

Roadmap for the UN Environment Programme Governing Bodies

(January – December 2018)

Roadmap for 2019 is available [here](#)

| Key meetings of Governing Bodies, including in preparation for the 4 th session of the UN Environment Assembly | Main activities and outputs | Other meetings relevant for the Assembly |
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| January 2018 | | |
| <p>16 January – Briefing on the Global Pact for the Environment (9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. CR4)</p> <p>18 January – Bureau meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. Executive Office Boardroom)</p> <p>30 January – First Bureau meeting of the United Nations Environment Assembly (4.00 p.m. – 6.15 p.m. Executive Office Boardroom)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment and lessons learnt from the third session of the UN Environment Assembly Draft criteria for selecting the theme for the 4th session of the UN Environment Assembly | <p>15-18 January – International Water Summit (Abu Dhabi, UAE)</p> <p>23-26 January – World Economic Forum Annual Meeting (Switzerland)</p> <p>31 January – 4 February – 47th Session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)</p> |
| February 2018 | | |
| <p>6 February – Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting (9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m., CR4)</p> <p>13 February – Informal breakfast meeting between Erik Solheim and the African Group (8.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. Karura Forest)</p> <p>15 February – Briefing on the Sixth Global Environment Outlook and sustainable UN (9.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. CR4). Followed by Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting</p> <p>20 February – Bureau meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (8.45 a.m. – 9.45 a.m. CW-115)</p> <p>20 February – 141st meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.; 2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. CR1)</p> <p>27 February - Joint Meeting of the Bureaux of the UN Environment Assembly and of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (4.00 p.m. – 6.15 p.m. Executive Office Boardroom)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consideration of ‘Lessons Learned’ during the 3rd Session of the UN Environment Assembly in 2017 - Update on the implementation of the Programme of Work and Budget, including the implementation of UN Environment Assembly resolutions - Consideration of the theme for the 4th session of the UN Environment Assembly - Preparations for the 1st Joint Preparatory Retreat of the Bureaux of the UN Environment Assembly and of the Committee of Permanent Representatives | <p>2 February – World Wetlands Day</p> <p>7 – 13 February – 9th Session of the World Urban Forum (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)</p> <p>10 – 12 February – Energizing the 2030 Agenda: Global Preparatory Meeting for Review of SDG 7 (Hong Kong, China)</p> |

| March 2018 | | |
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| <p>7 March – Briefing to the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the design of a sustainable financial system (2.30 – 3.30 p.m. CR4)</p> <p>9 March - Informal breakfast meeting between Erik Solheim and the Latin America and the Caribbean Group (8.30 – 10.00 a.m. Karura Forest)</p> <p>15 March – Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting (9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. CR4)</p> <p>20-21 March Consultative workshop with Multistakeholders on follow up of the 3rd session of the UN Environment Assembly and preparations for the 4th session of the UN Environment Assembly</p> <p>22-23 March – 1st Joint Preparatory Retreat of Bureaux of the UN Environment Assembly and of the Committee of Permanent Representative (Nairobi)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decision on the theme of the 4th session of the UN Environment Assembly (no later than 31 March 2018) - Early notification of the fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly - Consideration of the follow-up of the 3rd session of the UN Environment Assembly and the Ministerial Outcome Document | <p>3 March – Africa Environment Day</p> <p>3 March – World Wildlife Day 2018</p> <p>7 – 9 March – World Ocean Summit 2018 (Mexico)</p> <p>12 – 16 March – 6th International Marine Debris Conference (San Diego, California, US)</p> <p>18 – 23 March – 8th World Water Forum (Brasilia, Brazil)</p> <p>18 – 24 March – The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)-6 Plenary and Stakeholder Day (Medellin, Colombia)</p> <p>21 March – 68th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives of UN-Habitat</p> <p>21 March – International Day of Forests</p> <p>22 March – World Water Day</p> <p>26-27 March – Preparatory meeting for the UN Economic and Social Council special meeting (Prague, Czech Republic)</p> |
| April 2018 | | |
| <p>5 April - Informal breakfast meeting between the Western European and Other States Group and Mr. Erik Solheim (8.00 – 9.30 a.m. Norwegian Residence)</p> <p>19 April – Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting (9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. CR4)</p> <p>19 April – Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting (2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. CR4)</p> <p>23 April – Informal lunch meeting between the Group of League of Arab States and Mr. Erik Solheim (12.30 – 2.00 p.m. CW-115)</p> <p>24 April – Bureau meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Executive Board Room)</p> <p>24 April – Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting (2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m., CR4)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparations for participation of the Assembly President in the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2018 - Final consideration of contributions of the UN Environment Assembly to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2018 - Consideration of the structure of the 4th session of UN Environment Assembly - Consideration of a draft roadmap of the next Programme of Work and Budget - Consideration of the date and format of the next meeting of the Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives | <p>11-13 April – 10th Africa Carbon Forum (Nairobi, Kenya)</p> <p>22 April – Earth Day</p> <p>23 – 26 April – Financing for Development (FfD) Forum 2018 (New York City, US)</p> <p>30 April – 10 May – 48th Session of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies (Bonn, Germany)</p> |
| May 2018 | | |

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| <p>3 May – Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting (9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. CR4)</p> <p>10 May – Bureau meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (8.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m. Governance Affairs Office Meeting Room)</p> <p>10 May - 142nd meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (full day meeting: 10.00 a.m. – 5.30 p.m. CR1)</p> <p>22 May – Briefing by the Carnegie Climate Geoengineering Governance Initiative (9.30 – 11.30 a.m. CR4)</p> <p>23 May – Workshop organized by the Carnegie Climate Geoengineering Initiative (8.30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CR13)</p> <p>24 May – Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting (9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. CR4)</p> <p>29-31 May – 1st Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Expert Group meeting on the marine litter and plastic resolution</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decision on the format and date of the next meeting of the Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (no later than 142nd Committee meeting) - Consideration of the draft agenda for the Fifth Annual Subcommittee Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives - Consideration of the concept note for the theme of the Fourth Session of the UN Environment Assembly - Discussion on the roadmap of Programme of Work tentative budget envelope options (Subcommittee meeting of 24 May) - Letter from President of the Environment Assembly to all member States on the process of the Ministerial Outcome Document | <p>2 - May – Sustainable Energy for All Forum 2018 (Lisbon, Portugal)</p> <p>13 – 16 May – 4th World Conference on Marine Biodiversity (TBC)</p> <p>14 – 17 May – 1st Meeting of the Basel Convention’s Household Waste Partnership Working Group (Port Louis, Mauritius)</p> <p>21 – 22 May – Development Cooperation Forum 2018 (New York City, US)</p> <p>22 May – International Biodiversity Day</p> <p>23 May – 3 June – 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (Colombo, Sri Lanka)</p> |
| June 2018 | | |
| <p>14 June – Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting (9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. CR4)</p> <p>19 June - Bureau meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (2.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Executive Office Boardroom)</p> <p>20 June –Bureau meeting of the UN Environment Assembly (5:00 – 7:15 p.m. Executive Office Boardroom)</p> <p>26 June – Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting (2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. CR4)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultations on a first draft outline of the new Programme of Work and budget envelope for 2020-2021 | <p>4 – 8 June – 9th Conference of the Parties to the Nairobi Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean Region (Mombasa, Kenya)</p> <p>5 June – World Environment Day</p> <p>6 – 8 June – International Workshop on International Environmental Governance (Switzerland)</p> <p>8 June – World Oceans Day</p> <p>20 June – 69th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives of UN-Habitat</p> <p>2nd quarter 2018 – 6th Conference of Parties to the Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea (Baku, Azerbaijan TBD)</p> |
| July 2018 | | |

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| <p>Summer break</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparations for the 2nd Joint Preparatory Meeting of the Bureaux of the UN Environment Assembly and of the Committee of Permanent Representatives - Statement by the President of the Environment Assembly to the High-Level Political Forum - Finalization of the agenda of the 5th Annual Subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives | <p>9 – 18 July – High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2018 (New York City, US)</p> <p>10 – 11 July – Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Ministers of Environment Forum (Brades, Montserrat)</p> <p>8 July – Montreal Protocol IMPCOM 60 (Vienna, Austria)</p> <p>8 – 14 July – Montreal Protocol OEWG 40 (Vienna, Austria)</p> <p>16 – 26 July – 30th meeting of the Animals Committee and 24th meeting of the Plants Committee of the Convention on International Trade with Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (Geneva, Switzerland)</p> |
| August 2018 | | |
| <p>Summer break</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft outline of the Ministerial Outcome Document from the President of the Assembly shared with member States and Stakeholders - Preparations of documentation for the 5th Annual Subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives | <p>17 August – Launching Ceremony of the Interim Secretariat of China-Africa Environmental Cooperation Center (Nairobi, Kenya)</p> <p>29 - 30 August - Global Landscape Forum “Landscape Restoration in Africa: Prospects and Opportunities” (Nairobi, Kenya)</p> |

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| Scheduled meetings of the Governing Bodies | Key Agenda Items | Other relevant meetings |
| <p>6 – 7 September – 2nd Joint Preparatory Retreat of the Bureaux of the UN Environment Assembly and of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (Tallinn, Estonia)</p> <p><i>More information available here.</i></p> <p>20 September – Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting (14:00 to 17:00, CR1)</p> <p><i>More information available here.</i></p> <p>25 September –Orientation Session for new members of the Committee of Permanent representatives (9:30 – 3:30, CR4)</p> <p><i>More information available here.</i></p> <p>28 September – Bureau meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (8:45 – 9:45, CW-115)</p> <p><i>More information available here</i></p> <p>28 September– 143rd meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (full day meeting: 10:00 – 17:30, CR1)</p> <p><i>More information available here.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultations on the draft outline of the Ministerial Outcome Document, followed by the development of a Zero Draft by the President of the Assembly to be shared with member States and Stakeholders - Call for proposals for Assembly side events - Preparation of the Executive Director’s report on the theme of the Assembly - Consultations on the draft Programme of Work and budget for 2020-2021 - Consideration of the structure and format of the Fourth Environment Assembly - Consideration of guidance to Member States on the process for developing resolutions for the Assembly - Consideration of a communication Strategy for the Assembly - Preparation of the 5th Annual Subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives | <p>3 – 6 September – 11th Meeting of the Basel Convention’s Open-ended Working Group (Geneva, Switzerland)</p> <p>5 September – The Earth Innovation Forum (Tallinn, Estonia)</p> <p>11 – 14 September – 14th Meeting of Chemicals Review Committee, Rotterdam Convention (Rome, Italy)</p> <p>12 - 14 September – 1st Global Meeting for Montevideo IV (Geneva, Switzerland)</p> <p>15 – 16 September – Civil Society Regional Consultative Meeting for Africa (Nairobi, Kenya)</p> <p>17 – 19 September - Third Partners Meeting of Wastewater Management and Sanitation Provision in Africa (Nairobi, Kenya)</p> <p>17 – 21 September - AMCEN Special Session (Gigiri, Nairobi, Kenya)</p> <p>17 – 21 September – 14th Meeting of the Stockholm Convention’s Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (Rome, Italy)</p> <p>19 September – 70th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives of UN-Habitat</p> <p>24 – 27 September - GEO-6 Summary for Policy Makers Drafting Meeting. (Cancun, Mexico)</p> <p>25 September – 5 October – 73rd Session of the UN General Assembly: High-level General Debate (New York City, US)</p> |

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| <p>4 October – Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting (9:30 – 16:30, CR4)</p> <p><i>More information available here.</i></p> <p>15 October – Bureau meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives</p> <p><i>More information available here.</i></p> <p>22-26 October - 5th Annual Subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (10:00 – 13:00; 14:00 – 17:00 CR1)</p> <p><i>More information available here.</i></p> <p>26 October – Bureau meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (9:30 – 10:00 CW115)</p> <p><i>More information available here.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultations on the Zero Draft Ministerial Outcome Document - Launch of the on-line registration for the Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives and the Environment Assembly - Initial consultations / presentations of draft resolutions/decisions for the Assembly (if any) - In-depth consultations on an advanced draft Programme of Work and Budget 2020-2021 at the 5th Annual Subcommittee Meeting - Invitations to ministers to attend the 4th UN Environment Assembly - Call for proposals for Side Events for the 4th UN Environment Assembly - Invitation to the Sustainable Innovation Expo at the 4th UN Environment Assembly | <p>1 – 5 October – 70th meeting of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) Standing Committee (Sochi, Russia)</p> <p>7 – 11 October - GEO-6 review editors and scientific assessment panel meeting (Cairo, Egypt)</p> <p>8 – 10 October – 8th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats (Monte Carlo, Monaco)</p> <p>9-11 October – 23rd Intergovernmental meeting of the Action Plan for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Northwest Pacific Region, Moscow, Russian Federation</p> <p>9 – 12 October– XXI Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean (9-10 October: preparatory meeting of high-level experts; 11-12 October: Ministerial segment)</p> <p>21 – 25 October – Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment (Cairo, Egypt)</p> <p>21 – 29 October – 13th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (COP13) (Dubai, UAE)</p> <p>28 – 31 October - Our Oceans Conference 2018 (Bali, Indonesia)</p> <p>29 October – 2 November – SAICM OEWG3 (Dhaka, Bangladesh)</p> <p>31 October - 1 November - The Fourth Intergovernmental Review of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities (Bali, Indonesia)</p> <p>23 - 26 October – 23rd meeting of the International Resource Panel (Yokohama, Japan)</p> |

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| <p>8 November – Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting (9:30 – 12:30, CR1)</p> <p><i>More information available here.</i></p> | <p>Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consideration of a draft Implementation Plan “Towards A Pollution-Free Planet”. - Update on the development of the 6th Global Environment Outlook. - Secretariat briefing on the work on Life Cycle Approaches under the UN Environment Programme. - Secretariat briefing on the South-South Cooperation. | <p>3 November - Montreal Protocol IMPCOM 61 (Quito TBC)</p> <p>5 November – 17th Meeting of the Subcommittee on Policy and Programme of Work of UN-Habitat</p> <p>5 – 9 November – 30th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (Quito, Ecuador) (High-level Segment of 8 November)</p> |
| <p>14 November - Bureau meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (11:00 – 12:30)</p> <p><i>More information available here.</i></p> | <p>Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organization of work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives. | <p>14 November – 18th Meeting of the Subcommittee on Policy and Programme of Work of UN-Habitat</p> |
| <p>15 November – <i>Deadline for announcement of draft resolutions</i></p> <p><i>More information available here.</i></p> | | |
| <p>20 November - Joint Bureaux meeting of the UN Environment Assembly and of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (16:00 – 18:00, Executive Office Boardroom)</p> <p><i>More information available here.</i></p> | <p>Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultations on the Zero Draft Ministerial Outcome Document - Organization of work of the bureau - Implementation of UNEA resolution 3/3 - Consideration of the draft Implementation Plan on Pollution - Communication strategy for UNEA-4 - Multi-stakeholder Events during UNEA-4 | <p>17 – 29 November – 2018 UN Biodiversity Conference (14-15 November – High-level Segment): 14th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity; 9th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety; 3rd Meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing (Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt)</p> |
| <p>22 November – Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting (9:30 – 12:30, CR1)</p> <p><i>More information available here.</i></p> | <p>Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on preparations for the UN Environment Assembly - Briefing on the preparation of 2nd Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Expert Group meeting on the marine litter and plastic resolution - Briefing on the outcome of Fourth Intergovernmental Review Meeting of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities. - Consideration of draft resolutions | <p>19 – 23 November – 2nd Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (Geneva, Switzerland) (High-Level segment not expected)</p> <p>20 November – Formal Meeting of the Work Group on Programme and Budget of UN-Habitat</p> |
| <p>22 November – Informal consultations on the draft Ministerial Outcome Document (13:30 – 15:00, CR3)</p> <p><i>More information available here.</i></p> | <p>Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultations on the <u>zero draft Ministerial Outcome Document</u> for the fourth UN Environment Assembly | <p>26 - 28 November – 2nd Global Meeting for Montevideo IV, (Nairobi, Kenya)</p> <p>26 - 28 November – Sustainable Blue Economy Conference, (Nairobi, Kenya)</p> |

| <p>29 November - Bureau meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (08:00 – 9:30, Governance Affairs Office)</p> <p><i>More information available here.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organization of work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives. | <p>29 November – 5th meeting of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives of UN-Habitat</p> <p>30 November – Meeting of the Subcommittee on Policy and Programme of Work of UN-Habitat</p> <p>30 November – 1 December – G20 Summit (Buenos Aires, Argentina)</p> |
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| <p>29 November – Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting (09:30 - 12:30, 14:00 – 17:00, CR1)</p> <p><i>More information available here.</i></p> | <p>Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consideration of the draft Programme of Work and Budget for 2020-2021. - Consideration of a draft Implementation Plan “Towards A Pollution-Free Planet”. - Consideration of the draft report by the Executive Director to the High-Level Segment for the fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly. - Secretariat briefing on Multi-stakeholder events during the fourth United Nations Environment Assembly. - Consideration of draft resolutions for the fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly. | |
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| <p>3-7 December – 2nd Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Expert Group meeting on the marine litter and plastic resolution (Geneva, Switzerland)</p> <p><i>More information available here.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda for the meeting | <p>3 – 14 December – 24th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC; 14th Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and 3rd Agreement meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (Katowice, Poland)</p> <p>3 December – Meeting of the Subcommittee on Policy and Programme of UN-Habitat</p> <p>4 – 5 December – Regional Ministerial Conference on “Innovative Solutions to Pollution in South East and Southern Europe” (Belgrade, Serbia)</p> <p>4 – 8 December – 7th Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (Durban, South Africa)</p> <p>5 December – Meeting of the Subcommittee on Policy and Programme of Work of UN-Habitat</p> <p>6 December – 71st meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives of UN-Habitat</p> |