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and to the CPR Subcommittee 7 May 2019



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# UNEA 4

## MAIN POLITICAL OUTCOMES AND FOLLOW-UP

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# UNEA 4 – main political outcomes

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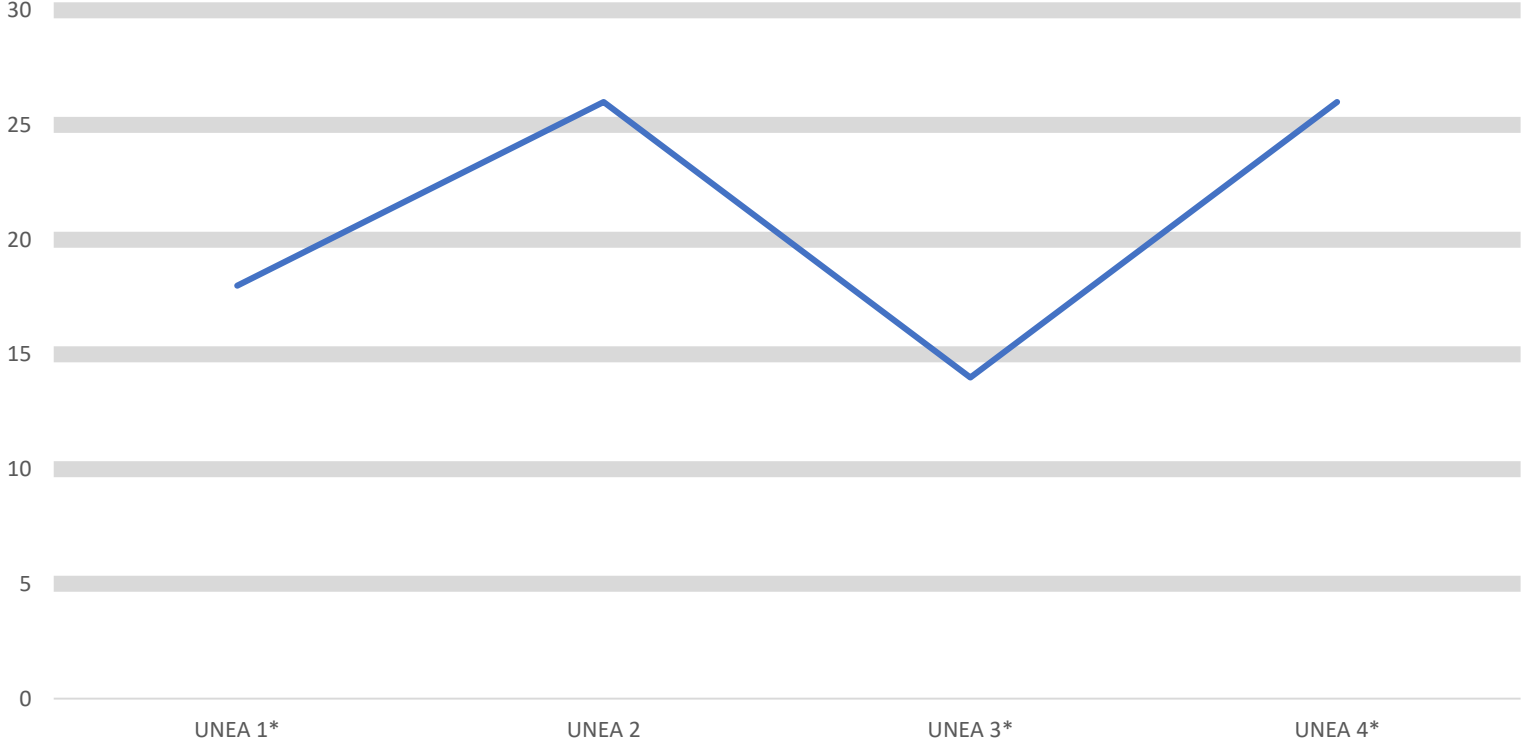
- An important milestone for global environmental multilateralism
- Ministerial Declaration adopted
- 23 resolutions adopted
- 3 decisions adopted
- Programme of Work and Budget adopted
- Implementation plan “Towards a Pollution-Free Planet” welcomed
- The 6<sup>th</sup> Global Environment Outlook GEO-6 welcomed

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### Number of UNEA Outcomes



— Number of Resolutions & Decisions

\* Ministerial Declaration adopted

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# Increased role of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on follow-up and review of implementation

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## *Decision UNEA/UNEP/EA.4/1 on PoW / Budget*

- Implementation of GA RES 72/279 and 71/243 on UN reform / UNDAFs
- Early consultations with MS on new initiatives
- Sustainability, predictability, and stability of the funding of future UNEAs.

## *Resolution UNEP/EA.4/RES.22 on Implementation and follow-up of UNEA resolutions*

- Requests ED to develop an online monitoring mechanism to “track and assess UNEP’s implementation of resolutions in the framework of the Programme of Work and Budget”

## *Resolution UNEP/EA.4/RES.23 Keeping the world environment under review*

- The CPR to approve the composition of a steering committee to support consultations on options for the next GEO

## *Decision UNEP/EA.4/2 on Provisional agenda, date and venue of UNEA 5*

- CPR-based review of UNEA and subsidiary bodies to improve efficiency/effectiveness
- Requests the ED to develop action plan to implement Para 88 of Rio + 20 outcome
- Requests the UNEA bureau to define a theme for UNEA 5 before end 2019, in consultation with the CPR

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## The 146<sup>th</sup> Committee of Permanent Representatives on 20 of June - an important milestone

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- The Secretariat is reviewing/fine-tuning reporting to the CPR on the basis of guidance from UNEA 4
- Some key decisions and resolutions requiring early action from the Secretariat are:
  - *Decision UNEP/EA.4/1 on PoW / Budget*
  - *Decision UNEP/EA.4/2 on Provisional agenda, date and venue of UNEA 5*
  - *Resolution UNEP/EA.4/RES.6 Marine plastic litter and microplastics*
  - *Resolution UNEP/EA.4/RES.22 on Implementation and follow-up of UNEA resolutions*
  - *Resolution UNEP.EA.4/RES.23 Keeping the world environment under review*

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# Status of preparations for the High Level Political Forum, 9-18 July

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- UNEA 4 technical contribution to ECOSOC President letter (submitted 18 March in line with the ECOSOC deadline)
- Formal UNEA 4 report to the ECOSOC under finalization
- Programme for the UNEA President at HLPF at the High Level Segment of the HLPF on 16 July under development
- Support provided on request to MS on national reports
- Contributions to regional sustainable development Forums and to the preparation of a draft HLPF declaration
- Identification of UNEP-led side events at HLPF and summit

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# New UNEA 5 bureau: enhancing the strategic role of bureau meetings and the role of Bureau members

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- President: Mr. Ola Elvestuen, Minister of Climate and Environment of Norway.
- Vice Chairs: Costa Rica, Serbia, France, Bahrain, Suriname, Indonesia, Estonia, Burkina Faso
- Rapporteur: South Africa
- First UNEA Bureau tentatively planned on 3 July in conjunction with the Ninth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity in Norway (2-5 July)

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# PARTICIPATION AND PERCEPTIONS

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# UNEA 4 – participation

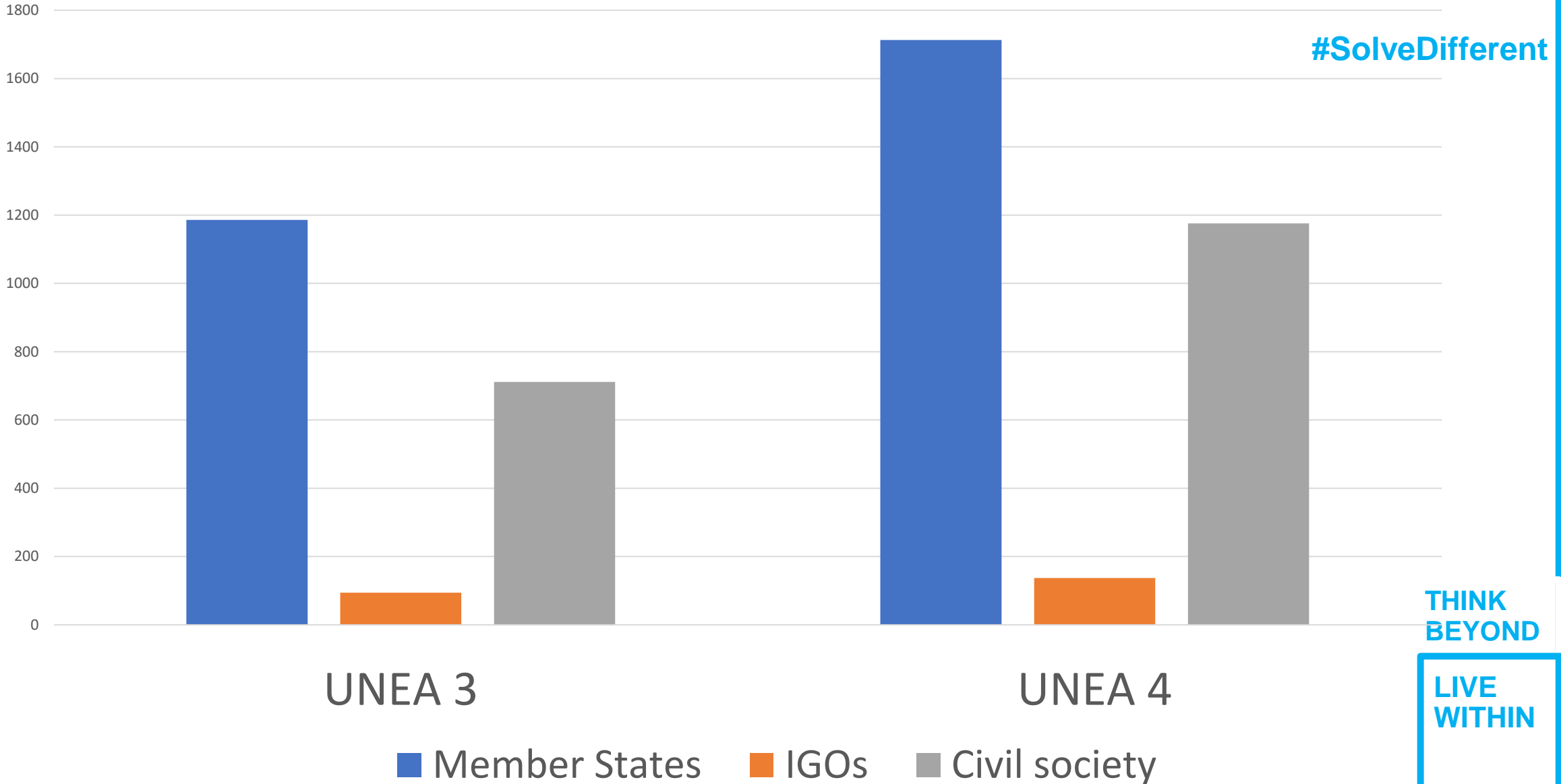
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- 176 Member States/observer states represented; 132 at ministerial level (114 Ministers, 18 Deputy Ministers)
- 4,942 participants in total (43% Female, 54% Male, 3% not specified)
- 1,712 Member States delegates
- 120 IGO representatives (94 MEA and UNEP Entities)
- 917 NGO representatives
- 499 Private Sector/Trusts/Foundations representatives
- 72 independent experts
- 426 invited guests and speakers

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# UNEA Participation



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# Overall perception of UNEA 4 is very positive - but the survey turnout so far has been limited #SolveDifferent

The online survey for UNEA-4 participants indicate that a large majority of participants:

- rate UNEA 4 as **very successful or successful** (74% of respondents)
- perceived UNEA 4 as **very effective or effective** in informing participants about key environmental issues (76%)
- would **recommend a colleague to attend** the next UNEA (71%)
- consider the UNEA **website excellent or adequate** (75%)
- consider the UNEA **App excellent or adequate** (73%)

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## CIVIL SOCIETY AND PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT

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## 917 civil society actors participated at UNEA

- 57% of from accredited organizations; 43% from non-accredited
- UNEA 4 attracted new stakeholders such as faith groups, plastic pollution/marine litter NGOs and SCP-focused groups
- Majority of NGOs from the African region, followed by Europe and North America

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## Civil Society online UNEA 4 survey - key conclusions:

- UNEA considered an ideal networking platform – but too many events taking place in parallel
- Most appreciated events: Green Tent, Marine Litter events, Faith events
- Call for improved opportunities to engage with UNEA in a meaningful and proactive way, including through timely speaking slots
- Call for measurable targets to be agreed and for information on implementation status of UNEA resolutions
- A majority (293 responses out of 315) considered that their participation in CPR meetings was not effective

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# The Sustainable Innovation Expo

- The UNEA 4 Sustainable Innovation Expo focused on *Eco-Innovation and Sustainable Financing*, with two platforms:
  - SIE interactive dialogues with 9 Panel Discussions, 3 Pop-up Chats, and 5 Side Events
  - SIE exhibits with 46 companies showcasing innovative solutions to environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production
- The Expo convened businesses, governmental bodies and civil society to find solutions, nurture partnerships, and help implement the SDGs
- The Expo provided a space for all participants to network and share best practices
- SIE exhibits and panels were mapped to support the political outcomes of UNEA 4
- Over 500 private sector participants were present during UNEA 4.

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# MEDIA OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION

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# Significant media and social media coverage of UNEA 4

## Multimedia and stories

- 76 #SolveDifferent stories on UNEA were published; top 3 stories were:
  - What's in your burger? (5,799 views)
  - Putting the Brakes on Fast Fashion(6,660)
  - Innovative cooling system (3,400)
- Multimedia content boosted visibility, with more than 3 million video views (a 100% increase compared to UNEA 3)

## News and media

- 388 journalists from 52 countries attended UNEA 4
- UNEA 4 was covered in 26,500 news articles (128% increase compared to UNEA 3) in 160 countries and 49 languages

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## Digital platforms

- **#SolveDifferent** engaged 124,000 people
- **#UNEA4** received 54,000 mentions and engaged 98,000
- **#SolveDifferent** and **#UNEA4** were top trending topics on Kenyan Twitter on the UNEA opening day
- The [Solve Different website](#) received 54,402 page views
- Seven **campaign newsletters** were sent out, with the number of subscribers going to over 109,000 people

## Goodwill Ambassadors

- Top influencers attending UNEA 4 included [Amina J. Mohammed](#), [Aidan Gallagher](#), [Prof. Judi Wakhungu](#), [Dia Mirza](#), [Uhuru Kenyatta](#), [Lewis Pugh](#), and [Nadya Hutagalung](#)
- UN Environment National Goodwill Ambassador [Karry Wang](#), a Chinese singer and actor, attracted over **510 million** views for his social media posts; hashtag **#KarryatUNEA4** was a trending topic.

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## Flagship publications

- Several flagship publications received significant media attention: GEO-6, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Chemicals Outlook, the Global Resources Outlook, the Frontiers Report

### GEO-6

- Efforts to increase reach include an [interactive story](#) (8,369 views), [press release](#), [launch video](#) (over 1.1 million views), and [infographics](#).
- Within the first month, the report was downloaded 10,241 times.

Read the Media Monitoring report for the Assembly

Read the Communication Highlights of UNEA 4

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## NEXT STEPS

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# UNEA 4 follow-up at the 146<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

## 20 June 2019

- Take note and provide guidance on:
  - Lessons learned from UNEA-4.
  - Implementation and reporting of UNEA resolutions.
  - Implementation of GA RES 72/279 and 71/243 on UN Reform/UNDAFs.
  - On CPR-based review of UNEA and subsidiary bodies to improve efficiency/effectiveness.
- Approve composition of steering committee to support consultations on options for the next Global Environment Outlook

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## Tentative schedule of upcoming meetings

- Subcommittee meeting 11 June
- Regular CPR meeting 20 June
- UNEA Bureau meeting, 3 July 2019
- Annual Subcommittee meeting of the CPR, 7-11 October 2019
- 147th meeting of the CPR, 11 October 2019
- 148<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CPR, 10 December 2019

### UNEA 4 - follow up action by the Secretariat:

- Finalize draft UNEA 4 proceedings (NB deadline for comments 9 May)
- Finalize editing and translation of resolutions
- Improve CPR and UNEA websites and document management

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