Conference Facilities Capital Project

Briefing for UNEP Committee of Permanent Representatives Members

7 September 2023
Conference Facilities Capital Project -- Presentation Outline

• UN Site – Historic Development
• Reiteration and Reinforcement of Business Requirements
• Existing Conditions
• Design – Site Plan, Aerial Perspective, Objectives
• Project Governance
• Schedule
UNON Site – Historic Development

Overview: 140 Acres / 56 hectares

**RED**: Old Office Blocks A-J (1975)

**ORANGE**: Conference Centre and Office Blocks M-X (1985)

**YELLOW**: Office Blocks V-X (1992)

**GOLD**: New Office Facility (2010)
UNON Site – Historic Development

Aerial view of UN campus from Northwest, circa 1985
Existing Conditions
Business Requirements

In-person participant trends at recent UNEA and UN-Habitat meetings

COVID-19 Pandemic
Future Site Plan – by 2029

Following the construction of new offices block and conference facility
Sustainability Initiatives

- Target net zero energy consumption
- Achieve highest possible green building rating (e.g. LEED, BREEAM, CASPEE, Green Star)
- Maximize natural/passive air ventilation
- Vastly improve indoor air quality
- Increase access to views and natural light
- Minimize energy consumption through building management controls, and low energy lighting and systems
- Design emphasis on connection to natural environment
- Rainwater and graywater harvesting; reduction of freshwater consumption through low-flow fixtures
- Use of local materials and construction methods
Accessibility Initiatives

- Project design will employ Universal Design Principles
- Reference principles established in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2007 (CRPD), and the UN Disability Inclusion Strategy 2020 (UNDIS)
- Pedestrian access – footpaths, vehicle set-down areas, crosswalks, etc.
- Vertical transportation – Elevators, ramps
- Wayfinding and signage – Ensure access for sight and cognitively impaired
- Conference Technology – Ensure full functionality for sight and hearing impaired
Project Governance – Corporate
**Mandate:**
To provide the UNON Director-General, in her role as project owner, with advice and guidance on the management of the project from the perspective of Member States.

**Composition:**
- H.E. Mr. Valentin Zellweger, Ambassador, Embassy of Switzerland (Chairperson)
- H.E. Mr. Damptey B. Asare, High Commissioner of Ghana
- H.E. Mr. Peter Maddens, Ambassador, Embassy of Belgium
- H.E. Mrs. Gabriela Martinic, Ambassador, Embassy of Argentina
- Mr. Danny Rahdiansyah, Deputy Permanent Representative, Embassy of Indonesia
- H.E. Ms. Rose Makena Muchiri, Ambassador, Government of Kenya (Ex-officio)

**Meeting Periodicity:**
Bi-Annually
(Or more, if specific need arises)
## Project Schedule

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### Schedule – 2023 outlook

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<td>Advisory Board nominations submitted to DG, UNON by Regional Chairs</td>
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<td>First Advisory Board meeting held</td>
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<td>Design contract awarded, design phase begins</td>
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<td>SG issues 5th Progress Report to the 78th Session of the General Assembly</td>
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