

Cluster on Environmental Rule of Law

Recommendations

We call upon UNEA to:

1. ~~Send a strong message about S~~ strengthening the links between environment, sustainable development ~~SD~~ and the Rule of Law, ~~also particularly~~ in the context of the SDGs.
2. Support UNEP's efforts to strengthen the judiciaries, prosecutors, and public interest environmental lawyers.
3. Encourage states to apply the Bali Guidelines on Rio Principle 10.
4. Request states to commit to protect and respect fundamental rights, including the right to a healthy environment, and should instruct UNEP to cooperate with the UN Human Rights Council.
5. Strengthen compliance mechanisms for MEAs, particularly the right of the public to bring forward communications.
6. Assist states to exchange share experience and good practices on application of environmental rule of law on the national level, and increase dedication of resources to capacity building and enforcement.
7. ~~Start work on~~ Strengthen application of the “environmental Rule of Law ~~OL~~” to multinational corporations business enterprises, e.g., through ~~a~~ binding international legal instruments, to hold corporations accountable for their environmental and human rights violations, taking into account existing frameworks for cooperation.
- ~~8. Improve environmental governance in general, and especially access to information, public participation and access to justice, as essential to the Rule of Law.~~