

Committee of Permanent Representatives
Subcommittee Meeting
Thursday 29 November 2018
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
United Nations Office at Nairobi, Gigiri
Conference Room 1

Agenda Item 5: Secretariat briefing on Multi-stakeholder events during the fourth United Nations Environment Assembly: The Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum

The 2019 Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum will take place on March 7-8. The Forum is self-organised by Major Groups and Stakeholders, through the Major Groups Facilitation Committee, with the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) being in the lead.

It will benefit from the outcomes of the preceding Regional Consultative Meetings, which were held in many cases in conjunction with regional Ministerial Fora or back to back to relevant regional multi-stakeholder meetings. The Forum will prepare participants for the Assembly and associated meetings, identify important themes and decisions under consideration by the Assembly, and will provide a platform for an exchange of views and expertise on these themes between governments and Major Groups and Stakeholders, as well as UN Environment.

Traditionally, the Forum will also feature an open dialogue between UN Environment's Senior Management and Major Groups and Stakeholders ahead of the Assembly. For Major Groups and Stakeholders from developing countries, the Forum will be an important event that allows them to interact and strategize with colleagues from other regions. Member States, UN entities and private sector may participate in the Forum as observers.

The Forum will focus on the main theme of the Assembly "Innovative Solutions for Environmental Challenges and Sustainable Production and Consumption" and will link it to the "Towards a Pollution Free Planet" theme of the previous Assembly. It will provide enough time for a training and capacity building session for newly incoming participants. Panel Discussions, if any, will be organized in an inter-active way and allow for presenting views, stories, successes, visual aids/ films and failures, including from the grass root level and beyond the nine Major Groups. They may also include representatives from governments, private sector, UN Agencies etc. Focus will be on substance rather than on process related issues, allowing Major Groups to contribute with their unique expertise to the inter-governmental decision-making process. The Forum should play the role of a link between the Assembly and people/society. The final agenda of the Forum is currently under preparation and will be available by early January 2019 latest.

Within available funding and in order of priority the participation of the following persons will be financially supported: Members of the Major Groups Facilitating Committee; Regional Facilitators; 3 members of PACJA; Speakers/Resource Persons; Representatives of Major Groups from developing countries. Overall 300 or more participants are expected.

Cost for Major Groups' and Stakeholder' participation in the Open-Ended CPR, the Assembly and the Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum are at 240,000 USD. Out of this currently only 110,000 USD are secured.