

Committee of the Permanent Representatives
Subcommittee meeting
Nairobi, 4 December 2023
10:00 –13:00 and 15:00 – 18:00 (GMT+3)
Hybrid meeting
Conference Room 2 (in person)
and Microsoft Teams (online)

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2. Briefing on the Second Session of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on a Science Policy Panel.
3. Briefing on the Global Resources Outlook 2024 report.
4. Preparations for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.
5. Briefing on the UN Secretary General’s initiative on Harnessing Critical Energy Transition Minerals for Sustainable Development in Least Developed and Land-Locked Developing Countries Just Transitions in Low Carbon Technologies.
6. Briefing on the Agreement on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.
7. Draft recommendations from the 10th annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.
8. Other matters.
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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.

H. E. Mr. Firas Khouri, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR), Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Republic of Kenya and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Environment Programme, will open and chair the meeting.

2. Briefing on the Second Session of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on a Science Policy Panel.

A secretariat briefing will be provided on the update on the implementation of [UNEA resolution 5/8](#) on a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution, with a specific focus on the preparations for the second session of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG-2). The Committee is invited to take note of the presentation and provide further guidance to the secretariat, as appropriate. Member States who have not already done so are also encouraged to nominate a national focal point, Member States in a position to do so are also invited to provide financial support for the work of the OEWG Secretariat.

3. Briefing on the Global Resources Outlook 2024 report.

The Secretariat will provide a briefing on the second edition of the ‘Global Resources Outlook’ which will be launched in February 2024. This report is a flagship of the International Resource Panel, and the 2024 edition looks at why resources are so important and how critical they are to achieving the SDGs and addressing the triple planetary crisis. Importantly, the 2024 report demonstrates - based on data analysis and modelling - that global material demand is still on the rise. It puts forward primary research on the trends of resource extraction and inequitable use in the global economy and the environmental and socio-economic impacts of that use. It also delineates the scale of ambition needed to redirect the global economy towards sustainable resource utilization, and it includes, for the first time, a dedicated section on just transitions. The first edition of the Global Resources Outlook report was welcomed by Member States at UNEA-4 in 2019 through [UNEA resolution 4/1](#). The same resolution invited the Panel to develop future reports to be presented at the upcoming UNEA session. The Committee is invited to take note of the presentation on the Global Resources Outlook 2024 and to provide guidance on how to ensure broad visibility and awareness of the report, including at UNEA-6.

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. The Committee is invited to take note of the presentation and provide guidance to the Secretariat, as

appropriate. The agenda item will also provide an opportunity for the Committee to consider specific follow-up actions based on the outcome of the 10th Annual Subcommittee meeting of the CPR, which will take place 20-24 November 2023, and for Member States to announce or present possible draft resolutions for UNEA-6.

5. Briefing on the UN Secretary General’s initiative on Harnessing Critical Energy Transition Minerals for Sustainable Development in Least Developed and Land-Locked Developing Countries Just Transitions in Low Carbon Technologies.

A secretariat briefing will be provided on the UN Secretary General’s initiative on Harnessing Critical Energy Transition Minerals for Sustainable Development in Least Developed and Land-Locked Developing Countries Just Transitions in Low Carbon Technologies. Member States and Stakeholders are invited to reflect on UNEP’s contributions to this initiative and to provide guidance on how to promote a larger impact.

6. Briefing on the Agreement on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.

The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the UN Office of Legal Affairs (DOALOS), which performs, on an interim basis, secretariat functions for the *Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction* (BBNJ Agreement) adopted on 19 June 2023, will provide an overview of that Agreement, including immediate next steps towards supporting its early entry into force. The Agreement relates, in particular, to the marine and biodiversity aspects of the UNEP Programme of Work. The Committee will be invited to take note of the information provided and to invite UNEP to cooperate with DOALOS in promoting a broader understanding of the Agreement and preparing for its entry into force.

7. Draft recommendations from the 10th annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

With reference to paragraph 66 of the Chair’s Summary of the 10th annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, the Committee will be invited to identify possible decisions or recommendations for consideration of the CPR at its 164th meeting.

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 at 18:00 (GMT+3).