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Fifth session**

Nairobi (hybrid), 22–26 February 2021 and 28 February–2 March 2022
Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the session

1. The resumed fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will be opened at 10 a.m. Nairobi time (UTC + 3) on Monday, 28 February 2022 by Mr. Espen Barth Eide, President of the Environment Assembly.

Item 2

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

(a) Adoption of the agenda

2. The agenda, as adopted by the Environment Assembly at the online meeting of its fifth session, is set out in document UNEP/EA.5/1/Rev.2.

(b) Organization of work

3. Because of the exceptional circumstances associated with the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the fifth session of the Environment Assembly was convened online on 22 and 23 February 2021 to allow for initial consideration of agenda items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 12. The session was adjourned thereafter with the expectation that it would resume as an in-person meeting, to be held from 28 February to 2 March 2022, to conclude the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda.
4. In accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure, the President will invite the Environment Assembly to allocate items among its plenary meetings and the meetings of any sessional committees that may be established in accordance with rule 61 of the rules of procedure.
5. The Environment Assembly will take into account the proposed organization of work as outlined in the scenario note for the in-person meeting of the resumed fifth session of the Environment Assembly (UNEP/EA.5/INF/1/Rev.1). It will also take into account any draft resolutions and draft decisions prepared by the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP for consideration and possible adoption by the Assembly.

* UNEP/EA.5/1/Rev.2.

Item 3

Credentials of representatives

6. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau of the Environment Assembly will report to the Assembly at its first plenary meeting on the credentials of representatives in attendance.

Item 4

Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

7. At its first plenary meeting, the Environment Assembly is expected to consider the report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (UNEP/EA.5/INF/2/Rev.1). The Chair of the Committee will present the report, which will include draft resolutions approved at the fifth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives. The Environment Assembly is then expected to consider draft resolutions and decisions as recommended by the Committee of Permanent Representatives, with a view to adopting them.

Item 5

International environmental policy and governance issues

8. Under this item, the Environment Assembly will consider issues and proposals pertaining to the theme of its fifth session, “Strengthening actions for nature to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”. Additional issues may be considered under this item, in accordance with previous practice or at the request of an authority entitled to propose items under paragraph 1 of rule 9 of the rules of procedure.

Item 6

Programme of work and budget; other administrative and budgetary issues

9. Under this item, the Environment Assembly is expected to focus on the conclusions reached at the fifth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives and approve the proposed medium-term strategy for the period 2022–2025 (UNEP/EA.5/3) and the proposed programme of work and budget for the biennium 2022–2023 (UNEP/EA.5/3/Add.1).

10. The Environment Assembly may also wish to consider other relevant administrative and budgetary issues.

Item 7

Stakeholder engagement

11. Under this item, the Environment Assembly will consider contributions from stakeholders organized through a multi-stakeholder dialogue.

Item 8

Contributions to the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

12. In accordance with Environment Assembly resolution 3/3 on contributions of the Environment Assembly to the high-level political forum on sustainable development, the Assembly is expected to consider its contribution to the forthcoming annual meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, which will be held in 2022 at the ministerial level, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, with the theme “Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.

Item 9

Commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment held in Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972

13. Under this item, the Environment Assembly considered, at its online meeting, the commemoration of the creation of UNEP by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment held in Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Environment Assembly decision 4/2.

Item 10

High-level segment

14. The high-level segment on 2 March 2022 will address the overarching theme “Strengthening actions for nature to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”. The segment is expected to consist of an opening plenary with statements by key dignitaries; leadership dialogues, including a dialogue with representatives of the multilateral environmental agreements; a multi-stakeholder dialogue; and a closing plenary meeting. Discussions will be supported by a report by the Executive Director on the theme of the fifth session (UNEP/EA.5/2), which will be made available at least six weeks before the in-person resumed fifth session. Further information on the modalities of the high-level segment is available in a scenario note for the in-person meeting of the fifth session (UNEP/EA.5/INF/1/Rev.1).

Item 11

Provisional agenda and dates of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly

15. Under this item, the Environment Assembly may wish to consider and agree on the provisional agenda and dates of its sixth session.

Item 12

Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session

16. Under this item, the President is expected to invite the chairs of the sessional committees and working parties to report on the outcomes of their respective work, including on agreements reached on draft resolutions and draft decisions. In addition, the President may present a ministerial declaration emanating from the high-level segment of the fifth session. The Environment Assembly may wish to consider and adopt these outcomes.

Item 13

Election of officers

17. At its final plenary meeting, in accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure, the Environment Assembly will elect a president, eight vice-presidents and a rapporteur from among its members. The President is expected to be nominated from an African State and the Rapporteur from an Eastern European State. The eight Vice-Presidents will include one nominated from an African State, two from Asia-Pacific States, one from an Eastern European State, two from Latin American and Caribbean States and two from Western European and other States. The election is expected to be conducted by acclamation on the basis of a list of nominees received from each region by the President of the Assembly before the last plenary meeting of the fifth session.

Item 14

Other matters

18. Under this item, the Environment Assembly may wish to consider any other matters related to its work.

Item 15

Adoption of the report of the session

19. Under this item, the Environment Assembly will be invited to consider and adopt the draft proceedings of the in-person meeting of its resumed fifth session on the understanding that the Rapporteur will ensure the finalization of the proceedings, with the support of the secretariat. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 74/22, a report on the adopted outcomes of the in-person meeting of the fifth session of the Environment Assembly will also be presented to the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session through the Economic and Social Council.

Item 16

Closure of the session

20. The fifth session of the Environment Assembly is expected to conclude on 2 March 2022.
