

Intergovernmental Consultations on Naturebased Solutions

Agenda Item 3: Briefing on the consultation process for Nature-based solutions

Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee 5 Oct 2023

Request to Executive Director of UNEP

UNEA Resolution 5/5: Nature-based solutions for supporting sustainable Development

5. Subject to the availability of resources and to further support the implementation of nature-based solutions, as defined by the present resolution, to convene intergovernmental consultations in a transparent, inclusive, regionally balanced manner, striving for gender balance, in order to undertake the following:





Consultations should:

...support the implementation of nature-based solutions...

a) Compile examples of best practice in nature-based solutions..

b) Assess existing and discuss potential new proposals, criteria, standards and guidelines to address divergences with a view to achieving a common understanding among Member States for the implementation of naturebased solutions...

c) Identify options for supporting sustainable investment in nature-based solutions..



Co-Chairs

On 31 October 2022, the President of UNEA, Dr Leila Benali, appointed as Co-Chairs for the consultations:

- Ms Sikeade Egbuwalo, Nigeria
- H.E. Giovanna Valverde Stark, Ambassador of Costa Rica to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP and UN Habitat,



Timeline

First round of global consultations (virtual) held -May 2023 First round of regional consultations (virtual) – June – July 2023 Final consultations (regional and global) held in-person in Nairobi, 9-13 October 2023

Finalisation of Co-Chairs Summary of consultations Nov 2023

Submission of Summary to UNEA 6 as Inf Doc Jan 2024



Key Issues

- Best Practice
- Standards, criteria and guidelines
- Finance

Plus:

- Policy for NbS
- Measuring benefits and costs of NbS
- Opportunities and obstacles: NbS and climate mitigation



The Nairobi Consultations

- Includes six panel discussions spread across of the week. One for each of the six issues
- Co-Chairs Summary of the Consultations will comprise
 - Summary of the consultations
 - Co-Chairs' recommendations to support the implementation of naturebased solutions
 - Resource Guide

Participation: 9-13 October

285 individuals registered

- 85 Member States
- 74 Stakeholder organizations
- REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN!
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Thank you



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