

Committee of Permanent Representatives
Bureau Meeting
Wednesday, 15 December 2021
09:00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m. (GMT+3)
Online

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.

1. H.E. Mrs. Luísa Fragoso, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Portugal opened the meeting, in which the following in representatives participated:

The Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau members

H.E. Mrs. Selma Malika Haddadi, Ambassador of Algeria to the Republic of Kenya and Permanent Representative to the UN Environment Programme, Vice Chair of the CPR

Mr. Lino Leopold Santacruz, Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico, on behalf of H.E. Mr. Erasmo Roberto Martínez, Ambassador of Mexico to the Republic of Kenya and Permanent Representative to the UN Environment Programme, Vice Chair of the CPR

Mr. Ado Lohmus, Permanent Representative of Estonia to the UN Environment Programme, Vice Chair of the CPR

H.E. Ms. Saqlain Syedah, Ambassador of Pakistan to the Republic of Kenya and Permanent Representative to the UN Environment Programme, Rapporteur of the CPR

The Bureau of the UN Environment Assembly, represented *ex officio*

Mr. Øystein Størkersen, Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway to the UN Environment Programme

The UN Environment Programme Secretariat

Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director

Ms. Joyce Msuya, Deputy Executive Director

Mr. Rafael Peralta, Chief of Staff

Mr. Ulf Bjornholm, Secretary a.i. of Governing Bodies

2. The Chair opened the meeting and invited UNEP's Executive Director, Ms. Inger Andersen to deliver opening remarks. The ED thanked the Bureau for their leadership in the preparations for UNEA5.2 and UNEP@50 and assured that the secretariat stands ready to support. She also informed the Bureau that Ms. Joyce Msuya, Deputy Executive Director, has recently been appointed as Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator.
3. Bureau Members congratulated Ms. Msuya for her new appointment.
4. The meeting [agenda](#) was adopted with the addition of an AOB item on the status of invitations to Head of States for the special session on UNEP@50.

Agenda Item 2: Organization of Work.

5. The Secretariat presented a draft roadmap for 2022.
6. Members of the Bureau welcomed the draft roadmap and made several comments and suggestions related to the meetings leading up to UNEA-5.2. and the special session on UNEP@50, underlining the importance to provide clarity on the sequences of consultations for the various draft resolutions to ensure that Member States can prepare well in advance.
7. The Chair thanked all members for their contributions and requested the secretariat to revise the roadmap accordingly and circulate it to all Member States.
8. The Chair announced a complete list of facilitators, as follows:
 - Mr. Sergio Salazar Alzate, DPR of Colombia;
 - Ms. Ana Elena Campos Jiménez, DPR of Costa Rica
 - Mr Robert Bunbury, DPR of Canada;
 - Mrs. Gudi Alkemade, DPR of the Netherlands;
 - Ms. Saqlain Syedah, High Commissioner of Pakistan;
 - Mr. Firas F. Khouri, Ambassador of Jordan.
 - Mr. Dragan Zupanjevic, Ambassador of Serbia
 - Mr. Marek Rohr-Garztecki, PR of Poland
 - Mr. Mr. Dampthey Bediako Asare, High Commissioner of Ghana
 - Mr. Yusuf Yunusa, High Commissioner of Nigeria
9. The members welcomed the nominations and inquired about the distribution of work among the facilitators.
10. The Chair informed the meeting that this task was now to be undertaken jointly by the UNEA Presidency and the CPR Chair, which was confirmed by the legal adviser. On this basis, the Chair suggested that she would meet soon with the UNEA Presidency to designate the co-facilitators per cluster, taking into account the need for regional balance, and to invite the Vice Chair from Mexico to this meeting. On this basis, a proposal would be circulated to the CPR Bureau after which the co-facilitators would be informed. An informal meeting with the co-facilitators would then be organized in early January to brief them on their role and discuss the organization of work. The Bureau endorsed this approach.

Agenda Item 2: Other matters.

11. Upon a request by the Chair, the Executive Director informed the meeting on the status of invitations to Heads of States to attend UNEP@50. In accordance with UN protocol, legal advice and standard UN practice for similar meetings, the Executive Director will send a formal notification to all Member States, inviting them to consider participation in the special session on UNEP@50 at the highest possible level, through a note verbale to permanent missions to be issued before the holiday break. She also reassured the Bureau that the secretariat would work closely with the Host Country in the follow up of this initiative, to promote the widest possible participation of heads of state, heads of government, and other dignitaries.
12. The Bureau welcomed the approach and looked forward to seeing the notification.

Agenda item3: Closing of the meeting.

13. The Chair wished everyone a restful holiday break. The meeting closed at 10:30 am.