

Final Draft CONCEPT NOTE

Annual Sub-committee meeting of the CPR: Agenda item 3d

Panel discussion with Resident Coordinators

21st of November 2023

[The agenda of 10th Annual Subcommittee meeting of the CPR](#) includes a session on 'UNEP in the context of the repositioning of the UN development system and country delivery' [on Tuesday 21st of November from 15:00 – 18:00](#).

The objective of this session is to discuss the opportunities to strengthen delivery of the environmental dimensions of sustainable development with and through the UN Resident Coordinators and the UN country teams, including by considering existing practices in other UN entities. The Committee is invited to consider the information shared by UNEP and by UN Resident Coordinators and to provide guidance on strengthening the engagement with the Resident Coordinator System at country level.

The overall session is structured as follows:

- Presentation by the secretariat on UNEP's engagement with the Resident Coordinator System (30 minutes)
- Panel discussion with UN Resident Coordinators on how the UN Development System can increase its capacity to address climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution at the country level in an integrated way (75 min)
- Q&A (60 min)

The purpose of the panel discussion is to inform further the discussions by hearing from UN Resident Coordinators – as the highest-ranking representative of the UN Development System at the country level – on the needs, constraints and opportunities they face in coordinating UN support to countries on climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.

Firestarter: Executive Director, UNEP, Ms Inger Andersen

Remarks: Assistant Secretary General for Development Coordination, Mr Oscar Fernandez-Taranco, by video

The Panel:

- Resident Coordinator in Uganda, Ms Susan Ngongi Namondo
- Resident Coordinator in Maldives, Ms Catherine Haswell
- Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General, Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator in Somalia, Mr George Conway
- Regional Director, Asia Pacific, UNEP, Ms Dechen Tsering

Chief of programme facilitation, DCO, Joerg Schimmel, for the Q&A.

Moderator: Ms Mirey Atallah, Head, Nature for Climate, UNEP.