

Committee of Permanent Representatives
Bureau Meeting
Friday, 8 September 2023
10:00 – 12:00 (GMT +3)
Conference Room 9
Hybrid meeting

Chair's Summary

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.

1. H. E. Mr. Firas Khouri, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR), Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP, opened the meeting.
2. The [agenda](#) was adopted.

Agenda item 2: Preparation for the tenth annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

3. The Bureau was invited to consider the [preliminary agenda](#) and [structure](#) of the tenth annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, scheduled to take place from 20 to 24 November 2023, on the basis of a presentation from the Secretariat.
4. The Bureau agreed with the agenda and structure proposed by the Secretariat and expressed appreciation for making the review and oversight of the implementation of the UNEP programme of work, the management and administration of UNEP, and the evaluation reports a priority for the tenth annual subcommittee.
5. The Bureau also specifically welcomed the proposed agenda items relating to UNEP's contribution to the UN reform at country level (including through engaging with the UN resident coordinators), widening the funding base for UNEP, preparations for UNEA-6 including presentations of advance UNEA-6 reports, as well as the announcement of draft resolutions by Member States, coordination within the UN system on the environment including through the EMG, and future perspectives on environmental multilateralism. With regard to the latter agenda item, the bureau welcomed the proposal to invite the Co-Chairs of the High-level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism to present the report of the Advisory Board to the Committee and requested information about UNEP's involvement in the preparations for the [Summit of the Future](#).
6. The Bureau requested the Secretariat to ensure that adequate time is provided in the structure to the discussion under item 3 (a) on implementation of the Programme of work and budget 2022-2023, including an analysis of lessons learned, and raised a question on whether item 5 on widening the funding base of UNEP would need a full half day.
7. The Bureau also underlined the importance of making available all background documentation well in advance of the tenth annual subcommittee meeting in order for Member States to prepare for a fully informed exchange of views, and to ensure that

adequate time is allocated for discussion and -in-depth dialogue between the Secretariat, Member States and Major Groups and Stakeholders.

8. The Bureau requested the Secretariat to clarify the order of presentation of the different thematic programmes for agenda item 3 (a) on the UNEP Programme of Work and Budget, and to list the evaluation reports to be considered under agenda item 3 (c).
9. The Bureau requested the Secretariat to finalize the [provisional agenda](#) and to prepare an annotated agenda for the tenth annual subcommittee meeting of the CPR, taking into account the guidance provided by the Bureau.
10. The Chair of the Bureau announced that he would reach out to the Vice-Chairs of the Bureau to determine the chairing schedule for the week of the tenth annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

Agenda item 3: Organization of work.

11. The Secretariat presented the proposed organization of work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives for the remainder of fall 2023 based on the [roadmap](#) for the UN Environment Programme Governing Bodies.
12. The Bureau took note of the rescheduled CPR subcommittee meetings which will take place on 5 October and 7 November, as well as the next CPR Bureau meeting which has now been rescheduled to 24 October.
13. The Bureau also noted that the Committee will hold its [resumed 162nd meeting of the CPR](#) on 31 October 2023, to conclude the consideration of the remaining items on the [agenda](#) for its [162nd meeting of the CPR](#), which took place on 16 June 2023, and that after the conclusion of its resumed 162nd CPR meeting, the Committee will immediately hold its [163rd CPR meeting](#).
14. The Secretariat informed the Bureau that a UNEP and UNITAR organized training for delegates on negotiation skills, drafting skills and capacity building through peer learning will be organized from Monday, 11 September to Friday, 15 September 2023, with about 25 Member States participating in-person and 50 online.
15. The Chair of the Bureau expressed his intention to continue the tradition of dividing the chairing of CPR subcommittee meetings among the Vice-Chairs, including the various sessions of the tenth annual subcommittee meeting.

Agenda item 4: Other matters.

16. The Secretariat informed the Bureau that UNEP, in partnership with UNON and the UNHQ in New York, has launched a dedicated section in the UN Journal entitled [United Nations Journal for Nairobi](#). This has been done in an effort to further align the work of UNEP with already existing UN-wide practices and platforms. The Secretariat will provide a briefing for Member States on the journal at a later stage.

17. The Bureau welcomed the initiative and noted that the associated UN Journal App will be very useful for delegates in their meeting planning.
18. One member of the Bureau announced that a [Nordic report towards ending plastic pollution by 2040](#) will be launched on 20 September 2023 as a high-level side event at the UN General Assembly, hosted by Norway.

Agenda item 5: Closing of the meeting.

19. The Executive Director of UNEP thanked the Chair of the CPR and all other members of the CPR Bureau for contributing to the fruitful discussion.
20. The meeting closed at 11:30 (GMT+3).

Annex: List of Participants

The Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau Members:

H. E. Mr. Firas Khouri, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP.

H. E. Ms. Nicol Adamcová, Vice-Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP.

Mr. Mr. Øystein Størkersen, Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway to UNEP.

Representatives of Bureau Members:

H. E. Mr. Wael Nasreldin Attiya, Vice Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Permanent Representative to UNEP, was represented by Ms. Sara Hassan of Egypt

H.E. Mr. Gunnar Andreas Holm, Vice Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of Norway to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP.

Representatives of the President of the UN Environment Assembly participated in an ex officio capacity:

Mr. Abderrazzak Laassel, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Morocco to UNEP.

Ms. Siham Mourabit, Deputy Permanent Representative of Morocco to UNEP.

The UN Environment Program Secretariat was represented by:

Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director.

Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Deputy Executive Director.

Mr. Nicholas Bertrand, Chief of Staff.

Mr. Stadler Trengove, Principal Legal Officer

Ms. Radhika Ochalik, Secretary of Governing Bodies.

Mr. Ulf Björnholm, Deputy Secretary of Governing Bodies.