



Stockholm+50 International Meeting | Stockholm, Sweden | 2-3 June 2022

GUIDANCE NOTE FOR THE LEADERSHIP DIALOGUES

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Background

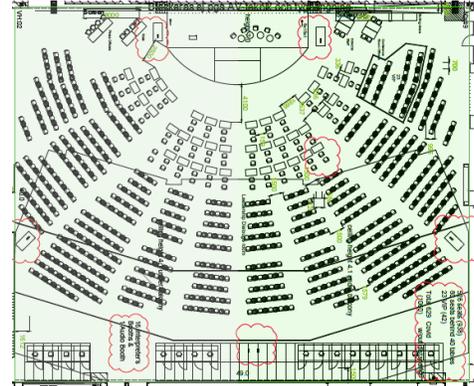
1. The three Leadership Dialogues are an official element of the Stockholm+50 international meeting, and will be held in the Victoria Hall on 2-3 June 2022, in parallel with the plenary meetings as mandated through the General Assembly resolution 75/326. They will be collaborative and multi-stakeholder in nature and will focus on arriving at recommendations on the themes of the dialogues and to the overall vision of the international meeting.
2. To ensure that strong messages and concrete recommendations will be presented in the three Leadership Dialogues, [Informal Working Groups](#) were established for each of the three themes to guide the work leading up to the international meeting. Each of the three Informal Working Groups met three times in March – May to reinforce the bottom-up co-creation processes for the leadership dialogues. In addition, [multistakeholder regional consultations](#), [national consultations](#), and numerous sectoral [stakeholder engagement activities](#) have taken place in the run-up to the international meeting, all of them designed to contribute to the three Leadership Dialogues.
3. The Leadership Dialogues are open to all participants accredited to the international meeting (States, intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions, other interested international bodies, associate members of regional commissions, the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector, philanthropic organizations and other actors).

Themes and schedule

4. The themes and schedule of the three leadership dialogues are as follows:
 - [Thursday, 2 June 2022, 15:00 - 18:00](#) - Leadership Dialogue 1: Reflecting on the urgent need for actions to achieve a healthy planet and prosperity of all
 - [Friday, 3 June 2022, 10:00 - 13:00](#) - Leadership dialogue 2: Achieving a sustainable and inclusive recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic
 - [Friday, 3 June 2022, 15:00 - 18:00](#) Leadership dialogue 3: Accelerating the implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development

Seating arrangements

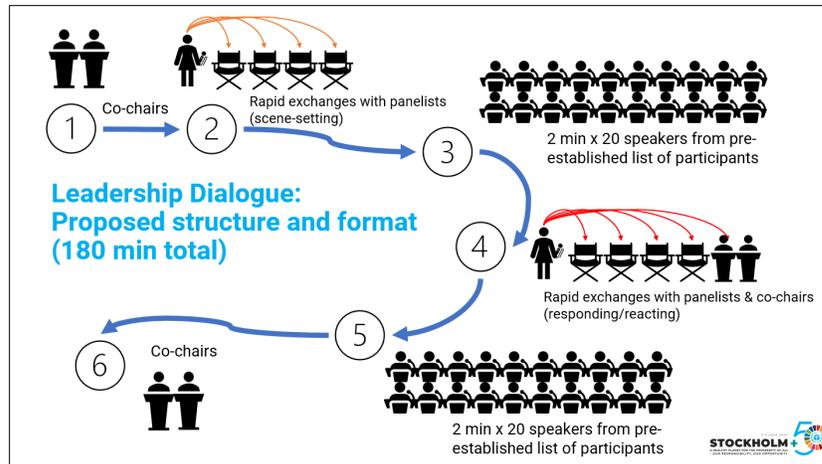
5. Victoria hall, where the Leadership Dialogues will be held, will be arranged into a semicircular seating layout to promote the interactive nature of the dialogues.
6. An established list of 40 speakers (see para. 10 below) will be provided with designated seating (1+1, with a desk, signage, and microphone) in the room. The gallery accommodates over 900 participants and will not have designated seating. It will however be demarcated into two zones, one for delegates and another for non-state entities. The access to the meeting room will be managed through the issuance of secondary passes.



Participation and Format

7. Each leadership dialogue will be presided over by two Co-Chairs at the ministerial level, one from a developing country and one from a developed country, appointed by the two Presidents of the international meeting, and will be facilitated by a moderator. The co-chairs¹ of the leadership dialogues are:
 - Leadership Dialogues 1: Canada and Ecuador
 - Leadership Dialogues 2: Germany and Indonesia
 - Leadership Dialogues 3: Egypt and Finland
8. There will be two sets of panelists (totaling 8 panelists per leadership dialogue) and 40 speakers from the floor. The first set of panelists will contribute to the themes of the dialogues and set the scene, the other will reflect on the interventions from the speakers. Consideration will be made to ensure gender, geographical and sectoral balance among the panel members, with particular focus on youth engagement. It is envisaged that up to 25 States, 2 IGOs, 2 UN System entities and Specialized agencies, and 11 Major Groups and stakeholder participants will be accommodated to speak in the interactive debate of each leadership dialogue. The order of speakers for each leadership dialogue will be determined by the Secretariat in consultation with the co-hosts.
9. Each dialogue will begin with an opening statement by the co-chairs, introducing the draft recommendations that have emerged from the informal working group process of the leadership dialogues. This will be followed by an interactive panel discussion guided by the moderator in which the panelists will further contribute and add with their ideas on the theme of to the dialogues. Each set of panelists will be followed by an interactive debate. (See the diagrammatic representation below.)

¹ A [letter from the President of the General Assembly](#) transmitting the announcement by the Co-hosts of the international meeting (Kenya and Sweden) of the six Co-Chairs of the leadership dialogues was sent to all Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations in New York on 17 February 2022.



10. The vision is to organize inclusive, interactive, and innovative leadership dialogues that result in strong messages and concrete recommendations that will contribute to the overall recommendations from the meeting. In this regard, speakers are encouraged to focus their interventions on a set of key recommendations for bold actions to achieve a healthy planet for the prosperity of all. To encourage interaction, guiding questions may be set out for the leadership dialogues and published on the Stockholm+50 website.

11. Below is the indicative timed agenda of the leadership dialogues:

Time	Agenda item	Speakers
15min	Opening statements Introduction	Co-chairs (5 min each) Moderator (5 min)
15min	First rapid-fire session with 4 panelists	Moderator guiding the panelists
60min	Interventions from the floor	20 speakers (2 min speaking time + 1 min intro/contingency)
15min	Second rapid-fire session with 4 panelists	Moderator guiding the panelists
60min	Interventions from the floor	20 speakers (2 min speaking time + 1 min intro/contingency)
5min	Wrap-up interventions from floor	Moderator
10min	Closing remarks	Co-chairs (5 min each)

Speakers in the leadership dialogues

12. There will be a pre-established list of speakers for the leadership dialogues. For each leadership dialogue a total of 40 speakers will be accommodated to speak in the interactive debate. This consists of 25 States, 2 IGOs, 2 UN System entities and Specialized agencies, and 11 Major Groups and stakeholder participants. Due consideration will be given towards geographical and gender balance for the speakers, as well as ensuring the engagement of speakers from both participating States and stakeholders.

13. The process for requesting to speak in the leadership dialogues vary by participant category, and is outlined in the information note of the international meeting (document A/CONF.238/INF/1) as well as on the Stockholm+50 website: <https://www.stockholm50.global/participate/accreditation-registration>.

14. The speakers will be provided with framing questions beforehand to guide the preparation of their interventions. If time allows, the moderator may choose to ask follow-up questions to the speakers, or open for ad hoc interventions from the gallery.
15. Interventions in the debate of the leadership dialogues will be made from the floor, and should be succinct, concise, and limited to two minutes. The time limit will be strictly implemented to allow all registered speakers to speak as well as to allocate time for an interactive exchange of views among the panelists and the speakers. Bearing in mind the theme of the international meeting, speakers are encouraged to focus on sharing experiences and initiatives to protect our planet and contribute to sustainable development, including a sustainable, resilient and inclusive recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Outcome and outputs

16. It is envisaged that the leadership dialogues will result in recommendations that contribute to the theme and vision of the international meeting “a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – out responsibility, our opportunity”. These recommendations will be reflected in the summary of the discussions prepared by the two Presidents of the international meeting.
17. In accordance with resolution 75/326, the summaries of the leadership dialogues will be presented to the international meeting at its closing plenary meeting. The co-chairs of the Leadership Dialogue will prepare the draft summaries of their respective dialogues, which will build on the recommendations that emerge from the informal working group process to reflect the views of the discussions.
18. In addition, the summaries of the Leadership Dialogues will be reflected in the co-presidents’ summary of discussions, which form part of the final report of the international meeting.
19. The full summary of the Leadership Dialogues will be finalized after the international meeting on the basis of the draft summaries, and will be included in the final report of the Stockholm+50 international meeting under the section on Leadership Dialogue discussions.