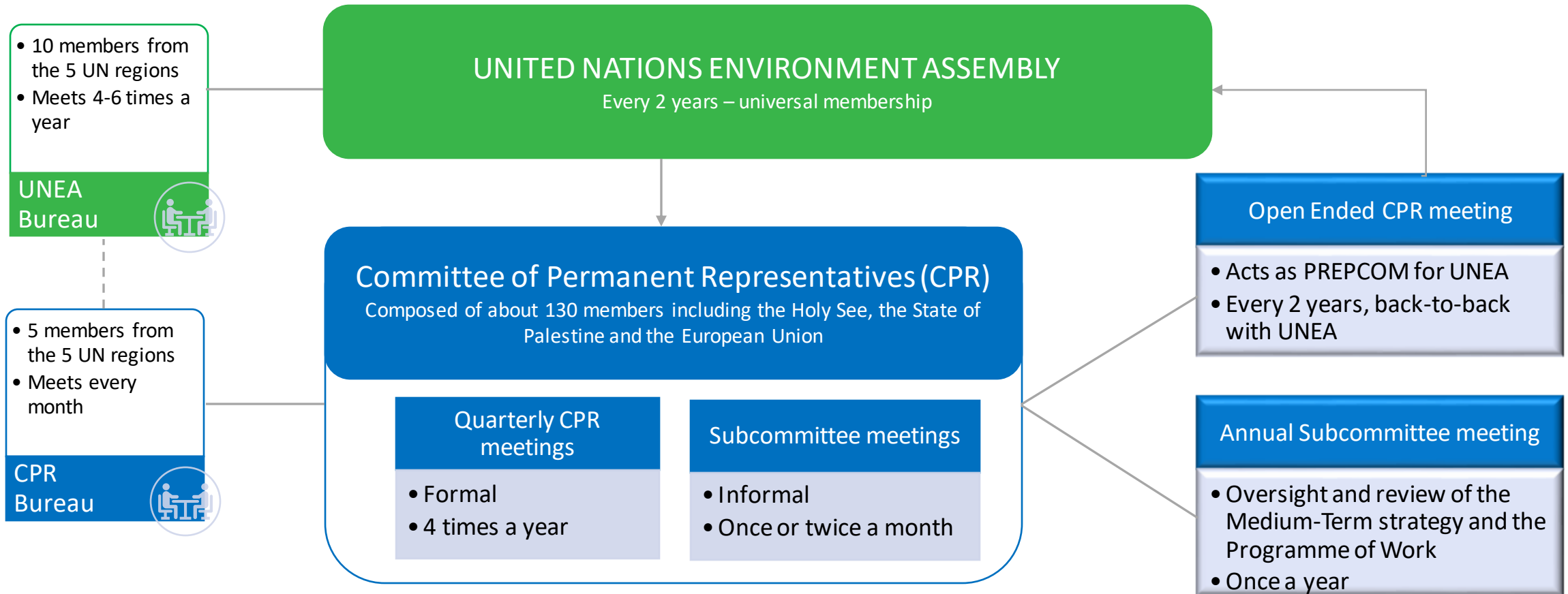


UNEP's Governing Bodies

Structure and Functions of UNEA, the CPR and their Bureaux

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UN Environment Programme Governance Structure



United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

Key mandates and functions Governing Council decision 27/2 of 2013



- Sets the **global environmental agenda**
- Provides **overarching policy guidance** and defines **policy responses** to emerging environmental challenges
- Undertakes **policy review, dialogue and exchange** of experiences
- Sets the **strategic guidance** on the future direction of UNEP
- Organizes **multi-stakeholder dialogue** sessions
- Fosters **partnerships** for achieving environmental goals through resources mobilization

United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

UNEA Bureau



Bureau

- 10 members - a President; 8 Vice-Presidents; and a Rapporteur
- Elected at the final meeting of a session and members hold office until their successors are elected
- Eligible for re-election
- Replacement of a Bureau member is governed by rule 19
- Oversees the preparations of UNEA and supports the general conduct of business of UNEA

Bureau meetings

- Held as and when needed and chaired by the President
- The Chair of CPR participates as an ex-officio Bureau member
- Decisions are taken by consensus
- Joint meetings of the Bureaus of UNEA and CPR are co-chaired by the UNEA President and the CPR Chair

United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

UNEA Bureau



H.E. Ms. Leila Benali

President
Morocco



H.E. Mr. Silvio Jose Albuquerque e Silva

Vice President
Brazil



H. E. Ms. Susana Muhamad Gonzales

Vice-President
Colombia



H.E. Dr. Jafar Barmaki

Vice President
Iran



H.E. Senator Sherry Rehman

Vice President
Pakistan



H.E. Mr. Duarte Cordeiro

Vice President
Portugal



H.E. Mr. Alioune Ndoye

Vice President
Senegal



H.E. Mr. Jàn Budaj

Vice President
Slovakia



H.E. Ms. Trudy Harrison

Vice President
United Kingdom



H.E. Mr. Oleksandr Krasnolutskyi

Rapporteur
Ukraine

United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

Session and Theme



Session

- Every two years for a period of five-days
- Every odd numbered years (UNEA resolution 2/22)
- Held during the last week of February (UNEA resolution 3/2)

Theme

- Provides a framework for political debate
- Agreed by the Bureau of UNEA based on consultations

United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

Agenda and structure



Agenda

- Adopted at the start of the session
- UNEA approves the provisional agenda ahead of a session

Structure of UNEA

- Opening segment
- National statements
- Leadership dialogues
- Multi-stakeholder dialogue
- High-level segment
- Closing segment
- Committee of the whole

		HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT						
		STRUCTURE OF THE SIXTH SESSION OF UNEA						
		<i>Theme: "Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution"</i>						
		Monday 26 February 2024	Tuesday 27 February 2024	Wednesday 28 February 2024	Thursday 29 February 2024	Friday 1 March 2024		
8:00– 9:00		<i>Reg/pol group meetings Bureau meetings Major Groups meetings</i>	<i>Reg/pol group and Bureau meetings MGS meetings</i>	<i>Reg/pol group and Bureau meetings MGS meetings</i>	<i>Ministerial breakfast (TBC)</i>	<i>Reg/pol group meetings Bureau meetings Major Groups meetings</i>	<i>Reg/pol group meetings Bureau meetings Major Groups meetings</i>	
9:00– 10:00					Cooperation with MEAs [item 10] [CR 1]			
10:00– 13:00		UNEA-6 Opening Plenary [CR 2-3-4] - Opening of the session [item 1] - Adoption of the agenda [item 2] <i>Establishment of the COW</i> - Statements [item 1] - Report from the CPR Chair [item 4] - Credentials of representatives [item 3] - Contributions to the HLPF [item 8]	Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]	Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]	High-Level Dialogue on Cooperation with MEAs [CR1]	UNEA-6 High-level segment [item 9] [CR 2-3-4] Opening Plenary <i>Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and <u>pollution</u></i>	Plenary [CR 2-3-4] National Statements [item 9] (List of speakers)	Leadership Dialogue [CR 1] <i>focusing on actions to tackle <u>biodiversity loss</u></i>
		Committee of the Whole [CR 2,3,4] Opening Plenary [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]				Plenary [CR 2-3-4] National Statements [item 9] (List of speakers)	Leadership Dialogue [CR 1] <i>focusing on actions to tackle <u>pollution</u></i>	
13:30– 14:45		UNEA-6 side event(s)	UNEA-6 side event(s)	UNEA-6 side event(s)	UNEA-6 side event(s)	UNEA-6 side event(s)	UNEA-6 side event(s)	
15:00– 18:00		Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]	Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]	Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Closing plenary [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]	High-Level Dialogue on Cooperation with MEAs [CR 1]	Plenary [CR 2-3-4] National Statements [item 9] (List of speakers)	Leadership Dialogue [CR 1] <i>focusing on actions to tackle <u>climate change</u></i>	UNEA-6 Closing Plenary [CR 2-3-4] - High-level segment [item 9] – <i>presentation of summaries</i> - Cooperation with MEAs [item 10] - <i>presentation of summaries</i> - Credentials of representatives [item 3] - Action on draft Ministerial Declaration [item 12] - Action on draft resolutions/decisions [items 5, 6 and 12] - Stakeholder engagement [item 7] - <i>presentation of summary</i> - Provisional agenda, <u>date</u> and venue of UNEA-7 [items 11 and 12] - Election of officers [item 13] - Other matters [item 14] - Adoption of the report [item 15] - Closure of the session [item 16]
						Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue [CR 1] <i>Inclusive actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution</i>		
18:30– 19:45		UNEA-6 side event(s)	UNEA-6 side event(s)	UNEA-6 side event(s)	19:30 p.m. Plenary [CR 2-3-4] National Statements [item 9] (List of speakers)	Poss. high-level reception (TBC)		

United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

Draft Resolutions/Decisions



Decision 5/4

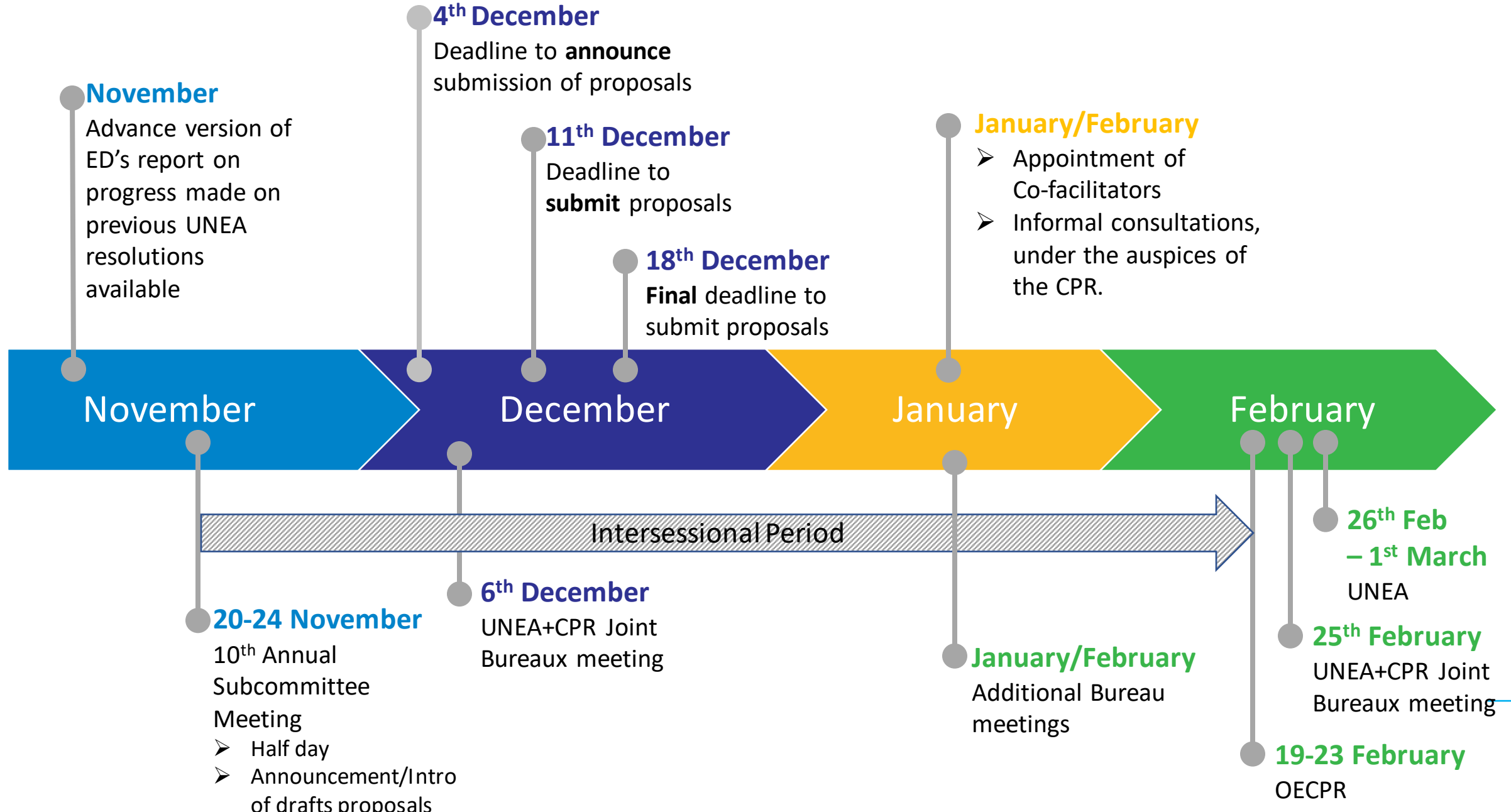
- Member States are encouraged to submit draft resolutions at least 10 weeks prior the open-ended CPR

CPR Review process ([Link](#))

- Announce the intention to submit a draft at least 12 weeks in advance of UNEA
- Provide a concept note explaining the rationale
- Avoid negotiations during weekends
- Ensure participation of Member States
- Selection of co-facilitators

UNEP Resolutions Portal ([Link](#))

Preparatory process for draft resolutions/decisions



Procedure for the submission of draft resolutions and decisions

✓ Draft Submission

- ✓ Sent by email by main sponsor
- ✓ With note verbale
- ✓ In Word
- ✓ Indicating main sponsor and co-sponsors

✓ Concept Note

- ✓ Rational and concept
- ✓ Relation to UNEA-6 theme.
- ✓ Relation to UNEP 23/25 programme of work
- ✓ SDGs
- ✓ Emerging global issues
- ✓ Relation to previous UNEA resolutions and decisions
- ✓ Financial requirements
- ✓ Main stakeholders for implementation

Submitted draft resolutions/decisions will be made available on the “Resolutions portal”

United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

Reporting and Special Sessions



Reporting

- UN General Assembly – (document symbol A/GA session number/25)
- High-level political forum on sustainable development

Special Sessions

- UNEA can hold special sessions

Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR)

Overview



- Established in **May 1985** by GC decision 13/2 to create a formal process of consultation among Governments and with the Executive Director on UNEP matters, taking into account the increasing number of Governments represented in Nairobi;
- Consist of **representatives of all States Members of the UN, members of the specialized agencies and the European Union**, whether based in Nairobi or outside;
- Meets under the leadership of a **5-member Bureau comprising of a Chair, 3 Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur**, elected for a period of two years

Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR)

Mandate



Governing Council decision 19/32, 1997

- Reviews, **monitors and assesses the implementation of decisions** of the UNEP's governing body on administrative, budgetary and programme matters;
- Reviews the **draft UNEP Programme of Work and Budget** during its preparation by the secretariat;
- Reviews **reports** requested of the Secretariat by Member States on the effectiveness, efficiency and transparency of functions and work of the Secretariat and makes recommendations;
- Prepares **draft decisions** for consideration by the UNEP governing body based on inputs from the secretariat and on the results of the above functions.

Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR)

Bureau



H.E. Mr. Firas Khouri

Chair

Jordan



H.E. Mr. Wael Nasreldin Attiya

Vice Chair

Egypt



Mrs. Nicol Adamcová

Vice Chair

Czech Republic



H.E. Mr. Gunnar Andreas Holm

Vice Chair

Norway



Mr. Jovan Bernard Reid

Rapporteur

Barbados

Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR)

Membership



“Representatives of all States Members of the UN, members of the specialized agencies and the European Union, accredited to the UN Environment, based in Nairobi or outside” (GC decision 19/32 Para 8).

- Accredited Member States: **130 Member States**
- Accredited Non-Member States: Holy See + State of Palestine
- The European Union

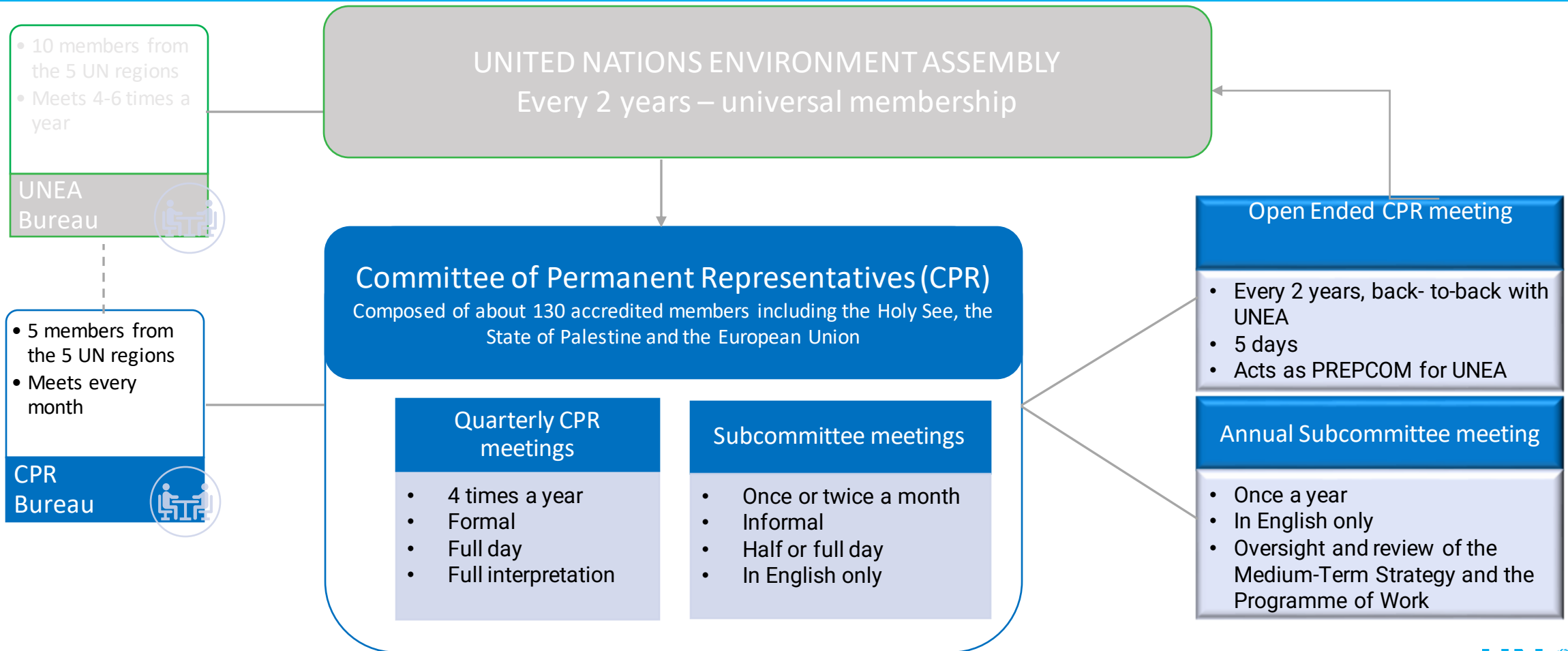
Observers: League of Arab States + Sovereign Military Order of Malta

96 accredited missions in Nairobi

37 accredited missions outside Nairobi

Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR)

Overview of Meetings



After consultation with the CPR bureau or at the request of at least 5 members, **extraordinary CPR meetings** may be convened

Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR)

Annual Subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives



Governing Council decision 27/2, Feb 2013

- Meets **annually** (usually in October) for a period of 5 days;
- Reviews, with the support of the Secretariat, the **Medium-Term Strategy and Programme of Work** and budget, in a manner coherent with the budgetary cycle of the United Nations, to be endorsed by the Committee of Permanent Representatives and for the governing body's approval;
- Oversees their **implementation and accountability** by the Secretariat;
- Conducts its meetings in English only

Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR)

Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR)



Governing Council decision 27/2, Feb 2013

“Decides that an open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives will be the inter-sessional subsidiary body of the governing body of UNEA and perform the following functions:

- Contribute to the [preparation of the agenda](#) of its governing body;
- Provide [advice](#) to its governing body on policy matters;
- Prepare [decisions for adoption](#) by its governing body and oversee their implementation;
- Convene thematic and/or programmatic [debates](#);
- Promote effective ways and means to facilitate [participation of the non-resident members](#) of the Committee, particularly from developing countries; and
- Perform any other functions delegated to it by its governing body.”

Final outcome of the Consensual Process for Review by the Committee of Permanent Representatives

“Organize, as a general practice and unless otherwise decided by UNEA, meetings of the Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives [back-to-back with the UN Environment Assembly](#), while ensuring effective, participatory and inclusive intersessional preparation, and avoiding negotiations during weekends.”

Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR)

UNEP Reporting to the CPR

	Frequency	Where
UNEP Programme Performance Report	Annually	PPR and CPR quarterly report page
UNEP Annual Report	Annually	Annual report page
UNEP Quarterly ED Report to the CPR	Quarterly	PPR and CPR quarterly report page
Ad-hoc requests from Member States	Ad-hoc	Under each meeting, on our CPR Meeting portal

Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR)

Useful resources for members of the CPR

- Latest information and access to resources for CPR members: [CPR Website](#)
- Schedule of upcoming meetings: [UNEP Roadmap](#)
- Documents for upcoming and past meetings: on individual meeting pages, accessible from our [CPR Meeting portal](#)
- List and contact details of Member States: [Member State directory](#)
- Outcome of the Consensual Process for Review by the CPR: [Document](#)

- Review of draft resolutions and decisions: [UNEP Resolutions Portal](#)
- Reporting on previous UNEA outcomes: [UNEA Monitoring & Reporting portal](#)
- All information regarding past and future UNEA sessions: [UNEA website](#)

Thank you



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UN Environment Programme Governance Structure

United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

The leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda; established after Rio+20 in 2012. Universal membership; Chaired by UNEA President

UNEA-1: 23-27 June 2014 - UNEA-2: 23-27 May 2016 - UNEA-3: 4-6 December 2017

UNEA-4: 11-15 March 2019 - UNEA-5: 22-23 February 2021 and 28 February – 2 March 2022

First special session: UNEP@50 the 3-4 March 2022

UNEA Bureau

- 10 members from 5 regions; leads the preparation of UNEA
- Chaired by UNEA President, from the African States Group
- Meets 4-6 times per year, sometimes jointly with the CPR Bureau

Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR)

- Subsidiary inter-sessional body of the Environment Assembly
- Responsible for review and follow-up of the UNEP Programme of Work and UNEA decisions and resolutions, and for preparing for the OECPR and UNEA
- Composed of about 130 members including the Holy See, the State of Palestine and the European Union (96 members represented in Nairobi)
- Meets formally 4 times per year – usually full day meetings
- Meets informally in subcommittees 1-2 times per month to address specific issues

CPR Bureau

- 5 Members from 5 regions; leads the preparation of CPR and OECPR meetings
- Current Chair from the Asia-Pacific States
- Meets monthly or as needed, sometimes jointly with UNEA Bureau

Open-Ended CPR Meetings

- Meets for 5 days. As a general practice and unless otherwise decided by UNEA, meetings of the Open-Ended CPR are held back-to-back with UNEA
- Chaired by the CPR Chair
- Acts as a “PREPCOM” for UNEA
- Pre-negotiates UNEA resolutions

Annual Subcommittee Meetings

- Meets annually for 5 days, usually in October; chaired by the CPR Chair
- Review and oversight of the current PoW
- Guidance on future PoW
- Representatives from Capitals invited

UNEP Governing Council VS the UN Environment Assembly

[Key GA resolutions 2997 (XXVII); 66/288; 67/213; 67/251]



	GOVERNING COUNCIL	UN ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY
Membership	58 elected members	193 UN Member States
Bureau	5 members	10 members
Meets	Annually (ordinary and special sessions)	Biennially in odd years, preceded by OECPR serving as a UNEA prepcom ¹
Organization	5 days, including the Global Ministerial Environment Forum	5 days, including a two-day high-level segment at the end of session
	Both preceded by the global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF)	
Outcome	Decisions and other outcome documents as decided by Members	Resolutions, decisions and other outcome documents as decided by Member States

¹ the 6th session will be held in 2024, without prejudice to resolution 2/22, in which the Assembly decided to hold its regular sessions and the OECPR in odd numbered years commencing with its third session, in 2017

Committee of Permanent Representatives

Governing Council decision 27/2, Feb 2013



“Decides to convene an open-ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, while ensuring support to developing countries’ representatives, to enable the participation of capital-based delegates as well as stakeholders for a period of five days in an even-year to **contribute to preparation of the agenda of its governing body, and to provide advice to its governing body on policy matters.**”

- (i) OECPR-1: 24- 28 March, 2014
- (ii) OECPR-2: 15-19 February, 2016.
- (iii) OECPR-3: 29 Nov -1 Dec, 2017
- (iv) OECPR-4: 4-8 March, 2019.
- (v) OECPR-5: 15-17 February, 2021, and 21-25 February 2022.

The CPR decided in the **Final outcome of the Consensual Process for Review by the Committee of Permanent Representatives** to "Organize, as a general practice and unless otherwise decided by UNEA, meetings of the Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives **back-to-back with the UN Environment Assembly**, while ensuring effective, participatory and inclusive intersessional preparation, and avoiding negotiations during weekends.”