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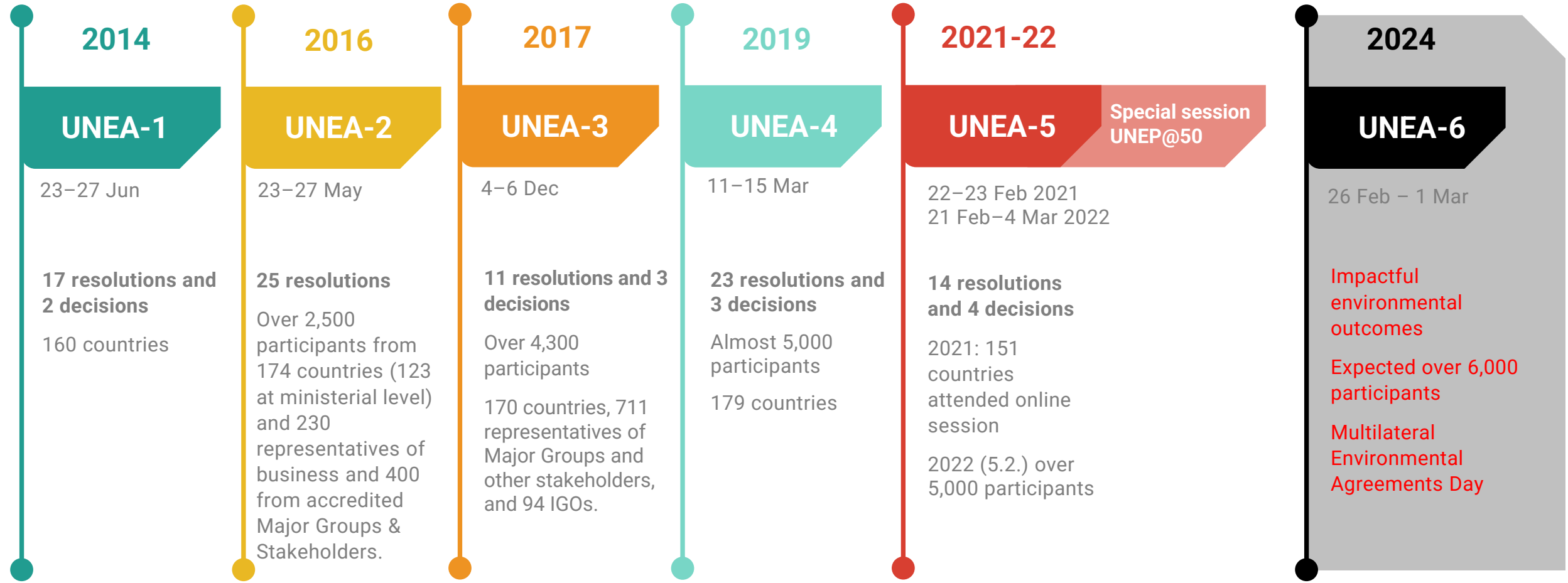
26 February – 1 March 2024, Nairobi, Kenya

The sixth session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-6)

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Director Governance Affairs Office and Secretary of the Governing Bodies
163rd Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives
31st October 2023



10 years of UNEA and 90 resolutions and 12 decisions



UNEA was established in June 2012 as a result of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, also known as Rio+20. The outcome document, **The Future We Want**, called on the UN General Assembly to strengthen and upgrade UNEP. The UNGA then adopted resolution 67/213 on strengthening and upgrading UNEP and establishing universal membership of its Governing Council. In March 2013, the UNGA further adopted resolution 67/251, which changed the designation of the UNEP Governing Council to the UNEA.

UNEA-6 will seize the moment

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Theme:

Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution [[UNEA-6 theme](#)]

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UNEA-6 Ministerial Declaration

Consultations are held under the leadership of the UNEA-6 Presidency

The **roadmap** for the consultation on the UNEA-6 ministerial declaration was shared in April 2023.

The **“zero draft”** was circulated on **5 May**

The **first informal consultations** on the zero draft was held **20 June**

The **“first draft”** was circulated on **17 August**, with an invitation for written input by **29 September**

The **second informal consultations** was held on **26 September**

The **“second draft”** of the ministerial declaration will be circulated at the **end of October**.

The **Third informal consultations** will be on **8 November**

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 HLPF and implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda.
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

				High-level segment					
Monday, 26 February 2024		Tuesday, 27 February 2024		Wednesday, 28 February 2024		Thursday, 29 February 2024		Friday, 1 March 2024	
08:00	Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting	Ministerial breakfast [TBC]	Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting			
09:00	Reg/pol group meetings Major Groups meetings	Reg/pol group meetings Major Groups meetings	Reg/pol group meetings Major Groups meetings	Cooperation with the MEAs [CR1] [item10]	Reg/pol group meetings Major Groups meetings	Reg/pol group meetings Major Groups meetings			
10:00	UNEA-6 Opening Plenary [CR 2-3-4] - 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]	Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]	Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]	High-Level Dialogue on Cooperation with MEAs [CR1] Strengthening science policy interface for effective implementation of environmental commitments	UNEA-6 High-level segment [item 9] [CR 2-3-4] Opening Plenary Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution		Plenary [CR 2-3-4] National Statements [item 9] (List of speakers)	Leadership Dialogue [CR 1]* focusing on finance solutions	
13:00					Committee of the Whole Opening Plenary [CR 2,3,4] [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]	Plenary [CR 2-3-4] National Statements [item 9] (List of speakers)		Leadership Dialogue [CR 1]* focusing on governance and advocacy solutions	
13:30	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)			
14:45	Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]	Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]	Committee of the Whole Closing Plenary [CR 2-3-4] [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]	High-Level Dialogue on Cooperation with MEAs [CR 1] Strengthening cooperation between UNEA, UNEP and MEAs to enhance effective implementation at national level including through means of implementation	Plenary [CR 2-3-4] National Statements [item 9] (List of speakers)	Leadership Dialogue [CR 1]* focusing on science, data, and digital solutions	UNEA-6 Closing Plenary [CR 2-3-4] - High-level segment [item 9] – presentation of summaries - Cooperation with MEAs [item 10] - presentation of summaries - 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] - presentation of summary - 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]		
15:00						Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue [CR 1] Inclusive actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution			
18:00	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)			
18:30	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)			
19:45	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)	Side event(s)			
Evening					Plenary [CR 2-3-4] National Statements [item 9] (List of speakers) [TBC]	High-level Host Country reception [TBC]	*Each Leadership Dialogue will focus on different transformative, multi-stakeholder and multi-level actions and solutions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution		

Participation modalities

UNEA-6 meetings will be held fully in-person.

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

	In-Person	Online participation	Live streamed (view only)
Formal Plenary meetings	✓	✗	✓
Informal Plenary meetings	✓	✗	✓
Committee of the Whole plenary meetings	✓	✗	✓
CoW: Informal consultations/working groups	✓	✓	✗
OECP R Plenaries	✓	✓	✓
OECP R: Informal consultations/working groups	✓	✓	✗

Supplementary Agenda Item: Cooperation with MEAs

28 February 2024

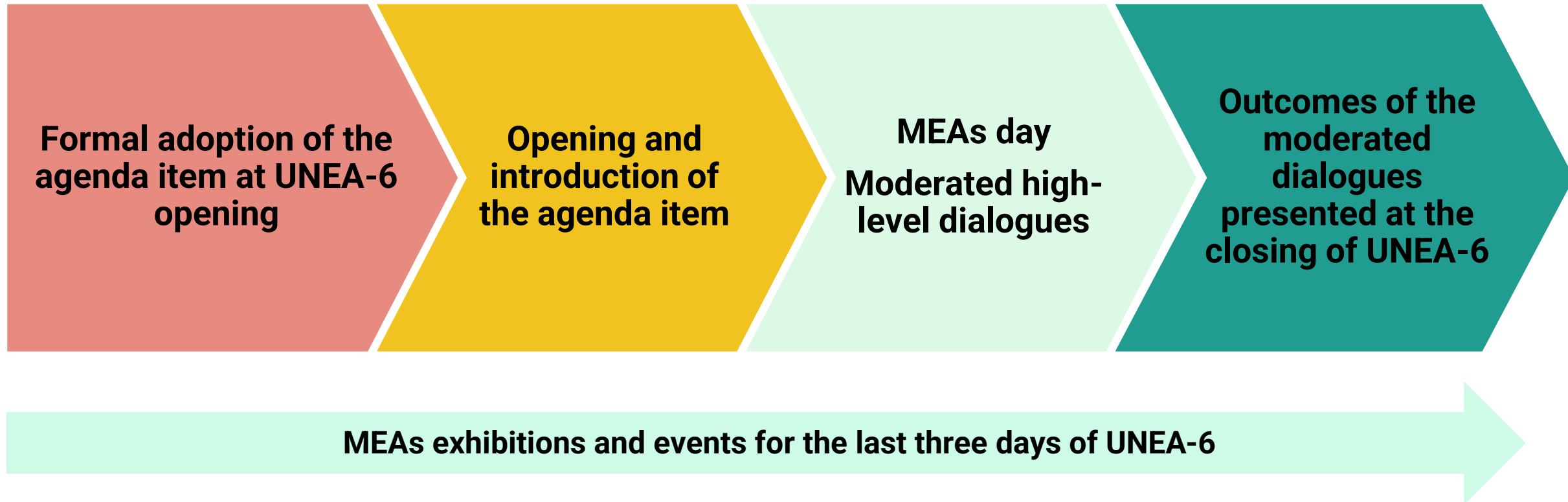
Objective: The UNEA-6 theme provides a structured entry point to highlight the importance of cooperation with MEAs.

- Strengthen the engagement of MEAs in UNEA-6 to promote coherence between UNEA resolutions and decisions of MEA governing bodies whilst fully respecting the autonomy of MEAs.
- Enhance UNEA's relationship with MEAs to contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Strengthening convergence of action and dialogue on common strategies and sharing of experiences while providing increased visibility to the decisions of MEAs governing bodies.
- Expected to result in tangible outcomes reflected as appropriate, in resolutions and conclusions of the meeting.

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Sequence of consideration of the agenda item



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Thematic focus of the high-level dialogues

The MEAs high level dialogues will be held on 28th February from 10:00 am to 1:00pm and from 3:00pm to 6:00pm;

- **Dialogue 1:** Strengthening science-policy interface for effective implementation of environmental commitments.
- **Dialogue 2:** Strengthening cooperation between UNEA, UNEP and MEAs to enhance effective implementation at the national level including through means of implementation.

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Participation in the MEAs day

- Open to all UNEA participants.
- UNEP administered MEAs, UNCCD, UNFCCC, non-UNEP administered MEAs of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity related Conventions and others as appropriate.
- The panelists and introductory speakers will be determined later but several ministers who also serve as COP Presidents will play a role.

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MEAs exhibitions and related events

- **MEAs exhibition** will be organized during the whole week of UNEA-6 to showcase cooperation between UNEP and MEAs, other UN entities and MEAs as well as among the MEAs on cross-cutting topics of interest which are relevant to the theme of UNEA-6
- **MEAs related events** will be held in two dedicated tents from 28th February to 1st March 2024.

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National statements

High-level segment: Thursday, 29 February and Friday, 1 March 2024

Statements by Member States

- All Member States will have to an opportunity to deliver **one national statement** during the high-level segment.
- National statements are expected to be delivered **in-person**.
- Exceptionally, **pre-recorded video** messages could be provided by Heads of State and Government who will not be able to attend in person. These pre-recorded video messages would be played in the plenary.
- Pre-recorded video messages at ministerial-level or below would be uploaded on the website but not played in the meeting room and not reflected in the meeting report.

Statements by observers: Time permitting, observers will be able to deliver statements in person.

National statements (2)

High-level segment: Thursday, 29 February and Friday, 1 March 2024

Upcoming guidelines on inscription process:

- List of speakers will be established on a first-come first served basis, with the customary protocol.
- Time limit of **3 minutes** for individual statements and **5 minutes** for statements made on behalf of a group of States

E-delegate portal will be used for delegations to inscribe on the list of speakers.

Webcast and interpretation:

- Webcast on UN WebTV and live interpretation in the UN 6 languages

Leadership Dialogues

Leadership Dialogue 1: Science, data, and digital solutions

Thursday 29 February 2024, 15:00 to 16:30 EAT.

Leadership Dialogue 2: Finance solutions

Friday 1 March 2024, 10:00 to 11:30 EAT.

Leadership Dialogue 3: Governance and advocacy solutions

Friday 1 March 2024, 11:30 to 13:00 EAT.

Concept notes will be shared in December and will include guiding questions to help prepare interventions.

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Structure and format

- Open to all **registered participants**
- Held fully **in person** and webcast on UNWebTV
- Interpretation provided in the **six official languages**
- **Opening of each dialogue** by the President of UNEA, followed by a brief statement by the Executive Director of UNEP
- **2 keynote speakers** will set the scene - no panel discussion given the limited time (90 minutes).
- **Professional moderator(s)** will be hired to conduct the dialogues
- **No pre-established list of speakers** for the “interactive discussion” in order to allow for a dialogue and to accommodate as many speakers as possible

Structure and format (2)

- Accommodates **69 speakers** in total combining the 3 LDs : 45 Member States, 9 IGOs and UN system entities and 9 NGOs
- Delegations will **express their interest to speak** in the room by pressing the microphone button
- Effort will be made to respect the **protocol** by giving priority to any Head of State or Government
- Effort will also be made to **intersperse participants** from IGOs, UN system and NGOs among Member States
- Time limit of **2 minutes with a countdown timer displayed on the screen**
- The **summary** of the three leadership dialogues will be presented at the last plenary meeting on 1 March 2024 and will be included in the proceedings report.

Civil Society participation

Youth Environment Assembly on 17 and 18 February at UNON

Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum ([GMGSF 21](#)) on 24 and 25 February 2024 at UNON

Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on 29 February 2024

Green Room reserved primarily for the participating Major Groups and Stakeholders of civil society for morning and evening briefings, ad-hoc meetings, events and bilateral meetings.

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Procedure for the submission of draft resolutions and decisions



Draft Submission

- 1 Sent by email by main sponsor
- 2 With note verbale
- 3 In Word
- 4 Indicating main sponsor and co-sponsors

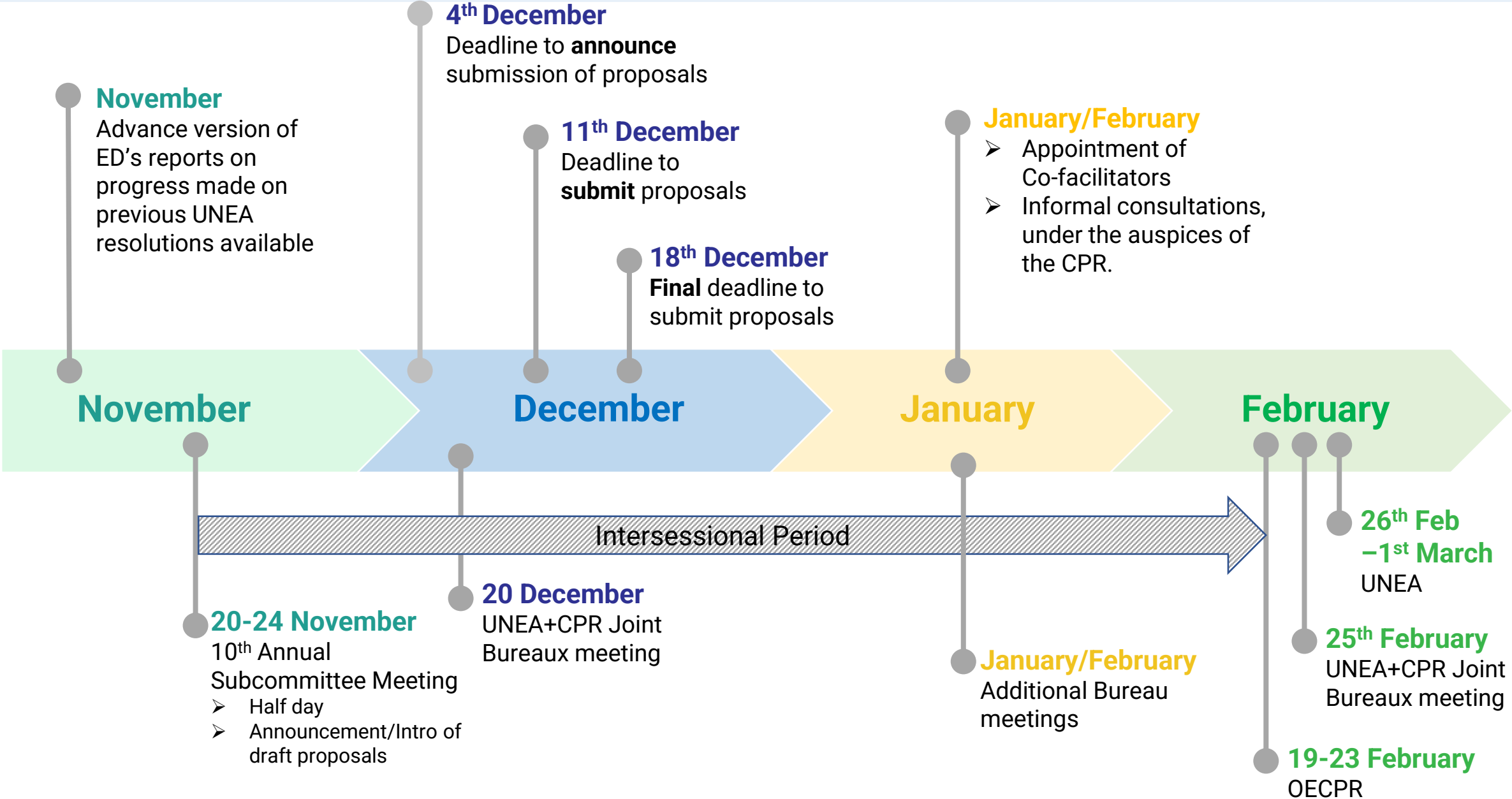


Concept note

- 1 Rational and concept
- 2 Relation to UNEA-6 theme.
- 3 Relation to UNEP 23/25 programme of work
- 4 SDGs
- 5 Emerging global issues
- 6 Relation to previous UNEA resolutions and decisions
- 7 Financial requirements
- 8 Main stakeholders for implementation

Submitted draft resolutions/decisions will be made available on the “Resolutions portal”

Preparatory process for draft resolutions/decisions



UNEP Resolutions portal

Previously referred to as the PaperSmart Portal

- **Access:** <https://resolutions.unep.org/resolutions/>
- **Register:**
 - To create an account, go to [Login/Register](#) and select “I want to create an account”.
 - Once you have created your account, please send an email to unep-gao-techsupport@un.org for the secretariat to process your request.
 - If you already have an account and require a new password or any technical support, please contact unep-gao-techsupport@un.org
- **Login:** If you have a username and password you will be able to login to access UNEA-6 draft resolutions and decisions that have been submitted.

Official side events

Applications are open until 17 Nov

16 in-person and 16 online at lunch time and evening times.

Official side events can be organized by UN Member States, [intergovernmental organizations](#), including the Secretariats of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements, specialized agencies and UN system entities and major groups and stakeholders [accredited](#) to the UN Environment Programme and its governing bodies. All interested parties are strongly encouraged to partner with others to organize an official side event.

[Side events \(UNEA-6 website\)](#)

Applications will be received through the online portal, to be screened and reviewed by UNEP and endorsement by the UNEA Bureau.

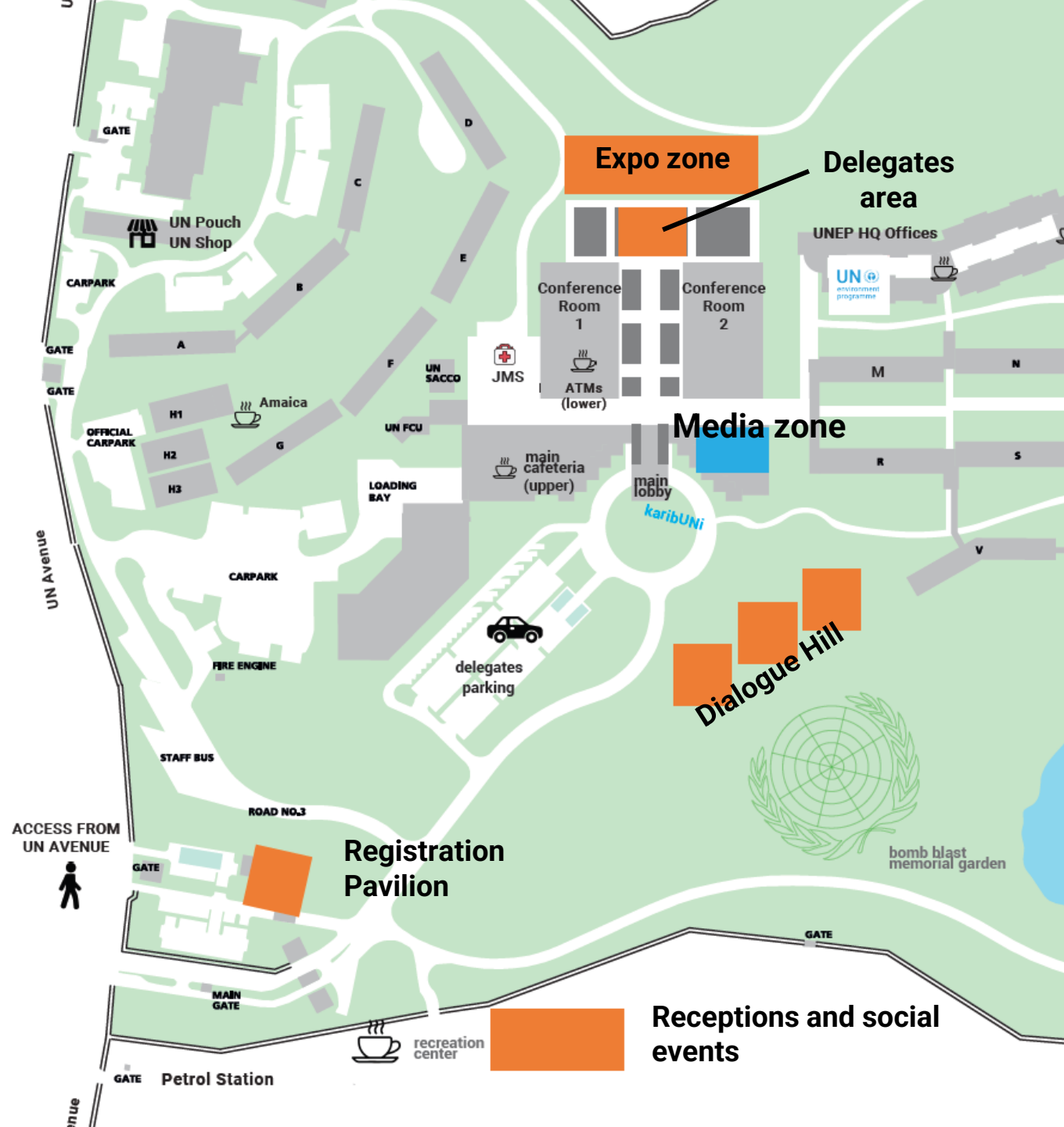
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February – March 2024 UNEA related events schedule (version 16/10/2023)							
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
12 February	13	14	15	16	17	18	
					Youth Environment Assembly [CR 1]		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
[CR 2-3-9-10 (11)] OECPR-6					GMGSF [CR 1]		
31st Meeting of the IRP [90 pax – CR 4]						SPBF (Helipad)	
		[CR 1] Climate And Clean Air Conference 2024 CCAC - 250 pax					
				[CR 3] Cities and Regions Summit [50–180p]	[CR 14] 10YFP Board – 50pax		
26	27	28	29	1 March	2	3	
UNEA-6 [High level Segment + LDs + Side events]							
SPBF (Helipad)		MEA related events (Helipad)					
		Ministerial Breakfast		QPT Executive			
		Business MG Dinner	Host Country reception				

Associated events & spaces

- **Dialogue hill** next to the karibUNi sign round about for associated events
- An **exhibition space** will be dedicated to MEAs and the UN
- A **delegates lounge** next to the Conference Rooms for networking
- A dedicated **Media zone** (press conference room and working area for journalists)





Sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6)

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The sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6) will be held from 26 February to 1 March 2024 at the UNEP headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, under the theme: *Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.*

The sixth meeting of the [Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives \(OECPR\)](#) will take place from 19 to 23 February 2024.

All meetings in the UNEA-6 programme and OECPR will be conducted in-person with live interpretation and [webcast](#) available in all six UN languages. Informal consultations and working/ contact groups will be conducted in an English-only hybrid format (a combination of in-person and online participation).

Latest



REGISTRATION

Registration is now open



DOCUMENT

Structure of UNEA-6



SIDE EVENTS

Side event application opens 20 September

WHEN: 26 Feb 2024 - 1 Mar 2024

WHERE: Nairobi, Kenya

Notifications

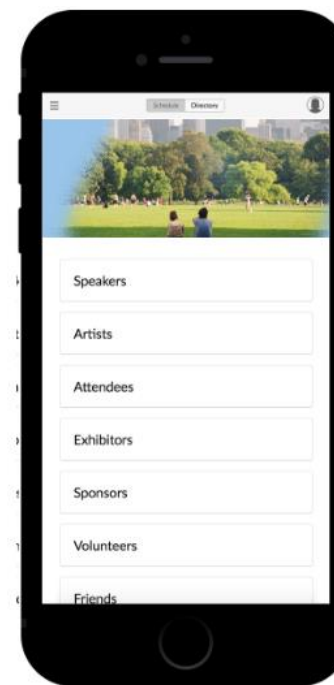
Read the provisional agenda

Registration is now open

Quick Access

Multilateral Environment Agreements Day

Input to the draft Ministerial Declaration



- ✓ Session documentation
- ✓ Resolutions Portal
- ✓ eDelegate portal
- ✓ UN Journal for Nairobi

www.unep.org/environmentassembly/unea6

Event app coming soon

Registration and travel support

Registrations

- Opened on 13 September 2023
- Close on 9 February 2024
- Invitation letters issued
- Additional information will be made available on logistical arrangements.

Travel support

- maximum of two (2) delegates from developing countries
- Deadline to apply is 20 December 2023

[Registration & Travel support
\(UNEA-6 website\)](#)

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Credentials

- **Each member of UNEA shall be represented by an accredited representative**, who may be accompanied by such alternate representatives and advisers.
- **the credentials** of the representatives and the names of the alternate representatives and advisers **shall be submitted to the Executive Director** before the first meeting which representatives are to attend.
- advanced scanned copy of their credentials, **signed by either the Head of State or Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs as well as other formal communications** containing the names of representatives to the Environment Assembly (such as letters and notes verbales from the Permanent Missions or formal communications from Government Ministries) should be sent in advanced to unep.credentials@un.org.
- The **original hard copy of the credentials and other communications** should be submitted to the Law Division of UNEP or by mail to P.O. Box 30552, 00100 Nairobi, Kenya, for the attention of the UNEP Principal Legal Adviser.
- the Bureau of the UN Environment Assembly will examine the credentials and submit its report to the plenary meeting.

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Budget and funding gap

Total budget estimate	4,387,000
Secured funding	
Regular budget (UNON)	708,000
Regular budget (UNEP)	450,000
UNEP contribution	1,500,000
Total secured funding	2,658,000
Total funding gap	1,729,000
Extrabudgetary contributions received	
XB (EU) *excluding PSC	560,748
XB (Hungary) *excluding PSC	4,873
Remaining funding gap	1,163,379

The total estimated budget is **USD 4.3 M**

Total secured funding is **USD 2.6 M**

Total funding gap is **USD 1.7 M**

Remaining funding gap is **USD 1.1 M**

Appeal for funds ongoing to support effective participation of developing countries with priority given to LDCs and SIDS



Thank you

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