International Centre for Environmental Education and Community Development(Farmer Major Group)

Comments/Inputs to the Ministerial Declaration of the Fifth United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA5)

1.Question: what would you as government/organization/stakeholder, welcome as the most important elements and /or key messages from ministers in the declaration to address in theme in an impactful manner?

> The Ministers Responsible for the Environment should;

- Consider incentizing environmental businesses and organisations with products and services from nature in supporting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs)
- Recognize and support the role of Information and Communication Technology(ICT) and Technological development in developing and scaling up Nature based solutions to achieve Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs)
- Call all sectors of sustainable development to develop enabling economic policies and incentives to accelerate the transition to economies that protect biodiversity and ecosystem services.
- Recognize innovative nature based solutions through education and research to support the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda for sustainable Development.
- Emphasis on the efforts of addressing climate change, loss of Biodiversity, plastic pollution chemical and waste on improving Sustainable Food System ,human rights, and Human Health.
- Promote actions on sustainable Plastic packaging in tackling single use plastic, marine plastic litter and micro plastic.
- Call for strengthened action to protect, restore and sustainably use nature and promote ecosystem-based approaches to achieve the sustainable development goals in its three complementary dimensions (social, economic and environmental)
- Promote integrated approaches in tackling COVID19 ,improving human health and human rights within the sector of Water Hygiene and Sanitation(WASH)
- Stress the importance of access to information and engagement of all relevant stakeholders on Nature based actions as a key condition for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the promotion of integrated approaches.