

Draft criteria for selecting the theme of the Fourth Session of the UN Environment Assembly to be held in Nairobi on 15-19 March, 2019

The theme should, as far as possible, meet the following criteria:

1. Provide a targeted yet sufficiently interdisciplinary environmental policy focus that engages the economic and social spheres and has a significant scope for progress at global, regional and local levels.
2. Address issues of acute importance that builds on momentum of ongoing global initiatives and processes to help amplify the results.
3. Result in an actionable and solution-oriented outcome that is meaningful and inspiring to the world, to foster effective political will, mobilize cooperation and provide momentum to drive change on the ground.
4. Inspire citizens and generate partnerships between governments, the private sector, media and civil society to facilitate effective implementation of the outcome.
5. Ensure consistency between the themes of earlier Sessions of the Environment Assembly, to promote synergy and avoid duplication of work.
6. Support the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals, and resonate with the annual themes of the High Level Political Forum.
7. Ensure alignment with UN Environment's core mandate and capacity, while at the same time being relevant to the broader UN family.
8. Promote the visibility and profile of the UN Environment Assembly.
9. Be easily understandable and communicable to all.