

UNEA 5.2

Bureau Meeting

Vision and direction for a breakthrough moment on nature for people



The vision:

Accelerate, Breakthrough & Connect

1) Accelerate: Accelerate progress of key initiatives- moving from commitments to action.

1) Breakthrough: Secure breakthroughs on 2-3 key initiatives around UNEA's theme.

1) Connect UNEA to the World and the World to UNEA: Design the events / experience to be digital first so that it can leapfrog out to the world







The objectives

Secure policy progress & action:
Breakthrough progress on critical issues.

 Create a global news headline: Raise the profile of the solutions.

 Narrative coherence: Bring the threads together to make sum bigger than it's parts.

• **High level attendance (virtual or in person):** which raises the profile and broadens intra and inter-ministerial engagement.





Key thematics covered

- 1. Nature for Jobs, Poverty Eradication and Economic Prosperity
- Building back better from the pandemic by investing directly in Nature.
 - The opportunity: Ecosystem Restoration a socio-economic imperative.
- 1. Nature for Human and Ecosystems Health
- Investing in nature can limit the impact and emergence of zoonotic diseases.
 - The opportunity: One Health for nature, people and animals alike
- A global agreement on marine plastic litter and plastic pollution: from pollution to solutions
 - The opportunity: systemic change & solutions applied throughout the entire plastic value chain.
- 1. Nature for Climate
- Action to match commitments on nature-based solutions and biodiversity.
 - The opportunity: Climate resilience
- 1. Nature for Sustainable Food Systems
- Reducing agriculture's impact on nature: nourished people, thriving planet
 - The opportunity: Nourished people, equitable livelihoods, enhanced naturepositive production.





Side Events for impact and action:

Online first, hybrid for exceptions

Submission Process:

Round 1:

- 15 October: 1st round of side-event applications closes.
- Deadline extended for diversity of submissions.
- 56 applications received so far.







Side Event Selection Criteria

Process of selection: Events with an emphasis on delivery/action:

1) **THEME:** Are they aligned (with UNEA's theme), action-oriented and ambitious?

2) IMPACT: Are they bold and ambitions? How does this event drive the shift from commitment to action?

3) CONTENT: Are they compelling and cutting edge with a balance of voices?

UNEP cross-divisional panel to select the Side Events







Upcoming discussions:

- **Digital transformation:** To accelerate and connect opportunities
- Youth Forum: Building out a bigger youth / education vision with programmatic dimensions
- Science Policy Business Forum: Integrated thematic opportunities
- **Report outputs:** Providing targeted and timely information to support decisions at UNEA







Questions?

