



*UNEA sessions and related  
consequences for UNEP's Medium-  
Term Strategy (MTS) and  
Programme of Work (PoW) and  
Budget*

**10th Annual Subcommittee meeting of the  
Committee of Permanent Representatives**

***November 2023***

# 1. Background



## UNEP's Medium-term Strategy (MTS)

- ✓ *MTS 2022-2025 approved at UNEA5.1 in February 2021*
- ✓ Four-year strategy.
- ✓ Currently ending the first biennium



## Programme of Work (PoW) and Budget

- ✓ POW and Budget for 2022-2023 extended to include 2024-2025
- ✓ Biennial cycles, two in the four-year MTS cycle.



UNEA Decision 5/4  
*Also decides, to extend the programme of work for the period 2022–2023 by two years, to the end of 2025, with the budget and targets being pro-rated accordingly.*

# 1. Background 2



## UNEA Decision 5/4:



***Decides**, that the sixth session of the UNEA will be held in Nairobi from 26 February to 1 March 2024;*



***Urges** the Environment Assembly at its sixth session, when considering the date and venue of its seventh session, to keep in mind its **resolution 2/22**, on the review of the cycle of the Environment Assembly and **rule 1** of its rules of procedure concerning the recommended time between sessions of the Environment Assembly, and the **need to approve the MTS for the period 2026–2029 and the PoW of work and budget for the biennium 2026–2027 in 2025.***



**RULES OF PROCEDURE:**  
*The UNEA shall normally hold one regular session every two years (Rule 1)*

**RESOLUTION 2/22**  
*decided: to hold its regular sessions in odd numbered years commencing with its third session in 2017 (to minimize time between UNEA approval of MTS and MTS implementation)*

## 2. Three options

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**UNEA-7 is held in February 2026 & special session in 2025 to approve the MTS 2026-2029.**

- Change the UNEA cycle to even years.
- Special session in 2025
- UNEA 7 will take place in 2026.

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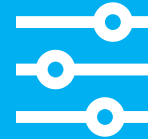
**UNEA-7 is held in February 2026.**

- Change the UNEA cycle to even years.
- Extend the current MTS and POW/Budget 1 year.
- UNEA-7 in February 2026, approves the 2027-2030 MTS and the 2027-2028 PoW/Budget.

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**UNEA-7 is held in late 2025**

- Revert the UNEA cycle to odd years.
- MTS and PoW/Budget would be approved before the current one expires.



**Options for  
decision  
in UNEA 6**

## Past UNEA meetings



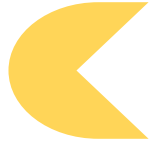
UNEA 1: June 2014



UNEA 2: May 2016



UNEA 3: December 2017



UNEA 4: March 2019



UNEA 5.1: February 2021  
UNEA 5.2: February 2022



Timing of UNEA  
meetings has  
varied since  
UNEA 1

# Comparing the three options

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## Additional budget needed for holding a special session:

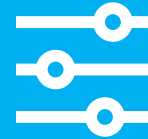
- \$US 100,000 for a decision through silence procedure
- \$US 1,100,00 for a hybrid meeting
- \$US 355,000 fully online

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- **No additional costs required for the regular session of UNEA**

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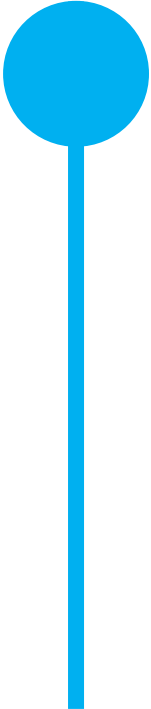
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**Budget  
implications**

## Outcome of the discussion

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Members of the CPR are invited to consider the three options

Secretariat looks forward to receive guidance from members of the CPR on the proposed way forward.





*Thank you*

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