United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme

Annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme

Tenth meeting
Nairobi, 20 – 24 November 2023
10:00 – 13:00 and 15:00 – 18:00
Conference Room 2
Hybrid meeting

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
   a) Review of UNEP thematic programmes in the UNEP Programme of Work.
   b) Management and administration of UNEP.
   c) Consideration of relevant UNEP evaluation reports.
   d) UNEP in the context of the repositioning of the UN development system and country delivery.
   e) Coordination within the UN system on the environment, including through the Environment Management Group.
4. Preparations for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.
   a) Secretariat presentations of advanced versions of mandated reports to UNEA-6.
   b) UNEA sessions and related consequences for UNEP’s Medium-Term Strategies and Programmes of Work and Budget.
   c) Announcements of possible draft resolutions and decisions for UNEA-6.
5. Widening the funding base of UNEP.
6. Futures perspectives on environmental multilateralism.
7. Consideration of a draft Chair’s summary of the meeting.
8. Other matters.
9. Closing of the meeting.
Annotated Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.

   The Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme will open the meeting on 20 November 2023 at 10:00 (GMT+3).

2. Adoption of the agenda.

   The Chair will propose the adoption of the provisional agenda for the meeting, as set out in document UNEP/ASC.10/1 and UNEP/ASC.10/1/Add.1.


   a) Review of UNEP thematic programmes in the UNEP Programme of Work.

      The Secretariat will present an overview of the status of implementation of each of the thematic programmes in the 2022-2023 Programme of Work and budget of UNEP. Presentations will be grouped and interspersed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders.

   b) Management and administration of UNEP.

      The Secretariat will present an overview of UNEP’s budget, human resources and audits, including an update on the creation of the division on climate change, followed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders.

   c) Consideration of relevant UNEP evaluation reports.

      The Evaluation Office will present an overview of evaluations completed since the last sub-committee meeting, particularly referring to the Environmental Governance Sub-programme evaluation. The Evaluation Office will also provide an update on evaluation recommendation compliance, highlighting the key changes introduced from the approval of the new evaluation policy in October 2022. The presentations will be followed by response from the UNEP Secretariat, as relevant, and an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders.

   d) UNEP in the context of the repositioning of the UN development system and country delivery.

      The Secretariat will present an overview of UNEP’s engagement with the UN Resident Coordinators and the UN country teams in strengthening the delivery of the environmental
dimensions of sustainable development. The presentation will be followed by an interactive session with Member States, informed by the Resident Coordinator System.

e) Coordination within the UN system on the environment, including through the Environment Management Group.

The Secretariat will present an overview of the engagement of UNEP within the UN System, using examples of interagency cooperation and coordination aiming to demonstrate the methodology applied to integrate environmental considerations in the work of other UN entities, including through the Environment Management Group. The presentation will be followed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders.

4. Preparations for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

The Secretariat will provide an update on the preparations for UNEA-6, including logistical arrangements, followed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders.

a) Secretariat presentations of advanced versions of mandated reports to UNEA-6.

The Secretariat will provide an overview of advanced unedited English versions of mandated reports to the sixth session of the United Nations Environment, with a focus on the recommendations.

b) UNEA sessions and related consequences for UNEP’s Medium-Term Strategies and Programmes of Work and Budget.

The Secretariat will present revised options for the scheduling of future UNEA sessions and their impact on the strategic and budgetary planning of UNEP, followed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders. Outcomes of the discussion will contribute to the development of a UNEA-6 decision on the dates and agenda for UNEA-7.

c) Announcements of possible draft resolutions and decisions for UNEA-6.

Delegations will be invited to announce intentions or present draft resolutions for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, or associated concept notes, with a view to facilitating early consultations and effective preparation of intersessional consultations and negotiations in advance of UNEA-6.

5. Widening the funding base of UNEP.

The Secretariat will present an overview of UNEP’s financial status, outlining the challenges associated with UNEP’s current funding structure, and opportunities for achieving a more secure, stable, adequate, and increased funding from a wider base of financing partners. This includes increased regional engagement in resource mobilization, and outreach to new funding partners, with a goal to increase core funding to the Environment Fund and flexible funding to thematic funds. The discussion is expected to be a dialogue about action taken following the recommendations from the 9th annual subcommittee meeting of the CPR to widen UNEP’s funding base from Member States and other funding sources. The presentation will be followed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders.

6. Futures perspectives on environmental multilateralism.

The Co-Chairs of the High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism will present the key recommendations in the report entitled “A Breakthrough for People and Planet: Effective and Inclusive Global Governance for Today and the Future”, in particular, the chapter on “Planet and People”. The report of the High-Level Advisory Board will provide input to the Summit of the Future to be held on 22 and 23 September 2024 in New York. The Co-Chairs will also present a summary of the discussion from the General Assembly preparatory ministerial meeting of the Summit of the Future held on 21 September 2023. The presentation will be followed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders.

7. Consideration of a draft Chair’s summary of the meeting.

The meeting will consider a draft Chair’s Summary of the meeting, which will capture the key recommendations and general guidance emerging from Member States and Stakeholders, as appropriate, following the discussions held under agenda items 3-6, to be formally adopted at the 164th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, scheduled for 7 December 2023.

8. Other matters.
The meeting will consider any other matters related to its work.

9. **Closing of the meeting.**

The meeting is expected to close on 24 November 2023, at 18:00 (GMT+3).