

Concept note and provisional agenda for the first workshop on United Nations General Assembly resolution 73/333, entitled “Follow-up to the report of the ad hoc open-ended working group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/277”

A workshop on implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 73/333, entitled “Follow-up to the report of the ad hoc open-ended working group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/277” is being convened in accordance with decision made by the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR). On 12 May 2021 the Bureau of the CPR decided to convene a series of online informal workshops with all Member States, Members of Specialized Agencies and Accredited Stakeholders.

The first workshop will take place on Wednesday, 9 June 2021 by virtual means.

The Co-facilitators have designed the workshop in such a way that it will provide the opportunity for informed and in-depth discussions on the inputs received to the first draft of the building blocks of a political declaration circulated on 7 October 2020. The conclusions of the workshop will be posted on the website dedicate to implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 73/333 for further consideration by the delegates.

Objectives and format of the workshop

A. Objectives

1. The first informal workshop on implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 73/333, entitled “Follow-up to the report of the ad hoc open-ended working group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/277” (the workshop) will focus on the inputs received to the first draft of the building blocks of a political declaration circulated by the Co-facilitators on 7 October 2020. The aim is to provide an opportunity for delegates to informally exchange views and engage in discussions on the input received to the draft of building blocks of a political declaration.

B. Format

2. The discussions will be facilitated by Co-facilitators with assistance from the Secretariat. Set out below are questions that the Co-Facilitators propose for the first workshop.
 - (i) What could be the role and added value of the political declaration as one of the outcomes of UNEP@50?
 - (ii) What elements of the current draft building blocks for the declaration you cannot support?
 - (iii) Which elements are outside the mandate of UNGA resolution 73/333? Which important elements are missing from the draft building blocks?
 - (iv) Should the Political Declaration include any follow-up action for Member States, Members of Specialized Agencies, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations System and the Multilateral Environment Agreements?

3. The Co-facilitators will summarize the key issues addressed during the sessions, as well as any unanswered questions and present them at the end of the workshop.
4. The workshop is open to the participation of representatives of Member States, Members of Specialized Agencies, Specialized Agencies, United Nations bodies and other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.