

Preparatory meeting for the international meeting entitled "Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity" – Monday, 28 March 2022, 10:00 a.m., General Assembly Hall

[Briefing by the Director, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council
Affairs Division of the Department for General Assembly
and Conference Management]

Distinguished Co- hosts,

Thank you for providing me with this opportunity to brief the preparatory meeting on some of the procedural and technical aspects of the preparations for the Stockholm + 50 International Meeting on behalf of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM).

Secretariat of the International Meeting

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management, Mr. Movses Abelian, will serve as the Secretary of the International Meeting. The General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division of DGACM will provide procedural and technical support, while other offices of the Department are responsible for supporting other aspects of the International meeting, including the registration of delegates, interpretation services, documentation services, and meetings management and conference servicing support.

Rules of procedure and Note Verbale

In its resolution 75/326 of 10 September 2021 containing the modalities for the international meeting, the General Assembly decided that the rules relating to the procedure and the established practice of the General Assembly are applicable to the international meeting¹.

¹ Paragraph 19 of A/RES/75/326 states that the Assembly “Also decides that the rules relating to the procedure and the established practice of the General Assembly apply, mutatis mutandis, to the procedure of the international meeting;”

Accordingly, a Note Verbale from the Secretary General addressed to all States and the European Union was transmitted by DGACM on 15 March 2022, containing the following information:

Credentials

- Delegations can, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, submit the credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Office of Legal Affairs, located on the 36th floor of the Secretariat Building, by 26 May 2022. A scanned copy of the credentials, as well as other communications containing the names of representatives to the International Meeting (such as letters and notes verbale from the permanent missions), should also be submitted through the online “e-Credentials” module which is accessible through the e-deleGATE platform (<https://edelegate.un.int>).

- In addition, from 1 until 3 June 2022, credentials may be submitted to a representative of the Office of Legal Affairs on-site at the International Meeting venue in Stockholm.

Nominations for Officers of the International meeting

- Also in accordance with GA resolution 75/326², In addition to the two Presidents of the International Meeting, from Sweden and Kenya, 8 Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall be designated as Rapporteur-General, are to be nominated in their national capacity from amongst the representatives of participating States. These nominations should be transmitted to the Secretariat, through the monthly Chair of the regional groups by email (gaab@un.org with a copy to sharma7@un.org) as soon as possible.

² Paragraph 5 of A/RES/75/326 provides that the International Meeting shall elect from among the representatives of participating States the following officers: two Presidents, one from Sweden and one from Kenya, 8 Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall be designated as Rapporteur-General. The 8 Vice-Presidents, including the Rapporteur-General, shall be elected according to the following geographical distribution: one representative from African States, two from Asia-Pacific States, two from Eastern European States, two from Latin American and Caribbean States and one from Western European and other States.

General debate and List of speakers

- In accordance with GA resolution 75/326, the plenary meetings at Stockholm+ 50 will be devoted to statements in a general debate. Inscriptions to the list of speakers will open on 4 April 2022. Requests for inscription from States participating in the International Meeting and the European Union should be sent through the e-Speakers module accessible in the e-deleGATE platform (<http://edelegate.un.int>).

- The rolling list of speakers for the general debate will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, with the customary protocol that ensures that Heads of State or Government speak first, followed by other heads of delegation. The time limit for statements will be 3 minutes for individual delegations and 5 minutes for statements on behalf of groups [as stipulated in paragraph 4 of Annex II of resolution 75/326].

- The provisional rolling list of speakers will be circulated via e- deleGATE on 16 May 2022, and will be announced in the daily Journal of the International meeting. In addition to representatives of States and the EU, representatives of other intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions, international bodies, the United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes may also, in accordance with resolution 75/326 and time permitting, make a statement in the plenary meetings. These representatives may contact the Secretariat (c/o Mr. Carlos Galindo (e-mail galindo@un.org)) to be inscribed in the list of speakers.

Leadership dialogues

- Expressions of interest in intervening in the three leadership dialogues to be held during the International Meeting can be submitted through the e-Speakers module in the e-deleGATE platform (<http://edelegate.un.int>), beginning 4 April 2022.

Interpretation Services

- The six official languages of the International Meeting are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Statements made in the plenary and the leadership dialogues will be interpreted in the official languages³.

Documentation and Journal

- A provisional agenda, a Note by the Secretariat on organizational and procedural matters and an Information note for participants will be issued as documents A/CONF.238/1, A/CONF.238/2 and A/CONF.238/INF/1 respectively, in the lead up to the International meeting (early May).
- The official documentation of the International Meeting will be issued in the six official languages of the United Nations: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.
- Limited hard copies of documents will be available at the documents distribution counters located in the meeting venue in Stockholm.
- The programme of meetings during the Conference will be made available in the daily *Journal of the United Nations*, and will include such details as daily activities, titles, times and locations of meetings, agenda items to be considered and relevant documentation.
- E-statements will be provided for the International Meeting. Delegations wishing to submit copies of their statements for both the plenary meetings as well as the leadership dialogues for posting in the Journal of the International Meeting will be able to do so via email: estatements@un.org.

³ Statements made in any of the six official languages will be interpreted into the other official languages. Any speaker may also make a statement in a language other than the official languages. In such cases, the delegation in question must provide either an interpreter from the non-official language into an official language, or a written text of the statement in one of the official languages to be read out by a United Nations interpreter. On the basis of this interpretation or the written text which is accepted by the Secretariat as representing the official text of the statement, it will be interpreted into the other official languages by United Nations interpreters.

- The proceedings of the International Meeting will be available live and on-demand on the UN Web TV website: <http://webtv.un.org>.

Finally, distinguished Co- Hosts, allow me to touch upon the arrangements for registration for Stockholm + 50, as follows:

- Registration of states, accredited intergovernmental organizations, specialized agencies and related organizations to the Conference will be carried out by the Protocol and Liaison Service through the online “eRegistration system”, which is available through the e-deleGATE portal at (<https://edelegate.un.int>).
- Pre-registration in New York will open from 11 April to 20 May 2022. Delegations participating in the International Meeting are kindly advised to coordinate with their respective permanent missions/offices in New York for timely submission of registration.
- On-site registration in Stockholm will open on 29 May and close on 3 June 2022 at the Registration Centre located in the meeting venue, to allow representatives of delegations to collect their pre-printed conference badges, and to facilitate on-site registration. In order to avoid long queues at the Registration Centre, delegations are encouraged to take advantage of the pre-registration in New York.
- A Protocol Note Verbale detailing the registration procedure will be circulated to Permanent Missions/Offices prior to the opening of pre-registration.

Additional information pertaining to the International Meeting will be posted on the Stockholm+50 website as it becomes available (<https://www.stockholm50.global>).

I will stop here and will be happy to answer any questions relating to what I have just outlined from the floor. Thank you.