

Committee of Permanent Representatives
Subcommittee meeting
Tuesday, 13 December 2022,
10:00 – 13:00 and 15:00 – 18:00 (GMT+3)
Hybrid meeting

Agenda item 4: Briefing on UNEP’S work in the area of disasters and conflict.

This background document has been prepared to facilitate consideration of agenda item 4: Briefing on UNEP’S work in the area of disasters and conflict.

The agenda item consist of two sub-items.

4 a) Overview presentation on UNEP’S engagement in disasters and conflict.

Since 1994, UNEP, through its Disasters and Conflicts Branch, has supported more than 50 crisis-affected countries and territories, delivering high-quality environmental expertise to national governments and partners in the UN family. This has included setting-up full-fledged environmental recovery programmes such as in Afghanistan, Haiti, Iraq, Nigeria and Sudan, as well as more punctual interventions following specific incidents. Within the Branch, with over 25 years of technical expertise and ample experience in the field, the response and recovery unit assists Governments to mitigate pollution risks, rehabilitate ecosystems, and ensure that natural resources are used sustainably within recovery and development planning.

A fact sheet with an overview of the work of the branch can be found [here](#).

Further detailed information on the work UNEP has undertaken in response to disasters and conflicts since 1994 can be found in this [booklet](#) and fact sheet.

4 b) Presentation of the key findings of the preliminary review of the Environmental impacts of conflict in Ukraine.

The UNEP report, entitled “The Environmental Impact of the Conflict in Ukraine: A Preliminary Review”, is available online [here](#).

Delegations are invited to share any observations or recommendations to the Secretariat on these matters.