

Committee of Permanent Representatives
Bureau Meeting
Monday 25 November, 3.00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Governance Affairs Office Meeting Room
United Nations Office at Nairobi, Gigiri

MEETING SUMMARY

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.

1. H.E. Mr. Fernando Coimbra, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Brazil, opened the meeting.

The Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau members:

H.E. Mr. Fernando Coimbra, Chair, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Brazil;
Mrs. Gudi Alkemade, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, representing H.E. Mr. Frans Makken, Vice Chair, Ambassador and Permanent Representative;
H.E. Mrs. Francisca Ashietey-Odunton, Rapporteur: High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Ghana;
Mr. Patrick Luna, Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil.

The President of UN Environment Assembly was represented by:

H.E. Ms. Elin Bergithe Rognlie, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Norway;
Ms. Guri Sandborg, Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway

The UN Environment Programme Secretariat was represented by:

Ms. Joyce Msuya, Deputy Executive Director;
Mr. Jorge Laguna-Celis, Secretary of Governing Bodies;
Mr. Ulf Björnholm, Deputy Secretary of Governing Bodies.

2. The meeting agenda was adopted.

Agenda Item 2: Preparation for the joint meeting of the Bureaux of the UN Environment Assembly & the Committee of Permanent Representatives

3. The Secretariat briefed the meeting on the agenda of the Joint Bureaux meeting on 3 December 2019, and committed to support in its preparation, including with regard to ICT, drafting a scenario note, preparing a joint Chair's script and improving the procedure for Bureaux members participating via internet to take the floor, including through requesting them to inform the Secretariat in advance of their wish to take the floor.

4. With regards to the consultations on UN General Assembly Resolution 73/333, the Chair briefed on the informal consultations with regional and political groups that took place on 21–22 November 2019, in Nairobi. The Rapporteur provided a brief update on the ongoing consultations within the African Group and announced that additional information with regard to the African Group position would be made available.

Agenda Item 3: Preparation for the sub-committee meeting of the CPR on 26 November 2019 and 148th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, 10 December 2019

5. The Secretariat provided an update on the preparations for the sub-committee meeting scheduled to take place on 26 November 2019, and for the 148th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to take place on 10 December 2019.
6. Regarding the consultations on the theme of UNEA-5 at the subcommittee meeting, the representative of the UNEA President recalled that the Presidency circulated on 22 November 2019 a document entitled “Revised Consensual Elements for the Theme of UNEA-5” and would welcome further guidance at the subcommittee meeting. Some members of the Bureau underlined the need to have a strong reference to sustainable development in the title of the theme.
7. The Secretariat provided an update on the implementation of UNEA Decision 4/2 “Provisional agenda, date and venue of the fifth session of UNEA”, in with regard to particular paragraph 8 on the commemoration of the creation of UNEP in 1972, and underlined the need for additional guidance from member States as a basis to prepare concrete proposals for consideration by member States. The Bureau recognized the importance of a structured process of consultations on the commemoration of UNEP, which would allow member States, including those without delegations present in Nairobi, to provide inputs, including in written form. The meeting also considered that a clear roadmap on the consultations could be developed, to avoid potential confusion and overlap between different but interrelated work streams established through Decision 4/2.
8. With regard to the 148th meeting of the CPR, the Secretariat was requested to clarify whether the analysis of lessons learned for the Mid-Term Strategy would be independent or integrated into the development of a new Strategy for the period 2022-25. The Secretariat confirmed that this agenda item was part of a wider consultative process with the CPR in preparation of a new Strategy, and that the lessons learned as well as member States feedback in the session would feed in to the work of developing a new Strategy.
9. The Secretariat was requested to report on the latest developments under the Global Programme of Action at the subcommittee meeting on 23 January 2019.

Agenda Item 4: Organization of Work the period January 2020 – February 2021.

10. The Secretariat presented a proposed roadmap for the UN Environment Programme Governing Bodies for the period January 2020 – February 2021, and pointed to the change of dates for the joint Bureaux retreat to be organized in Oslo on 25–26 May 2020, and preceded by a Multi-Stakeholder Forum on 23-24 May 2020.
11. The Bureau approved the roadmap on the understanding that it will be a “living document” and that dates may be adjusted if necessary. The Bureau expressed its appreciation for a well-structured, informative and interactive document providing the possibility for member States to plan for their participation well in advance of meetings. The Bureau also expressed appreciation for the overview of external meetings and the alignment of the CPR meetings with the reporting schedule. The Bureau also stressed the importance of avoiding overlaps with the meetings of the governing bodies of UN-Habitat, including its Executive Board.

Agenda Item 5: Other matters.

12. The Secretariat provided a short briefing on the third meeting of the ad-hoc open-ended expert group on marine litter and microplastics, which took place from 18 to 22 November 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand. The meeting report, to which the outcome document is annexed, has been made available on the marine litter [website](#).

Agenda Item 6: Closing of the Meeting.

13. The meeting closed at 4:45 p.m.