

I'm Alphonse Muia from Kenya talking on behalf of the Children & Youth Major Group of UNEP. We are happy to have meaningfully contributed to the 5th UN Environment Assembly and are excited to work towards implementation of the 14 resolutions adopted in UNEA 5 and preparation of the 6th session of UNEA.

2022 enters in the list of landmark years in the history of environmental multilateralism for delivering a successful UNEA,UNEP@50 and Stockholm+50 international meeting which proved that having the youth at the centre of the multilateral system is imperative to effective multilateralism.Looking forward to the SDGs summit and the summit of the future,the youth constituency has already commenced a series of global consultations to effectively inform these processes.

In the context of UNEP's program of work and budget we have the following observations to make :

One, the need to enhance youth engagement through the regional offices of UNEP and supporting the work of youth at grassroot levels of the UN Offices.

Two, facilitating meaningful inclusion of stakeholders, especially young people and allocation of adequate resources to support their participation in decision making processes.

We hope to be sharing our inputs to specific agenda items in the coming days and looking forward to a successful ASC ahead.

Thank you chair for the floor.