

# Major Groups and Stakeholders Engagement at UNEA

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West Asia Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum

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# Key milestones in UNEP's history

## 1972: Stockholm Conference, UNEP established

UNEP is established in 1972 at the UN Conference on the Human Environment to monitor the state of the environment, inform policy making with science and coordinate responses to the world's environmental challenges.



## 2012: RIO+20, UNEP strengthened

At the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, UNEP's **mandate is strengthened**, and governance **upgraded** to **universal membership through UNEA** helping to define a new era of international environmental governance.



## 2022: UNEP@50, UNEP's contribution acknowledged

Political declaration at the UNEP@50 Special Session of UNEA **acknowledged 50-year contribution** of UNEP and **its role in addressing the triple planetary crisis** and called for further strengthening of the organization.



# UNEP is Governed by Member States



**The United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) – meets every two years**



**The Committee of Permanent Representatives plays an important role:**

- ✓ CPR regular meetings (4/year)
- ✓ Open-ended CPR (once every two years to prepare UNEA)
- ✓ Annual CPR subcommittee (one per year to provide review and oversight)
- ✓ CPR Subcommittee (as necessary)

# UNEA-6 Theme

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“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 "**first draft**" was made available to all delegations and stakeholders on **17 August**, with an invitation to provide inputs in writing by **29 September**
- **Second informal consultation** was held on **26 September**
- A **second draft** of the ministerial declaration will be circulated at the end of October.
- **Third informal consultation** will be organized on 8 November

# Provisional agenda

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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><b>UNEA-6 Opening Plenary [CR 2-3-4]</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opening of the session [item 1]</li> <li>- Adoption of the agenda [item 2]</li> <li>- Establishment of the COW</li> <li>- Statements [item 1]</li> <li>- Report from the CPR Chair [item 4]</li> <li>- Credentials of representatives [item 3]</li> <li>- Contributions to the HLPF [item 8]</li> </ul> <p><b>Committee of the Whole [CR 2,3,4] Opening Plenary</b> [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]</p>	<p><b>Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups</b> [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]</p>	<p><b>Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups</b> [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]</p>	<p><b>High-Level Dialogue on Cooperation with MEAs [CR1]</b></p>	<p><b>UNEA-6 High-level segment [item 9] [CR 2-3-4] Opening Plenary</b> <i>Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution</i></p> <p><b>Plenary [CR 2-3-4] National Statements [item 9]</b> (List of speakers)</p>	<p><b>Plenary [CR 2-3-4] National Statements [item 9]</b> (List of speakers)</p> <p><b>Leadership Dialogue [CR 1]</b> <i>focusing on actions to tackle <u>biodiversity loss</u></i></p> <p><b>Leadership Dialogue [CR 1]</b> <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><b>Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups</b> [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]</p>	<p><b>Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups</b> [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]</p>	<p><b>Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Closing plenary</b> [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]</p>	<p><b>High-Level Dialogue on Cooperation with MEAs [CR 1]</b></p>	<p><b>Plenary [CR 2-3-4] National Statements [item 9]</b> (List of speakers)</p> <p><b>Leadership Dialogue [CR 1]</b> <i>focusing on actions to tackle <u>climate change</u></i></p> <p><b>Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue [CR 1]</b> <i>Inclusive actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution</i></p>	<p><b>UNEA-6 Closing Plenary [CR 2-3-4]</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High-level segment [item 9] – <i>presentation of summaries</i></li> <li>- Cooperation with MEAs [item 10] - <i>presentation of summaries</i></li> <li>- Credentials of representatives [item 3]</li> <li>- Action on draft Ministerial Declaration [item 12]</li> <li>- Action on draft resolutions/decisions [items 5, 6 and 12]</li> <li>- Stakeholder engagement [item 7] - <i>presentation of summary</i></li> <li>- Provisional agenda, date and venue of UNEA-7 [items 11 and 12]</li> <li>- Election of officers [item 13]</li> <li>- Other matters [item 14]</li> <li>- Adoption of the report [item 15]</li> <li>- Closure of the session [item 16]</li> </ul>
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)	

# Participation modalities for UNEA-6

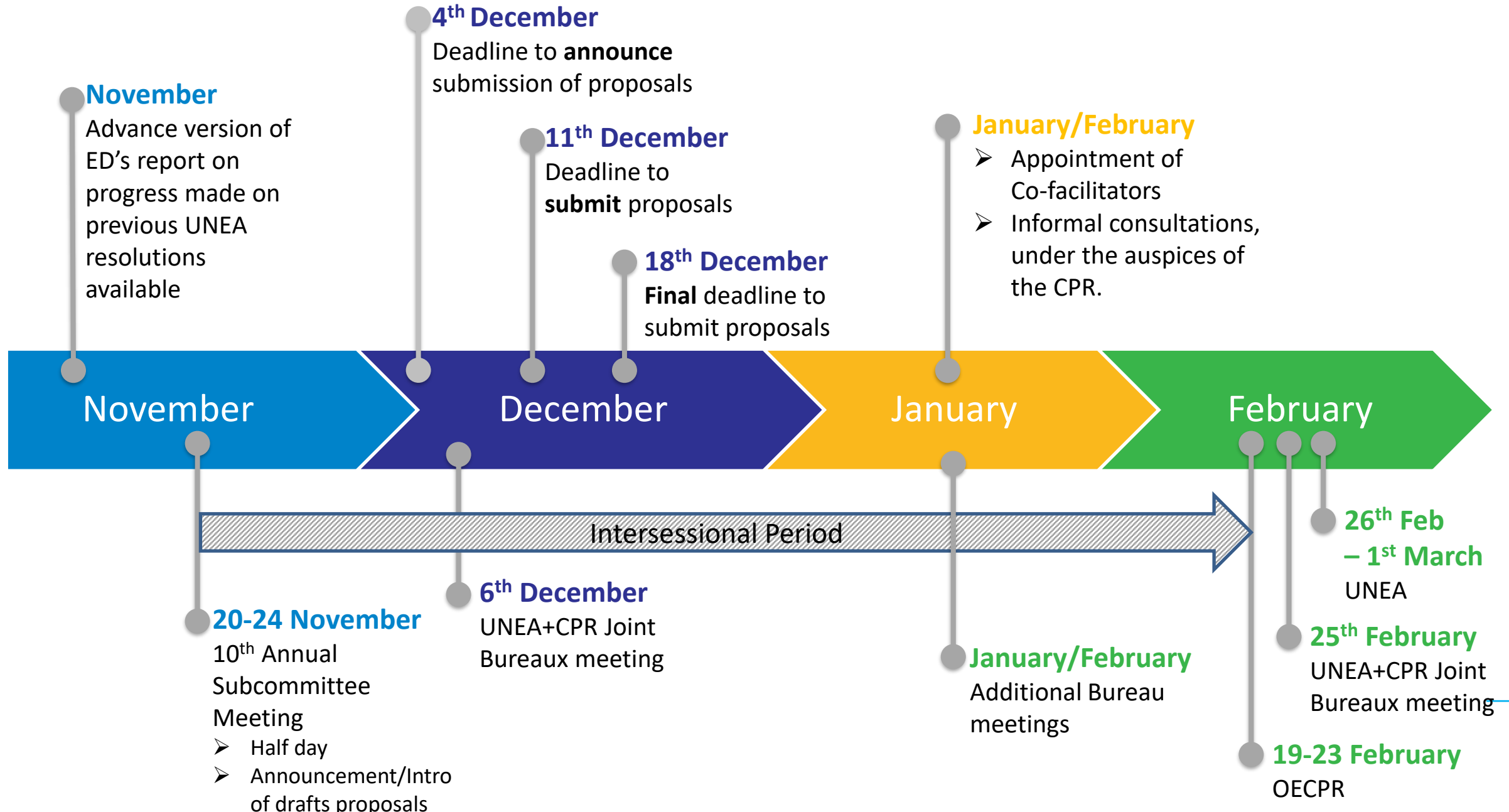
UNEA-6 held fully in-person

	In-Person	Online participation	Live streamed (view only)
Formal Plenary meetings	✓	✗	✓
Informal Plenary meetings	✓	✗	✓
Committee of the Whole	✓	✗	✓
Informal consultations	✓	✓	N/A

Video messages can be provided by Heads of State and Government who will not be able to participate in person



# Preparatory process for draft resolutions/decisions



# HOW?

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- In UNEA and CPR as observer with opportunity to provide oral and written statements
- Access to CPR portal including to un-edited working documents and submission of written inputs
- Regional Consultative Meetings (RCMs) – often back-to-back to regional Ministerial Forum
- Global fully virtual preparatory consultation
- Youth Environmental Assembly (YEA)
- Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF) prior to the UN Environment Assembly
- Multi-stakeholder forum during UNEA

# Thank you!

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