

Committee of Permanent Representatives Orientation for New Members on GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES

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UN Environment Programme Governance Structure

United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

The leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda; established at Rio + 20 in 2012

Universal membership; Chaired by the UNEA President

UNEA-1: 23-27 June 2014 - UNEA-2: 23-27 May 2016 - UNEA-3: 4-6 December 2017

UNEA-4: 11-15 March 2019 - UNEA-5: 22-26 February 2021 and 28 February – 2 March 2022

UNEA Bureau

- 10 members from 5 regions; leads the preparation of UNEA
- Chaired by UNEA President
- Meets 4-6 times per year, sometimes jointly with CPR Bureau

Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR)

- Subsidiary inter-sessional body of the Environment Assembly
- Responsible for review and follow-up of the UNEP Programme of Work and UNEA decisions and resolutions, and for preparing for the OECPR and UNEA
- Composed of about 120-130 member States representatives accredited to UNEP (around 80-90 represented in Nairobi)
- Meets formally 4 times per year – usually full day meetings
- Meets informally in subcommittees 1-2 times per month to address specific issues

CPR Bureau

- 5 Members from 5 regions; leads the preparation of CPR meetings
- Current Chair from the Western European and Others region
- Meets monthly, sometimes jointly with UNEA Bureau

Open-Ended CPR Meetings

- Meets biannually for 5 days, either back-to-back with UNEA or 2-3 months ahead
- Chaired by the CPR Chair
- Acts as a “PREPCOM” for UNEA
- Pre-negotiates UNEA resolutions
- Next meeting 15-19 February 2021

Annual Subcommittee Meetings

- Meets annually for 5 days, usually in October; chaired by the CPR Chair
- Review and oversight of the current PoW
- Guidance on future PoW
- Representatives from Capitals invited

United Nations Environment Assembly

- UNEA

Key mandates and functions
Governing Council decision 27/2, 2013



- **Sets the global environmental agenda;**
- Provides **overarching policy guidance and defines policy responses** to emerging environmental challenges;
- Undertakes **policy review, dialogue** and exchange of experiences;
- Sets the **strategic guidance** on the future direction of UN Environment Programme;
- Organizes a **multi-stakeholder dialogue** sessions;
- Fosters **partnerships** for achieving environmental goals through resources mobilization.

UNEP Governing Council VS the UN Environment Assembly

	Governing Council	UN ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY
Membership	58 elected members	193 UN member States
Bureau	5 members	10 members
Meets	Annually (ordinary and special sessions)	Meets every second year, preceded by the OECPR serving as a “Prepcom”
Organization	5 days, including the Global Ministerial Environment Forum	5 days, including a two-day high-level segment at the end of session
	Both preceded by the Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF)	
Outcome	Decisions and other outcome documents as decided by Members	Resolutions, decisions and other outcome documents as decided by member States

UN Environment Assembly Bureau

Ten members, representing all UN regions; elected by UNEA at the end of its session for a 2-year term
The Bureau assists the President in the general conduct of business of the Assembly

Office	Name and Designation	Country	Regional Group
President	H.E. Mr. Sveinung Rotevatn Minister of Climate and Environment	Norway	Western European & other States
Vice Presidents	H.E. Dr. Mohammed Bin Dainah Chief Executive, Supreme Council for Environment	Bahrain	Asia Pacific
	H.E. Mrs. Irena Vujovic Minister of Environment of the Republic	Serbia	Eastern European States
	H.E. Ms. Bérangère Abba Secretary of State, Ecological & Inclusive Transition	France	Western European & Other States
	Mr. Ado Lohmus Permanent Representative of Environment	Estonia	Eastern European States
	H.E. Ms. Andrea Meza Murillo Minister of Environment and Energy of the Republic	Costa Rica	Latin American & Caribbean States
	Ms. Laskmi Dhewanthi Senior Advisor to Minister of Environment & Forestry	Indonesia	Asia-Pacific States
	H.E. Mr. Simeon Sawadogo Minister of Green Economy and Climate Change	Burkina Faso	Africa Group
	H.E. Mr. Reggy Nelson Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary	Suriname	Latin American & Caribbean States
Rapporteur	Hon. Ms. Barbara Creecy Minister of Environment, Forestry & Fisheries	South Africa	Africa Group

Committee of Permanent Representatives

Overview



- **Established in May 1985** by GC decision 13/2 to create a formal process of consultation among Governments and with the Executive Director on UNEP matters, taking into account the increasing number of Governments represented in Nairobi;
- Consist of **representatives of all UN States Members accredited to UNEP**, whether based in Nairobi or outside;
- Meets under the leadership of an elected **Chairperson and a 5-member Bureau**
- Meets at regular meetings **four times per year**, with full interpretation;
- **Extraordinary CPR meetings** may be convened after consultation with the CPR Bureau or at the request of at least five members;
- CPR also meets in the format of informal **sub-committees**, held in english only

Committee of Permanent Representatives

Governing Council decision 19/32, 1997



- **Reviews, monitors and assesses the implementation** of decisions of the UNEP's governing body on administrative, budgetary and programme matters;
- **Reviews the draft UNEP Programme of Work** and Budget during its preparation by the secretariat;
- **Reviews reports** requested of the Secretariat by Member States on the effectiveness, efficiency and transparency of functions and work of the Secretariat and makes recommendations;
- **Prepares draft decisions** for consideration by the UNEP governing body based on inputs from the secretariat and on the results of the above functions.

Committee of Permanent Representatives

Strengthened mandate, Governing Council decision 27/2, 2013



“Decides that an open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives will be the inter-sessional subsidiary body of the governing body of UNEA and perform the following functions:

- a) Contribute to the **preparation of the agenda** of its governing body;
- b) **Provide advice** to its governing body on policy matters;
- c) **Prepare decisions for adoption** by its governing body and oversee their implementation;
- d) Convene thematic and/or programmatic **debates**;
- e) Promote effective ways and means to **facilitate participation of the non-resident members** of the Committee, particularly from developing countries; and
- f) Perform any other functions delegated to it by its governing body.”

Committee of Permanent Representatives

Membership



Representatives of all Member States of the United Nations, Specialized Agencies, and the European Union, accredited to the UN Environment, based in Nairobi or outside” (GC decision 19/32 Para 8).

- Accredited Members: **122** Member States
- Non-Member States: Holy See + State of Palestine
- The European Union

Observers: League of Arab States + Sovereign Military Order of Malta

86 accredited missions in Nairobi.

36 accredited missions outside Nairobi

Open Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR)

Governing Council decision 27/2, Feb 2013



“Decides to convene an open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, while ensuring support to developing countries’ representatives, to enable the participation of capital-based delegates as well as stakeholders for a period of **five days** in an **even-year** to **contribute to preparation of the agenda of its governing body, and to provide advice to its governing body on policy matters.**”

- 1st OECPR: 24- 28 March, 2014.
- 2nd OECPR: 15-19 February, 2016.
- 3rd OECPR: 29 Nov -1 Dec, 2017.
- 4th OECPR: 4-8 March, 2019.
- 5th OECPR: 15-17 February, 2021
and 21-25 February 2022

Annual Subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

Governing Council decision 27/2, 2013



- Meets annually (usually in October) for a period of 5 days;
- Reviews, with the support of the secretariat, the Medium-Term Strategy and Programme of Work and budget, in a manner coherent with the budgetary cycle of the United Nations, to be endorsed by the Committee of Permanent Representatives and for the governing body's approval;
- Oversees their implementation and accountability by the Secretariat;
- Conducts its meetings in English only
- During even years, considers matters relevant for the preparation of upcoming UNEA sessions.

The CPR bureau

Five members, representing all UN regions

Elected by the CPR for a 2-year term

The Bureau assists the Chair in the general conduct of business



Composition of the 2021-23 CPR Bureau

Chair: H.E. Luisa Fragoso

Ambassador of Portugal to the Republic of Kenya and Permanent Representative

Vice Chairs

H.E. Mrs. Selma Malika Haddadi

Ambassador of Algeria to the Republic of Kenya and Permanent Representative

H.E. Mr. Erasmo Roberto Martínez

Ambassador of Mexico to the Republic of Kenya and Permanent Representative

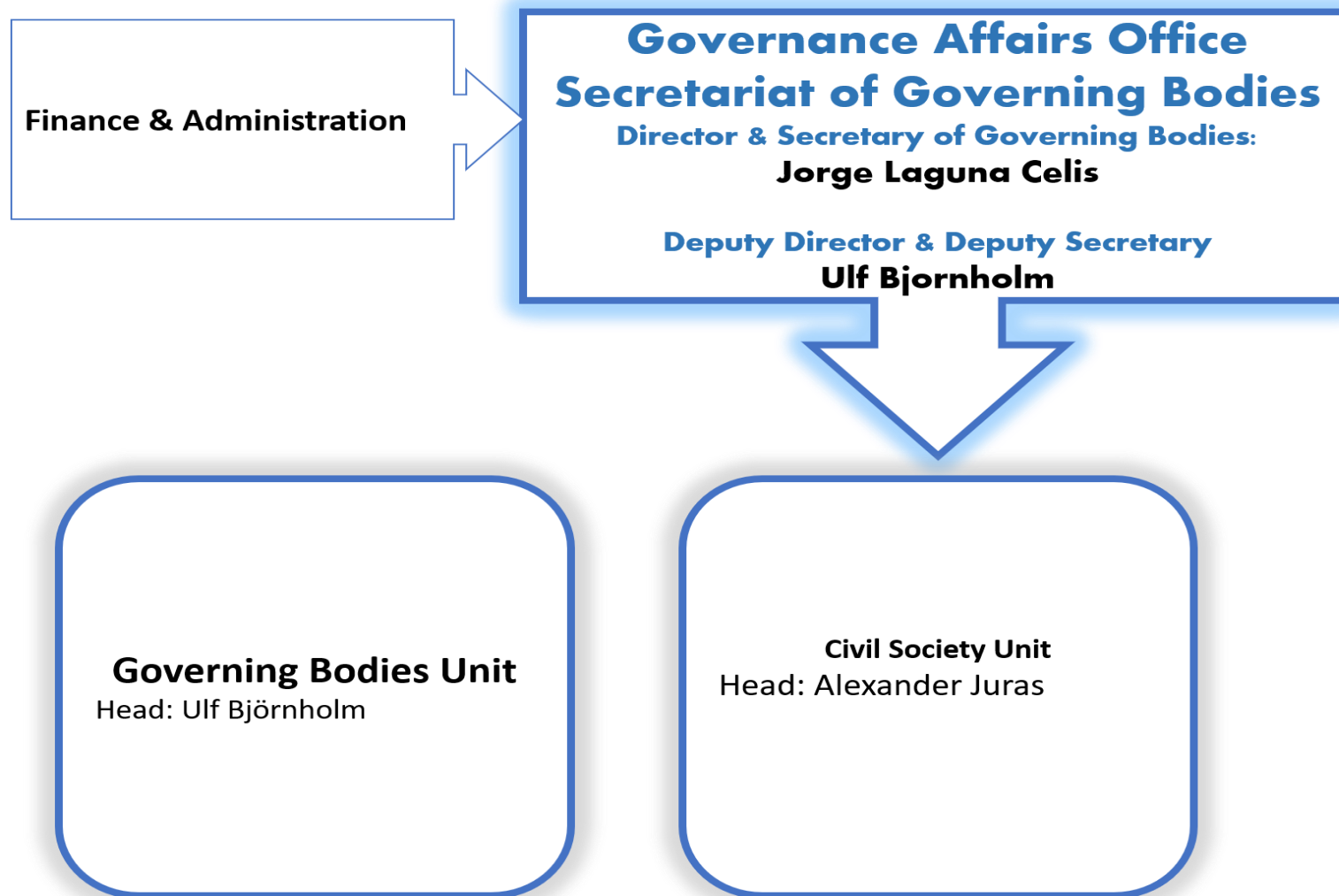
Mr. Ado Lohmus

Permanent Representative of Estonia

Rapporteur: H.E. Ms. Saqlain Syedah

Ambassador of Pakistan to the Republic of Kenya and Permanent Representative

Structure of the UNEP Governance Affairs Office



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Thank you



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