

## **Briefing note on UNEA 4 and UNEA 5 for relevant regional ministerial or expert meetings**

This note provides an overview on key documents relevant for discussions on follow-up of the fourth session of UN Environment Assembly (UNEA 4) and on preparations for the fifth session of Assembly (UNEA 5), in support of relevant regional ministerial or expert meetings.

### **Follow-up of UNEA 4**

In March 2019, Ministers of the Environment adopted the [Ministerial Declaration](#) “Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production” as the main outcome of the 2019 UN Environment Assembly. A [note on the implementation of Ministerial Declaration](#) was presented to Member States at a subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on 12 September 2019.

In addition, UNEA 4 adopted 23 resolutions and 3 decisions which are available on the [UNEA webpage](#). With the aim to analyze and facilitate follow up and implementation of the resolutions adopted at UNEA 4, the Secretariat prepared a [comprehensive note on follow-up](#) was presented by the Secretariat to Member States to the 146<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives held on 20 June, and includes following documents:

- Annex 1: Resolutions adopted at UNEA-4: Summaries and next steps
- Annex 2: Mandates / requests for member States and stakeholders emanating from resolutions adopted at UNEA-4
- Annex 3: Requests to the UN Environment Programme Secretariat emanating from resolutions adopted at UNEA-4

During the 146<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee, the Committee also endorsed a Secretariat [Assessment and Lessons Learned](#) from the fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly, on the basis of inputs from Member States and stakeholders. The Secretariat also presented a [powerpoint overview](#) which covers to the which contains information on main political outcomes, participation and perceptions, civil society and privates sector engagement, media outreach and communication and next steps.

### **Preparation for UNEA 5**

In [Decision 4.2](#), entitled “Provisional agenda, date and venue of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly”, the UN Environment Assembly requested the [Bureau of the UN Environment Assembly](#) to define a theme for the next Environment Assembly no later than 31 December 2019, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

In July 2019, the President of UNEA has thus circulated a [letter](#) to Member States, major groups and stakeholders to provide view on the theme. Annexed to this letter was a "[Thought-starter](#)": [Finding the right theme for the 2021 UN Environment Assembly](#) which was developed on the basis of guidance from the Bureau of UNEA5, providing three alternative thematic area for consideration. In addition, the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives has sent a [letter](#) to member States, proposing a consultation plan. The Envoy of the President of UNEA and the Chair of the Committee also organized joint consultation meetings with regional groups during the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Subcommittee held from 7 to 11 October in Nairobi.

All inputs submitted in writing on the choice on the theme for the 2021 UN Environment Assembly can be accessed on a dedicated website [here](#).

With regard to Implementation of decision UNEP/EA.4/2 entitled "Provisional agenda, date and venue of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly", a [note](#) and [a presentation](#) were provided to Member States during the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Subcommittee.

A [draft roadmap for the development of UNEP's Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2025](#) was also presented to the Subcommittee, which is related to the preparation of UNEA 5.

Furthermore, the [final Chair's summary](#) and a [final consolidated proposal for a consensual process for review by the Committee of Permanent Representatives of the United Nations Environment Assembly and its subsidiary bodies](#) were adopted at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Subcommittee. Progress achieved under the consultations for the process for review will be considered and endorsed at a Stock-taking meeting, not exceeding 2 days in duration, under the framework of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Subcommittee meeting. Final consideration will be made at UNEA 5.

The meeting portal for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Subcommittee with all supporting documents and inputs from member States can be found [here](#).

The [strategy for Private Sector Engagement](#) was also presented by the Secretariat and subsequently endorsed by member States at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Subcommittee.