

Dear UNEP Secretariat and Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment,

Thank you very much for the invitation. Based on our 35 years of nature conservation experiences, kindly allow the China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation to submit our suggestion:

To encourage people's participation is the key to make a significant contribution to Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals at a global scale. I call the approach "Human-based Solutions".

Human-based Solutions in nature conservancy means a bottom-up approach to tackle global environmental challenges such as climate crisis and biodiversity loss. The global COVID-19 Pandemic is the beginning of a profound change around the world. It brings about a profound green transition in the scale, to change the previous roads of industrial civilization, human behavior and to care about Nature. People will reexamine how to deal with their old lifestyles and impact to the environment. We need to mobilize everyone's participation to make change, and strive to reduce the environmental impact in everyone's life every day, so as to promote the transformation of life habits of the whole society and the world in the post-2020 Era towards greener and more sustainable decade.

With regard to the upcoming UNEA-5, here are my specific suggestions:

First, we should innovate the form of UNEA-5 by providing channels of online participation. This move will make UNEA-5 become a real "People's Congress" with hundred of thousands or even millions of people's participation. For those who are

interested but can't afford travel expenses or can't travel due to objective reasons such as the COVID-19, they then can participate in the meeting through the Internet channel and participate in the sharing and decision-making processes; all meetings should be open to the internet participation mechanism, including listening, speaking and voting. Through this innovation, not only can the mechanism of fair participation be established, but will also no doubt that this conference will become the largest "United Nations Environment Conference" in history. This is a trend; and the UNEA should lead the green trend.

Second, it is suggested to adopt the Green Meeting Index (GMI) to measure the environmental friendliness of the conference in event-planning and assessment after the Assembly. To effectively reduce the biodiversity footprint, carbon footprint, and to perform other environmentally friendly practices. In this way, the UNEA will become a best environment-friendly practice for many other events to follow.