

CONCEPT NOTE

#UNEA-6

THE INTERNATIONAL MAJOR GROUPS AND
STAKEHOLDERS PREPARATORY MEETING
FOR THE JOINT RETREAT OF THE UNEA-6 BUREAUS



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INTRODUCTION

The United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) serves as the principal global environmental forum, bringing together representatives universal Membership of United Nations Member States, as well as Major Groups and Stakeholders, to address pressing environmental challenges.

On Wednesday March 2nd 2022, in Nairobi, the Kingdom of Morocco was elected, by acclamation, President of the 6th United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6), for a two-year term. UNEA-6 is scheduled to take place from 26 February to the 1st March 2024 at UNEP Headquarters, in Nairobi, Kenya.



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CONTEXT

During a joint meeting of the Bureau of UNEA-6 and the Committee of Permanent Representatives, held on 30 January 2023, the Bureau of the Environment Assembly decided that the theme for UNEA-6 will be defined as follows (See Annex 1):

“Effective, inclusive, and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution.”

A Joint Retreat of the UNEA-6 Bureau and the CPR Bureau will take place from 6 to 7 of July in Tangiers, Morocco. In this context and in alignment with the urgent and demanding challenges of the interconnected environmental crisis, an International Major Groups and Stakeholders Meeting, co organized by the Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection and the United Nations Environment Programme, will take place at the Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training Center, in Rabat, Morocco on July 4th and 5th (See Annex 2).

The meeting will be hybrid in nature and thus participants that are not able to be present in person can join the meeting online through Online Links.

In alignment with its commitment to youth, the Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection is co-organizing with the UNEP Major Group for Children and Youth a Pre-UNEA 6 Youth consultation on July 3rd, at the Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training, to provide opportunities for youth to encourage their active engagement, voice their opinions, and identify their priorities. The meeting will also be hybrid and participants that can't be present in person are welcome to join remotely.

LINKS

Link for July 4th : [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlcuihrj4iHdMnuOaroDfkmUcE4wXsQx2p](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/91234567890)

Link for July 5th : [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMlf-2tqjgiHtBfdEm1eIHnA9X3ZydbtL9r](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/91234567890)

Link for July 3rd [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvd-yoqj8sH9Yz_GdacrAoGqZsXjfnrZSx](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/91234567890)

OBJECTIVES & OUTCOMES

This gathering will consider, inter alia:

Preparation of the joint retreat of the Bureaux of the Sixth United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6) and the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) from 6-7 July in Tangier, Morocco

Status of regional consultation meetings



Reflections on the Draft Ministerial Declaration for UNEA-6.

Status of the resolutions adopted during the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly in February 2022

MAIN THEMES

The UNEA-6 (United Nations Environment Assembly) is a global meeting that focuses on addressing pressing environmental issues and promoting sustainable development. The sixth session of the UNEA, known as UNEA-6, is expected to place significant emphasis on three key themes: climate change, biodiversity, and pollution. Here's an overview of each theme:

Climate Change: Climate change remains one of today's most critical challenges. UNEA-6 aims to raise awareness, promote action, and enhance international cooperation to mitigate the impacts of climate change. Discussions at the meeting may cover topics such as greenhouse gas emissions reduction, renewable energy promotion, adaptation strategies, and the implementation of the Paris Agreement. It aims to encourage countries to strengthen their commitments towards combating climate change and accelerating the transition to a low-carbon economy.

Biodiversity Conservation: Biodiversity loss is another urgent environmental concern. UNEA-6 preparatory meeting provides a platform to highlight the importance of conserving and sustainably managing biodiversity to ensure the well-being of ecosystems and human societies.

Pollution, in its various forms, poses significant threats to human health, ecosystems, and the planet as a whole. This gathering will bring more focus on addressing challenges of air pollution, water pollution, soil contamination, and waste management. The meeting may explore ways to reduce pollution through the implementation of sustainable production and consumption patterns, the promotion of circular economy approaches, the strengthening of environmental regulations, and the advancement of innovative technologies.

POLLUTION
CLIMATE CHANGE
BIODIVERSITY-
CONSERVATION
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DAY 1 : 03.07.23

9:30 – 10:00

WELCOMING AND OPENING REMARKS

10:00 – 10:30

KEYNOTE SESSION: INTRODUCTION TO THE UNEA AND ITS MAJOR GROUP

10:30 – 11:15

PANEL DISCUSSION: THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS AND DECISION-MAKING

How can youth be involved in UNEP and UNEA processes and what are the opportunities for African Youth in these spaces?

11:15 – 11:30

COFFEE BREAK 

11:30 – 13:00

COMMITTEE SESSIONS: OVERVIEW OF UNEA5 RESOLUTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

4 Cluster Groups - Negotiation and consensus building

13:00 – 14:00

LUNCH 

14:00 – 15:00

GROUP SESSION: YOUTH EXPECTATIONS FOR UNEA 6

15:30 – 15:45

COFFEE BREAK 

15:45 – 16:00

PLENARY SESSION OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE YOUTH RECOMMENDATIONS ON UNEA6

16:00 – 16:15

CLOSING CEREMONY



CHILDREN AND YOUTH
MAJOR GROUP TO UNEP

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PRE-UNEA-6 YOUTH CONSULTATION FOR AN EFFECTIVE AND INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION



DAY 2 : 04.07.23

9:30 – 10:00	WELCOMING AND OPENING REMARKS
10:00 – 10:45	SESSION 1 : PREPARATIONS FOR REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS
10:45 – 11:30	SESSION 2 : PROGRESS ON UNEA-5 RESOLUTIONS (EXPERIENCES, CHALLENGES, WHAT TO UNDERLINE, AND WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO)
11:30 – 11:45	COFFEE BREAK 
11:45 – 12:00	SESSION 3 : PRESENTATION OF THE OVERALL AGENDA OF THE JULY 6TH AND 7TH MEETING
12:15 – 13:00	SESSION 4 : REFLECTIONS ON THE DRAFT OF THE MINISTERIAL DECLARATION FOR UNEA-6.
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH 
14:00 – 16:00	SESSION 5 : BREAKOUT GROUPS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PROGRESS ON UNEA 5 RESOLUTIONS Exchange (45 min)• MINISTERIAL DECLARATION FOR UNEA-6 Drafting (60 min)
16:00- 17:00	SESSION 6 : OPEN DIALOGUE - HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT
17:00-17:30	COFFEE BREAK  GROUP PHOTO 
17:30-18:15	REPORTING OF THE GROUP SESSIONS OUTCOMES
18:15 - 18:30	CLOSING REMARKS OF THE FIRST DAY
19:15	GALA DINER 

DAY 3 : 05.07.23

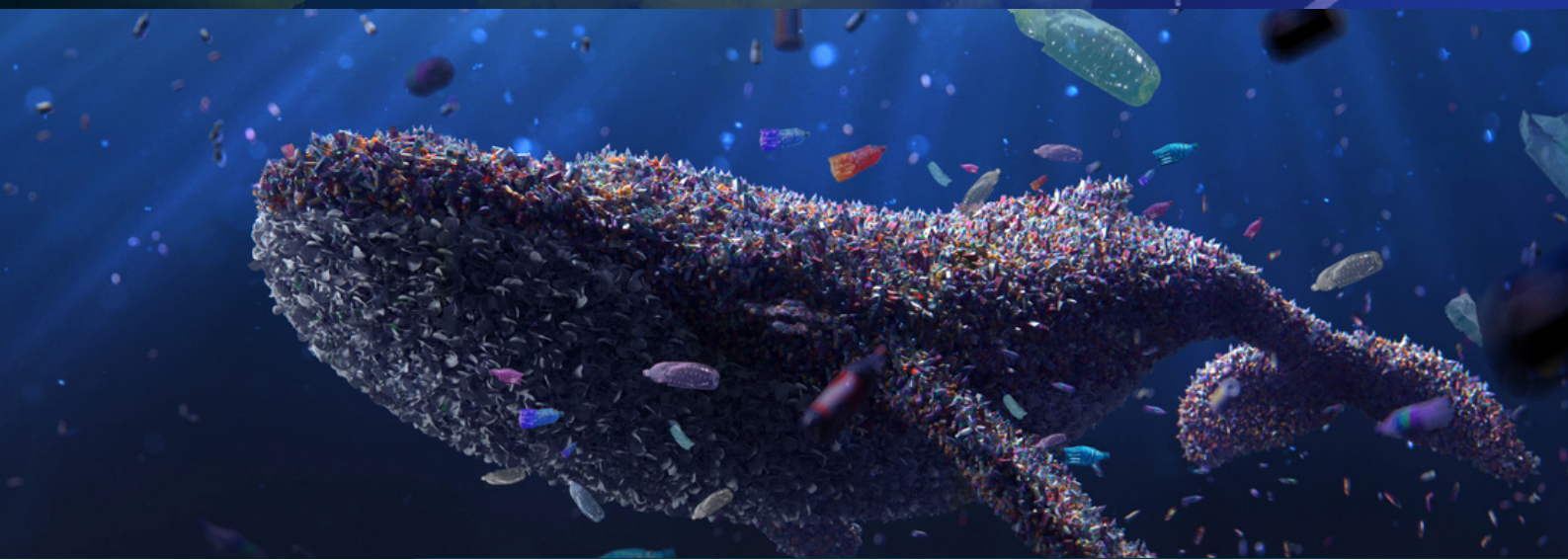
9:30 – 10:00	OPENING REMARKS AND RECAP OF DAY 1
10:00 – 11:30	SESSION 7 : RECONVENE TO FINALIZE THEIR INPUTS TO THE OUTCOME DOCUMENT OF THE MEETING
11:30 – 11:45	COFFEE BREAK 
11:45 – 13:15	SESSION 8: FINALIZATION AND ADOPTION IN THE PLENARY OF THE OUTCOME DOCUMENT OF THE MEETING 2/3 PAGES MAXIMUM
13:15 – 13:30	CLOSING REMARKS
14:00-15h00	OPTIONAL : VISIT OF THE EXOTIC GARDENS OF BOUKNADEL

DEPARTURE TO TANGIER



READING MATERIALS

- UNEA-6 Presidency and Bureau:
<https://www.unep.org/environmentassembly/unea-6-presidency-and-bureau>
- Letter Zero draft:
<https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/42365/230505UNEAletter.pdf?sequence=3&isAllowed=y>
- Roadmap for the consultation on the draft ministerial declaration of UNEA-6:
https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/42169/UNEA-6_Letter_Declaration_RoadMap.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y
- Theme for the 6th session of the United Nations Environment Assembly:
https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/41745/UNEA_theme_decision.pdf?sequence=3&isAllowed=y
- What happened at UNEA-5?
https://ipen.org/sites/default/files/documents/unea5-report-back-v1_1-en.pdf



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Excellency,

I wish to refer to the United Nations Environment Assembly decision 5/4 of 2 March 2022, in which the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) requested its Bureau, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR), to define a theme for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA 6) no later than twelve months in advance of the sixth session.

In this regard, I have the honour to inform you that the UNEA Bureau, at a joint Bureaux meeting of the Environment Assembly and the CPR held on 30 January 2023, decided that the theme for UNEA 6 will be defined as follows:

"Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution".

I express my sincere appreciation to all Members of the two Bureaux, as well as to Member States and Stakeholders, for their constructive approach and important contributions throughout the consultation process to define the theme.

I count on your support and commitment to advance the global environmental agenda by delivering a successful and impactful UNEA 6, which will take place in Nairobi from 26 February to 1 March 2024, under the theme of the session as defined by the UNEA Bureau.

I look forward to a fruitful year of preparations for a successful sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dr. Leila Benali
President of the United
Nations Environment Assembly

Ministre de la Transition Énergétique
et du Développement Durable

Leila BENALI

To:
Ministers responsible for the Environment;
Members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives;
Major Groups and Stakeholders.

ANNEX 2

Roadmap for the consultations on the draft ministerial declaration of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA 6)

April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulation of a zero draft ministerial declaration inviting Member States, observers and major groups and stakeholders to provide written inputs by the end of May 2023.
10 May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary discussion on the zero draft at the UNEA and CPR joint Bureaux meeting.
End of May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for the submission of inputs on the zero draft.
Mid-June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First informal consultations with Member States, observers and major groups and stakeholders on the zero draft, under the leadership of UNEA Presidency and in the margins of the 162nd CPR meeting, with in-person and online participation.
6 July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal exchange of views with major groups and stakeholders on the preparations for UNEA, including consultations on the zero draft ministerial declaration. Meeting to be held in the form of a 2-hour event in advance of the UNEA and CPR joint Bureaux retreat.
6-7 July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further consideration of the zero draft at the UNEA and CPR joint Bureaux retreat in Morocco, with the objective to provide further guidance to the Presidency on the zero draft.
End of July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulation of the first draft ministerial declaration inviting Member States, observers and major groups and stakeholders to provide written inputs and comments by the end of August 2023.
End of Aug 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for the submission of inputs on the first draft.
Mid-Sept 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulation of the revised first draft ministerial declaration on the basis of inputs and contributions received. • Second informal consultations with Member States, observers and major groups and stakeholders on the revised first draft ministerial declaration, under the leadership of UNEA Presidency, with in-person and online participation.
End of September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulation of the second draft ministerial declaration inviting Member States, observers and major groups and stakeholders to provide written inputs and comments by mid-October 2023.
18 Oct 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of the UNEA Bureau to consider the second draft ministerial declaration.
End Oct 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for the submission of inputs on the second draft.
Early Nov 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulation of the revised second draft ministerial declaration inviting Member States, observers and major groups and stakeholders to provide inputs and comments at the 10th meeting of the annual subcommittee of the CPR (ASC-10).
End of Nov 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultations with Member States, observers and major groups and stakeholders at the ASC-10 under the leadership of the UNEA Presidency.
Jan 2024 ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulation of the final draft ministerial declaration for consideration at the 6th meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR-6).
19-23 Feb 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultations at the OECPR-6 led by the UNEA Presidency, with in-person and online participation.
29 Feb / 1 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption by consensus of the draft ministerial declaration during the high-level segment of UNEA-6.



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