

Preparations for UNEA-6

The 7th Africa Animal Welfare Conference
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Overview

UNEA history and structure

UNEA-6 Theme

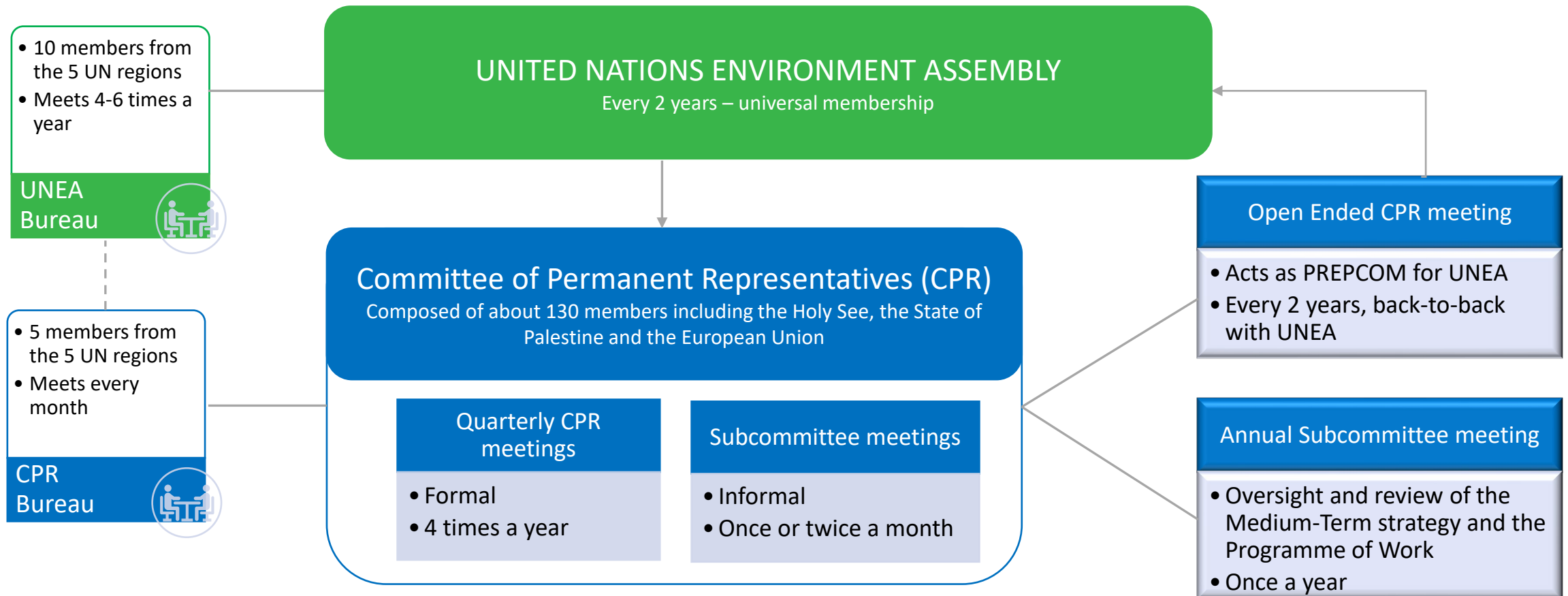
UNEA-6 Ministerial Declaration

Outcomes of the joint Bureau retreat:

- Provisional Agenda
- Structure
- Participation modalities
- Guidelines for the submission of draft resolutions and decisions

Update on status of Accreditation to the CPR

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



UNEA-6

UNEA-6 takes place 26 February – 1 March 2024, Nairobi
Preceded by its “Prepcom”, OECPR-6, 19-23 February

UNEA-6 Theme:

“Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution”

The UNEA-6 theme was defined on 30 January 2023 by the UNEA Bureau, in close collaboration with the CPR Bureau and based on extensive consultations with the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR)



UNEA-6 Ministerial Declaration

Consultations are held under the leadership of the UNEA-6 Presidency, who also holds the pen

- A **roadmap** for the consultation on the UNEA-6 ministerial declaration was shared in April 2023
- A "**zero draft**" was made available to all delegations and stakeholder in May 2023, with an invitation to provide inputs in writing
- First **informal consultations** was held in June 2023, next consultation to be held end of September
- A **first full draft** of ministerial declaration was shared in August, based on the inputs on the zero draft in writing and at the first informal consultation
- **Further consultations and calls for inputs** in writing will be organized on 26 September and during the 10th Annual Subcommittee meeting of the CPR



Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Credentials of representatives.
4. Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
5. International environmental policy and governance issues.
6. Programme of work and budget, and other administrative and budgetary issues.
7. Stakeholder engagement.
8. Contributions to the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
9. High-level segment.
10. Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements ([UNEP/EA.6/15](#)).
11. Provisional agenda, date and venue of the seventh session of the Environment Assembly.
12. Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session.
13. Election of officers.
14. Other matters.
15. Adoption of the report.
16. Closure of the session.

STRUCTURE OF THE SIXTH SESSION OF UNEA

Theme: "Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution"

	Monday 26 February 2024	Tuesday 27 February 2024	Wednesday 28 February 2024	Thursday 29 February 2024	Friday 1 March 2024	
8:00–9:00	Reg/pol group meetings Bureau meetings Major Groups meetings	Reg/pol group and Bureau meetings MGS meetings	Reg/pol group and Bureau meetings MGS meetings	Ministerial breakfast (TBC)	Reg/pol group meetings Bureau meetings Major Groups meetings	
9:00–10:00				Cooperation with MEAs [item 10] [CR 1]		
10:00–13:00	<p>UNEA-6 Opening Plenary [CR 2-3-4]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening of the session [item 1] - Adoption of the agenda [item 2] - Establishment of the COW - Statements [item 1] - Report from the CPR Chair [item 4] - Credentials of representatives [item 3] - Contributions to the HLPF [item 8] <p>Committee of the Whole [CR 2,3,4] Opening Plenary [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]</p>	<p>Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]</p>	<p>Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]</p>	<p>High-Level Dialogue on Cooperation with MEAs [CR1]</p>	<p>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 pollution</i></p> <p>Plenary [CR 2-3-4] National Statements [item 9] (List of speakers)</p>	<p>Plenary [CR 2-3-4] National Statements [item 9] (List of speakers)</p> <p>Leadership Dialogue [CR 1] <i>focusing on actions to tackle <u>biodiversity loss</u></i></p> <p>Leadership Dialogue [CR 1] <i>focusing on actions to tackle <u>pollution</u></i></p>
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)	
15:00–18:00	<p>Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]</p>	<p>Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]</p>	<p>Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Closing plenary [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]</p>	<p>High-Level Dialogue on Cooperation with MEAs [CR 1]</p>	<p>Plenary [CR 2-3-4] National Statements [item 9] (List of speakers)</p> <p>Leadership Dialogue [CR 1] <i>focusing on actions to tackle <u>climate change</u></i></p> <p>Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue [CR 1] <i>Inclusive actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution</i></p>	<p>UNEA-6 Closing Plenary [CR 2-3-4]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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, date 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]
18:30–19:45	UNEA-6 side event(s)	UNEA-6 side event(s)	UNEA-6 side event(s)	19:30 p.m. [TBC] Plenary [CR 2-3-4] National Statements [item 9] (List of speakers)	Poss. high-level reception (TBC)	

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