



## Key Take Away Messages – Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue at the 2017 UN Environment Assembly “People and Pollution”

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| <b>Title of your session:</b>   | <b>Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue at the 2017 UN Environment Assembly</b><br><br><b>“People and Pollution”</b>  |
| <b>Date and Venue:</b>  | December 5, 18.30 – 20.00h,<br><br>Conference Room 1  |
| <b>Organizer:</b>   | <b>UNEP</b>   |
| <b>Speakers:</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Halima Hussein, Kenya</li> <li>o Sascha Gabizon, Germany</li> <li>o Olga Speranskaya, Russia</li> <li>o Eritai Kateibwi, Kiribati</li> <li>o Kaya Dorey, Canada</li> </ul> Moderator Felix Dodds   |
| <b>Please summarize the key messages from your event or session (maximum of 350 words):</b> | <p>The multi-stakeholder dialogue was on the topic of “People and Pollution”. The session had 5 panelists speaking on how pollution affects their lives and what solutions have been found and that might be applied in various situations and regions. The dialogue focused on root causes for different aspects of pollution, including making the connections to poverty, rule of law, women’s rights and human rights. Respondents included Ministers and</p> |



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Pollution is in everything we do: it is in what we eat, it is in the air we breathe, the water we drink. Pollution is not just an environmental problem but a social, economic and health challenge. Implications of pollution affect people all around the world. But specifically the poorest and most vulnerable people suffer the most – the poor, women and children.

Therefore, tackling pollution contributes to all dimensions of sustainable development by fighting poverty, improving health, creating decent jobs and protecting our natural



resources and biodiversity.

Messages from the dialogue for you to consider

- The implementation of global agreements is critical.
- There is a need for multi-stakeholder and multi-level collaboration
- Member states need to further develop mechanisms to enhance coherence and efficiency.
- Too often laws are ignored in countries – increased capacity support is needed in many developing countries to support the implementation of national laws.
- Governments can do a lot more to incentivize sustainability as for example the carbon tax. They can put out recycling targets and have innovation schemes.
- Green public procurements need to be expanded at all levels of government
- Circular economy is important approach we need to take out the chemicals
- Data and monitoring underpins all approaches to addressing pollution and should be at the core of multi-level partnerships.
- Building public awareness of the



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|   | <p>problem will mobilize political will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntary commitments are a good first stage. But it is not enough. More regulation is needed at the international and national level.</li> <li>• Extended producer responsibility should be built in to all products</li> <li>• We need to make sustainable products more affordable with government incentives</li> <li>• Clean industry and other stakeholders should work together in Multi Stakeholder partnerships to promote innovative solutions and help build local capacity to address pollution.</li> <li>• Addressing corruption in public and private sectors will underpin all approaches to addressing pollution.</li> <li>• UNEA more clearly needs to input to the HLPF – this should include UNEA 4 addressing the environmental contribution to the Heads of State HLPF in 2019</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Please highlight and specify any voluntary commitments made from Government/private sector/civil society during your session:</b></p> |   |



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