Effectively Engaging in the 2019 United Nations Environment Assembly

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Thank you!

Partners who have supported the participation of Civil society at the fourth Session of UNEA
1. Estonia
2. Germany
3. Finland
4. ANAW
5. PACJA
6. Norway
The Assembly and Related Events

- Open Ended CPR (March 4 - 8)
- Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (March 7 - 8)
- Science-Policy-Business Forum (March 9 - 10)
- UNEA (March 11 - 15)
- Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue (March 14)
- Green Tent (March 11 – 15)
- Sustainable Innovation Expo (11 - 15)
- Faith and Earth Meetings (March 11 – 15)
- SDG Innovation Talks (March 11 – 15)
- Marine Litter Partnership (March 11 – 15)
- One Planet Summit (March 14)
- Cities Summit (March 13)
Open Ended Meeting of the CPR and Assembly

- Access for accredited organisations to all public meetings
- Opportunities for intervention at the discretion of Chair
- Seats for 9 Major Groups (1+1) and Regional Facilitators (1+1)
- Coordination of seating arrangements and interventions by Major Groups Facilitating Committee
- Access to all in-session documents, decisions, meeting online portal (UNEA paper smart system)
- Oral statements and written inputs: inform the Secretariat
- Limited time for interventions, prepare consolidated, short and joint statements if possible
United Nations Environment Assembly: “Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production”.

- GMGSF
- Plenary
- Working Groups, Contact Groups
- Committee of the Whole
- High-level Segment including Multi Stakeholder Dialogue and Leadership Dialogues
Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum

- March 7 – 8, Conference Room 2
- Approx. 300 participants
- Main organizing partner: Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA)
- Open for accredited and non-accredited organisations
- Members States and UN staff may participate as observers
- Preparatory Meeting for UNEA
  - Capacity building
  - Development of joint positions
  - Drafting of statements
  - Review of resolutions
  - Exchange with member states
- Agenda available here: [https://goo.gl/LEcjo2](https://goo.gl/LEcjo2)

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Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue

• “Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Consumption”
• 5.30 to 7 pm, 14 March 2019, during high level segment
• How public policy could enable innovative solutions and products can be designed, produced and offered to achieve more sustainable lifestyles and consumption patterns
• 6-7 flash presentations:
  • A general background on sustainable consumption and sustainable living
  • Success stories from developed and developing countries, from the private and public sectors.
  • How public policies can contribute to enabling conditions for sustainable consumption
  • Push factors (i.e. regulatory requirements for businesses or incentives for consumers and businesses) and pull factors (i.e. change in culture and consumer demands) to achieve sustainable consumption

• Discussants/Respondents from Governments and Major Groups

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Green Tent

- Managed by Major Groups Facilitating Committee/Mohamed Abdelraouf

- For meetings (morning meeting), capacity building, events, presentations
Side Events

• 14 Approved Official Side Events
• During Lunch Break and Early Evening
• [https://goo.gl/YyXLW6](https://goo.gl/YyXLW6)

• Link to Programme and Description of Events
• [https://goo.gl/zCMcJn](https://goo.gl/zCMcJn)
UN Science-Policy-Business Forum on the Environment

- 8 to 10 March 2019, Conference Room 2
- **Target groups**: Science, Policy, Business sectors as well as civil society (Registration open for everybody)
- **Theme**: “Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production.” The Forum will also address the following topics:
  - Laying the Foundations for a Global Platform for Big Data on the Environment using Frontier Technologies
  - Redesigning Metropolis: Smarter, Greener Solutions for Cities
  - Green Technology Startup Hub
  - The Climate Challenge and Non-State Actors: From Transparency to Leadership
  - Sustainable Food for a Healthy Planet
- **Contacts**: Shereen Zorba: Shereen.Zorba@un.org
Sustainable Innovation Expo

- Open to accredited and non-accredited organizations
- Date and Location: 11-15 March (with opening reception on 10 March evening), UN compound Gigiri near the fountain areas
- Target group: focus on private sector
- The SIE will be held under the theme of “eco-innovation and sustainable financing”. It will be composed of an (i) exhibition space where companies will showcase their innovations addressing environmental challenges (ii) 9 panel discussions (iii) pop up chats that participants can organize on relevant issues and (iv) a networking space
- Contact: For further information, please contact Mia Turner (mia.turner@un.org)
Global Partnership on Marine Litter Tent

- The GPML Tent will be the hub for all things related to marine litter at UNEA-4
- Over 30 sessions will be hosted in the tent, including:
  - Panel discussions on subjects such as legislation to combat marine litter
  - Informative sessions on subjects such as environmental justice in relation to marine litter
  - Technical consultations with experts on marine litter monitoring techniques and methodologies
  - Networking events over coffee or drinks
  - Private events, as requested
- All organizations at UNEA are invited to visit the Global Partnership on Marine Litter Tent
- Heidi Savelli-Soderberg: heidi.savelli@un.org
Faith for Earth

- Open for accredited and non-accredited organizations
- March 11 – 15, 08:00 – 13:00, Faith Tent
- Share faith-based experiences on how the environment is an integral part of different faiths and how issues ranging from climate change to sustainable lifestyles impact us all.
- Inspiring and interactive

- Iyad Abu Moghli:
  - iyad.abumoghli@un.org
SDG Innovation Talks

- Open for accredited and non-accredited organizations
- March 11 to 15, 13:00 to 17:00, Faith Tent (exact hours to be confirmed)
- Talks will feature high-energy speakers on innovative solutions to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals
- Fun and engaging;
- Opportunities for question/dialogue with speakers

Contact: victor.tsang@un.org
One Planet Summit

- By invitation only
- Date and Location: 14 March, 9am-5pm
- Target group: high-level government, civil society, private sector
- Co-organized by France, Kenya and the World Bank
- Showcase concrete achievements and breakthrough initiatives and trigger new coalitions and commitments
- Promoting renewable energy and fostering resilience, adaptation and biodiversity.
- “Business and partnership”
- “Sectoral deep dives”
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- More information: https://www.oneplanetsummit.fr/en

- Open to accredited and non-accredited organizations
- 13 March 2019, ICRAF Building
- Target groups: National and sub-national government representatives, private sector and civil society
- Interactive dialogue, introduced by short inputs
- Global Trends and Opportunities, Integration of policies and planning across levels of governance and across key sectors such as buildings, energy, transport, waste and water, Technology Futures, Finance Readiness as well as the role of communities.

- Contact: Martina Otto (martina.otto@un.org)
Meeting of Global Pact for the Environment

- 18 – 20 March 2019, UN Compound Nairobi (CR2), after UNEA and not part of UNEA!
- Participation open to ECOSOC-accredited NGOs and NGOs that have participated in major UN Conferences:
  - 1. The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,
  - 2. The World Summit on Sustainable Development,
  - 3. The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, and
  - 4. The United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda
    (UNEP accreditation alone is not enough)
- Second substantive session of the ad hoc open ended working group
- Objective:
  - to discuss possible options to address possible gaps in international environmental law, where appropriate

Registration: https://reg.unog.ch/event/28713

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#SolveDifferent

- Global campaign to #SolveDifferent
- Focus on an informative and emotive approach to communicating the environmental cost of key consumption and production models.
- https://www.solvedifferent.eco/get-involved/toolkits
Resources

- UN Environment Website: https://www.unenvironment.org/

- Documents, agendas, draft resolutions: https://www.unenvironment.org/cpr

- UNEA Website: web.unep.org/environmentassembly/

- Resources for Major Groups: https://www.unenvironment.org/civil-society-engagement

- Upcoming Major Group Meetings: https://www.unenvironment.org/civil-society-engagement/meetings

- UNEA IV Registration: https://reg.unog.ch/event/26962/

- Stakeholder Engagement Handbook: https://goo.gl/ECBMs2
Thank you