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Sixth session**

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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 sixth 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, 26 February 2024, by Ms. Leila Benali, President of the Environment Assembly, elected at its resumed fifth session, held in Nairobi from 28 to 2 March 2022.

Item 2

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

(a) Adoption of the agenda

2. The President will draw the attention of the Environment Assembly to the provisional agenda (UNEP/EA.6/1) and propose its adoption.
3. The provisional agenda includes items proposed by the Environment Assembly in its decision 5/4 and a supplementary item requested for inclusion by the President of the Environment Assembly, on behalf of the Bureau of the Environment Assembly and in accordance with rule 11 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly.

(b) Organization of work

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, and to consider establishing a committee of the whole, in accordance with rule 61 of the rules of procedure.
5. The Environment Assembly will also be invited to consider the proposed organization of work as outlined in the note of the Executive Director on the organization of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly (UNEP/EA.6/INF/1).

Item 3

Credentials of representatives

6. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the Environment Assembly will be invited to consider a report of the Bureau of the Assembly on the credentials of representatives in attendance.

Item 4

Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

7. The Environment Assembly will be invited to consider the report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (UNEP/EA.5/INF/2), to be presented by the Chair of the Committee. The report will include draft resolutions and draft decisions recommended by the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives at its sixth meeting for adopted by the Assembly. The Environment Assembly will be invited to consider these draft resolutions and decisions as recommended by the Committee of Permanent Representatives, with a view to adopting them, and to refer outstanding items to the Committee of the Whole.

Item 5

International environmental policy and governance issues

8. The Environment Assembly will be invited to consider issues and proposals pertaining to the theme of its sixth session; “Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution”. The Assembly may wish to allocate this item to the Committee of the Whole, as appropriate. Additional issues may also 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. The Environment Assembly, in its decision 5/4, decided to extend the programme of work for the period 2022–2023 by two years, to the end of 2025, with the budget and targets being pro-rated accordingly. Under this item, the Environment Assembly will be invited to focus on the conclusions reached at the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of the Permanent Representatives with regard to the programme of work and budget for UNEP and on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the Environment Assembly at its previous sessions. The Assembly may wish to allocate this item to the Committee of the Whole, as appropriate.

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 to the Assembly, including 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. The Environment Assembly, in its resolution 3/3 on contributions of the Environment Assembly to the high-level political forum on sustainable development, decided to provide timely substantive inputs to the annual meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, held under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, including during the intersessional period between the biennial sessions of the Environment Assembly.

13. The 2024 high-level political forum, to be held in July 2024 under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, at the ministerial level with the theme “Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and eradicating poverty in times of multiples crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions” will review in depth: (i) Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere; (ii) Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture; (iii) Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts; (iv) Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels; and (v) Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

14. In accordance with Environment Assembly resolution 3/3, in which the Assembly requested that the inputs be prepared by the Executive Director or the secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme, under the guidance of the President of the Environment Assembly, in consultation with and for consideration by the Committee of Permanent Representatives and based on past practice, the Assembly may wish to request the Committee of Permanent Representatives to consider and approve a written contribution to the forthcoming meeting of the forum.

Item 9

High-level segment

15. The high-level segment of the Environment Assembly will be held on 29 February and 1 March 2024 and will address the theme “Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution”. The segment is expected to consist of an opening plenary with statements by key dignitaries; national statements; three leadership dialogues; a multi-stakeholder dialogue; and a closing plenary meeting. Consideration of this agenda item will be supported by a report by the Executive Director (UNEP/EA.6/2), which will be made available well in advance of the session and at least six weeks before the sixth session, and by the guidance provided by the President of the Environment Assembly. Further information on the modalities of the high-level segment will be provided in the note by the secretariat on the organization of the sixth session (UNEP/EA.6/INF/1).

Item 10

Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements

16. Under this item, the Environment Assembly will highlight the importance of cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) with a full day, namely, 28 February, devoted to the consideration of the item. Following the opening of the consideration of the item, the Assembly will hold two high-level dialogues with a view to enhancing its relationship with the MEAs by strengthening convergence of actions and sharing of experiences while also providing increased visibility to the MEAs. The Assembly will resume its consideration of the agenda item on 1 March for the presentation of the summaries of the two dialogues. The Assembly will be invited to take note of the outcomes, to be included in the proceedings report of the session. The discussions will be supported by a note by the secretariat (UNEP/EA.6/INF/6).

Item 11

Provisional agenda, date and venue of the seventh session of the Environment Assembly

17. Under this item, the Environment Assembly may wish to consider and agree on the provisional agenda and dates of its seventh session, bearing in mind the dates of future sessions of the Assembly and the related implications for the next medium-term strategy and the programme of work and budget for UNEP. The Assembly may wish to allocate this item to the Committee of the Whole, as appropriate.

Item 12

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

18. Under this item, the President is expected to invite the chairs of the sessional committees, including the Committee of the Whole, to report on the outcomes of their respective work, including on agreements reached on outstanding draft resolutions and draft decisions. The Environment Assembly may wish to consider and adopt these outcomes. In addition, the President may present a draft ministerial declaration on the theme of the session for adoption by the Assembly.

Item 13

Election of officers

19. 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 among the Asia-Pacific States and the Rapporteur from among the Latin American and Caribbean States. The eight Vice-Presidents will include two nominated officers from the African States, one from the Asia-Pacific States, two from the Eastern European States, one from the Latin American and Caribbean State and two from the 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 sixth session.

Item 14

Other matters

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

Item 15

Adoption of the report

21. Under this item, the Environment Assembly will be invited to consider and adopt the draft proceedings of the sixth 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 sixth session of the Environment Assembly will also be presented to the General Assembly at its seventy-nine session through the Economic and Social Council.

Item 16

Closure of the session

22. The sixth session of the Environment Assembly is expected to conclude by 6:00 p.m. on Friday, 1 March 2024.
