

UNEA 5/1 resolution: Animal welfare– environment–sustainable development nexus

The International Major Groups and
Stakeholders preparatory meeting for the Joint
Retreat of the UNEA 6 Bureaus

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**“Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve
the Sustainable Development Goals”**



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Summary:

- ✓ **Resolution adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly on 2 March 2022, Nairobi, Kenya**
- ✓ **Sponsored by seven member states: Ghana, Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, and Pakistan.**
- ✓ Requests the Executive Director of UNEP, ***subject to the availability of financial and human resources, to produce a report***, in close collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the World Organization for Animal Health, as well as with the One Health High-Level Expert Panel, **on the nexus between animal welfare, the environment and sustainable development**, identifying key partners and stakeholders to consult, where relevant, in the preparation of the report, and preparing a summary of the findings for consideration by Member States;
- ✓ **To submit the report for peer review by Member States;**
- ✓ **To report to the UN Environment Assembly at its sixth session**

Implementation Updates

- ✓ A meeting was held between Ms. Inger Andresen and Dr. Monique Eloit Director General of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) during at the COP15 High-level Segment of the CBD in December where they confirmed the interest in working together to implement the Resolution 5/1 Animal welfare environment sustainable development nexus.
- ✓ Follow-up meetings were held between UNEP's focal point for the resolution and technical experts from WOAHA
- ✓ UNEP made a presentation about the progress of the resolution to the Quadripartite Alliance for One Health at a Senior Management meeting.

Implementation Updates

- ✓ **Recruitment of an international expert as facilitator for the implementation of the resolution and coordination with the key stakeholders.**
 - **TORs developed and widely advertised for a consultant to support on the resolution.**
 - **Screening process is taking place and will be finalized by next week.**

- ✓ **Recruitment of International resource mobilization expert to develop a detailed resource mobilization strategy focusing on the Resolutions synergies. The strategy should include a fundraising plan that incorporates identification of potential donors and a joint approach to raise funds for 5 resolutions focusing on 'Nature based solutions, Animal Welfare, Nitrogen Management, Biodiversity and Health, and Sustainable Lake Management.**
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- ✓ A funding proposal for the AW- Env-SD Nexus Res was developed and submitted at bidding for Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) funds (£100K).
- ✓ We have provided inputs to the draft concept note of the coming fundraising workshop to be organized by the Friends of the Resolution.
- ✓ In March this year, the World Federation for Animals shared with UNEP their newly published report on the interdependence of animal welfare, environment, and sustainable development. We welcome the report, which will greatly contribute to the implementation of the resolution.

[Unveiling the Nexus: The Interdependence of Animal Welfare Environment Sustainable Development \(WFA.org\)](https://wfa.org/unveiling-the-nexus-the-interdependence-of-animal-welfare-environment-sustainable-development)

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Planned Tasks / Next Steps / To Dos

- ✓ Draft of a scoping study of the resolution with report's outlines
- ✓ Draft resource mobilization strategy
- ✓ Advisory committee/ steering committee established
- ✓ Revised and agreed on a road map
- ✓ Revised budget for the Implementation of the resolution

Scoping Study – Inception Report Draft



Scoping study objectives

1. Produce an interim study to guide the drafting of a report on the nexus between Animal Welfare, the Environment and Sustainable Development (**referred to as the AWESDE Nexus Report**) in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), World Health Organization (WHO), World Organization of Animal Health (WOAH) as well as the One Health High-Level Experts Panel to report on the nexus between Animal Welfare, the Environment and Sustainable Development.
2. Identify relevant key partners, if applicable/necessary, and stakeholders.
3. Define a robust, positive and progressive mechanism to establish how animal welfare interconnects as an essential element of the global efforts to secure a sustainable future for all people, the planet and animals
4. Establish a system for the report to be drafted in a transparent, inclusive, non-biased, and peer-reviewed by the 194 UNEA Members prior to be presented for approval to Member States.



Preliminary Roadmap



UNEA 5.2 RESOLUTION 1 Scoping study timeline



Thank you

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