



THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE

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The Embassy of the Republic of Zimbabwe presents its compliments to the Embassy of the State of Eritrea in its capacity as the Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps (ADC) in Nairobi and has the honour to refer to Note No. 2EEK-769-20/ADC dated 14 May 2020.

The Embassy wishes to attach Zimbabwe's initial inputs into the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA5) Ministerial Declaration for consolidation with the African Group Input.

The Embassy of the Republic of Zimbabwe avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the State of Eritrea in its capacity as the Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps (ADC) in Nairobi the assurances of its highest consideration.



Embassy of the State of Eritrea in Nairobi
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Zimbabwe's initial inputs into the Ministerial Declaration to be adopted at the 5th Session UNEA

Should emphasize the need to support the biodiversity economy through legal, regulated and traceable trade in flora and fauna and emphasize management of biodiversity loss in order to proffer sustainable use and transforming the undesirable trajectory of species loss.

Should emphasize effective implementation of decisions, resolutions and previous declarations in relation to implementation in developing countries in terms of finances, technology, capacity building and even domestication of relevant strategies and protocols at the national level.

Consideration of the following elements and key messages to address the theme: Strengthening actions for nature to achieve sustainable development goals

- Humanity is pivotal to the achievement of all sustainable development goals therefore bridging the divide between rich and poor is critical if meaningful progress is to be made on tackling poverty to improve the quality of life, environmental health and sound governance of nature for the benefit of all.
- There is need to go beyond compliance, our target should be inclusive of mindset transformation and a genuine commitment to leave **no one behind**.

Contribution by UNEA to Strengthen actions for nature to achieve sustainable development goals

(Taking into account the preparation for the meeting, its conduct and follow-up as well as its relationship to other meetings and processes)

- An all-inclusive approach is key, organizing online forums /webinars that are thematic and build-up to the Environment Assembly
- Increased participation of non-conventional players in industry and commerce can be a 'game-changer'. The solutions to most environmental challenges do not necessarily lie amongst environmentalists, it's high-time environmentalists stop talking to themselves
- The role of technology in the face of modern-day environmental challenges and opportunities, particularly following the significant impact of emerging infectious diseases.

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