4
United Nations Office in Nairobi, Gigiri

MEETING SUMMARY

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The Deputy Secretary of Governing Bodies, Mr. Ulf Bjornholm opened the meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Briefing on the findings in the Emission Gap Report.

2. The UN Environment Programme Policy Division, represented by Mr. Edoardo and Mr. Philip Drost, made a presentation on the findings in the Emission Gap Report, which was released on 27 November 2018.

3. The meeting was informed about main findings in the UN Environment Emissions Gap Report 2018, which described the gap between the countries' promises on how much they will reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and the actual reduction required to keep global warming to a global mean temperature increase well below 2°C by the end of this century. The results show evidence that emission gap is bigger than previous years and the effect of climate plans are insufficient, more actions need to be taken to fill out the gap. The report can be accessed at following link: https://www.unenvironment.org/resources/emissions-gap-report-2018

4. The meeting broadly welcomed the presentation and recognized the report as an important tool to assess current national mitigation efforts and guidance for next step. Member States raised questions on data collection, the criteria used to measure how a country has fulfilled their commitment to bridge the emissions gap and how the report deals with spontaneous technological innovations.

5. The Secretariat responded to the comments and questions from member States stating that there was a lack of visibility from non-state actors particularly in the global South during data collection and that the measure for the fulfillment of commitment by countries to bridge the emissions gap was based on their Nationally Determined Contributions.

Agenda Item 3: Close of the meeting

6. The meeting closed at 4:15 p.m.