

*Agenda items 2 and 3.1:*

# Assessment of the online UNEA-5.1 Format and structure of UNEA-5.2



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# UNEA-5.1 and UNEA-5.2: Background

- Due to COVID-19, Member States decided that the UNEA-5 should take place in a **two-step approach**
- The first part (UNEA-5.1) focused on **urgent and procedural decisions**
- The outcomes of UNEA-5.1 were **prepared at OECPR-5.1**
- **Substantive matters deferred to the resumed session**; UNEA-5.2 in February 2022, to be prepared at OECPR-5.2
- UNEA-5.2 to followed by a **Special Session** in March 2022, to commemorate of the 50th anniversary of UNEP
- All preparatory work conducted **online**



# Summary of UNEA-5.1 – main outcomes

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- **Joint message endorsed** - “Looking ahead to the resumed UNEA – Message from online UNEA-5, Nairobi 22 – 23 February 2021”
- **Three decisions adopted**
  - Medium-term strategy and programme of work and budget
  - Management of trust funds and earmarked contributions
  - Adjournment and resumption of UNEA-5
- **High-level leadership dialogue:** “Contribution of the environmental dimension of sustainable development to building a resilient and inclusive post- pandemic world”

***UNEA-5.1 Demonstrated that the international community remains committed to making progress on the global environment***

***Lessons-learned can offer insights for other meetings and future***

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# Summary of UNEA-5.1 – some statistics

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- **2043 delegates in total** (48% female, and 52 % male); **114 Ministers** (87 Ministers, 27 Deputy Ministers)
- **1038 Member State delegates** (151 Member States, 2 Observer States, 2 Members of Specialized agencies)
- 101 delegates from **16 intergovernmental organizations**; 667 delegates from **300 non-governmental organizations**; **67 journalists** attended; 570 journalists following online live feed
- Reached almost **10 million people online** with **2.1 million views** of UNEA-5 videos
- Generated **887 media articles** across 71 countries in 21 languages
- UNEA website received **80,000 pageviews**; 17,000 views of UNEA blog

# Key success factors for UNEA-5.1

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- **Early consensus on format and outcomes**
- **Informal consultations on high-level message** led by UNEA President
- **Effective & timely preparatory consultations and negotiations under CPR**
- **Substantive inputs from regional ministerial fora**
- **Timely and accessible background documentation**
- **Efforts to achieve transparency, inclusivity, and universal participation despite challenges**
- **Compliance with UNEA rules of procedure**
- **Independent stakeholder-led events** preceding the Assembly - *but with less opportunity to influence the decision-making process during online meetings*

# Looking ahead towards UNEA-5.2

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- Timely **intergovernmental preparatory consultations** and negotiations conducted under the CPR;
- **Substantive inputs from regional ministerial foras** and other events organized by UNEP regional offices;
- Continued **consultations on the political declaration** led by the UNEA President;
- **In-person negotiations** - as soon as related to the COVID-19 pandemic allow
- **Online or hybrid side events**
- Improved **IT platforms and technical training** for online events and informal consultative meetings

# Proposed structure for UNEA.5.2

- **Resumed meeting of OECPR-5: 21 - 25 February 2022**

- Preparations of the political outcomes: Regional groups meetings; Bureau meetings; contact group negotiations on draft resolutions; consultations on the Ministerial Declaration
- Major Groups preparatory meetings
- Science Policy interface meetings

- **Resumed session of UNEA-5: 28 February - 2 March 2022**

- Regional groups meetings; Bureau meetings; UNEA-5 opening plenary; National statements; Committee of the whole; High-level segment, Leadership dialogues; Multi-stakeholder dialogue; Closing plenary.
- Side events

- **Special session to commemorate UNEP@50: 3 – 4 March 2022**

*to be decided under leadership of UNEA-6 Presidency and Bureau*

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Monday 28 February 2022	Tuesday 1 March 2022	Wednesday 2 March 2022	Thursday 3 March 2022	Friday 4 March 2022	Friday 4 March 2022	Friday 4 March 2022
8:00 Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings	Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings	Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings	Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings	Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings	Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings	Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings
10:00 UNEA-5 Opening Plenary	Committee of the Whole	National Statements	UNEA-5 High Level Segment Opening Plenary	UNEA Special Session on UNEP@50	High Level Leadership Dialogue/Roundtables	High Level Leadership Dialogue/Roundtables
13:00 Opening statements from UNEA-5 President, Executive Director and host country Statements from Regional and Political Groups Statements from the Major Groups Report by the Chair of the CM and possible actions on resolution National Statements [13.30 – 13.00]			Leadership Dialogue [13.30 – 13.00] Theme: Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals			Themes TBC
13:00 UNEA-5 Side Events	UNEA-5 Side Events	UNEA-5 Side Events	UNEP@50 high-level events	UNEP@50 high-level events		
13:00 Committee of the Whole	National Statements	Committee of the Whole	UNEA-5 Closing Plenary Action on Ministerial Outcome Action on GA Res. 7733 Declaration Action on Resolutions Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue [13.30 – 13.00] Elections of Officers Date & Provisional Agenda of 2022 Assembly Adoption of the Report	High Level Leadership Dialogue/Roundtables Themes TBC	High Level Leadership Dialogue/Roundtables	High level closing ceremony
18:00 UNEA-5 Side Events	UNEA-5 Side Events	UNEA-5 Side Events	Host Country high-level reception	UNEP@50 high-level events		

# UNEA-5.2 - involving Multilateral Environmental Agreements

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- UNEA-5 theme remains highly **relevant for MEAs**
- Possible **avenues for enhancing the engagement** of MEAs in UNEA5:
  - ❑ Consult with MEAs secretariats in the preparation of substantive documentation
  - ❑ MEA technical support to consultations on draft resolutions for UNEA-5
  - ❑ Involve MEAs in the organization of key events leading up to and during UNEA-5, incl at regional levels
  - ❑ Further explore modalities for MEAs to contribute to consideration of relevant agenda items for UNEA 5.2 and the UNEA Special Session on UNEP@50
- **Uncertainties relating to COVID-19** require flexibility
- Experiences can feed into planning of future UNEA sessions



# Thank You

