Intervention

Thank you co-chairs. Good afternoon dear delegates

For this subject matter we wish to comment as follows;

1. Kenya recommends the following measures as means to enhancing implementation of existing obligations and commitments under international law as well as ensuring means of implementation under the various multilateral environmental agreements;
   i. To enhance ambition regarding means of implementation and strengthen the financial base of UNEP and the MEAs, Member states should strive to increase their financial resources guided by the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. In this regard, member states should strive to meet their obligations under the Voluntary Indicative Scale of Contributions (VISC) as well as increase their voluntary contribution. My delegation recalls and supports the Secretariat’s proposal during the previous meeting of CPR Subcommittee held on 2nd July 2020 to provide an analysis on earmarked funding streams and encourage soft or non-earmarking to promote balanced funding of activities. We encourage the Secretariat to also fulfil their mandate of setting up a system to channel new finance to countries facing the impacts of climate change.

   ii. In addition, promoting south-south and north-south cooperation within the existing frameworks in UNEP and beyond will ensure that resources are used in an impactful nature.

   iii. There is also a need to ensure stable funding for the Montevideo programme as a tool to develop and review environmental law. Member states as well should mobilize their respective domestic resources to widen the revenue base and mainstreaming environmental programmes in their sectoral policies and programmes at all levels, including sustainable development plans.

   iv. On ratification of the MEAs, we note that the MEA process may be the key to building up resources and capacities over the long-medium term but in the short term they can impose significant additional stress on smaller developing countries. These challenges include pressures placed on the government that emerge with the multitude of obligations from various MEAs. My delegation wishes to take note of the different legalities involved which varies for majority of the developing member states in ratification and implementation processes of various MEA’s. Additionally, financial allocation to these processes is limited to different economies therefore hampering effective service delivery. In this regard, we recommend continuous support to developing countries through capacity building, technology transfer, and financial support in order to fully streamline the overall Multilateral agreements into national frameworks.
v. On stakeholder engagement, My delegation wishes to take note of the 10th principle of Rio Declaration on environment and development which proclaims that “environmental issues are best handled with the participation of all concerned citizens, at the relevant level..” as the basis for this discussion and clearly guides on what is required. We wish to further encourage the participation of all stakeholders during key decision-making processes and events to ensure ownership. In this regard, my delegation wishes to point out that;

a) It is critical for wide engagement, sensitization and incorporation of all stakeholders in various decision processes by UNEP and MEA’S that will impact on policies to be adopted.

b) UNEP and MEA’s are encouraged to support financially and logistically the participation of various stakeholders who have no means of participation and yet their views and contributions are critical.

c) MEAs should find innovative ways to engage sub national or federal entities that are custodians of environmental governance