
Intervention by the Children and Youth Major Group on Agenda Item 4

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Thank you Chair for the floor. My name is Clive Donnley speaking on behalf of the Children and Youth Major Group. We appreciate the presentations on the 6th Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly. Our input is as follows:

We call on UNEA 6 to proactively enhance youth engagement at all levels and formulate new agreements to reinforce environmental education. Through these actions, we believe UNEA6 can make significant contributions to the creation of a more sustainable and environmentally conscious future. Excellencies, distinguished delegates, youth engagement to UNEA can never be meaningful enough as long as the Global Youth Environment Assembly is not formally recognized and institutionalised and we call upon UNEA6 to deliver on this. As the Executive Director highlighted, we wish to bring to the attention of member states that the Children and Youth constituency will be convening a Global Youth Environment Assembly on the 17th and 18th February. We thank the government of France for the support and continue to welcome more support from member states.

We urge UNEA 6 to actively deliberate on and adopt innovative measures to propel the realisation of the human right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment, thereby fostering rapid societal transformation. It is crucial for UNEA 6 to underscore the importance of inclusive decision-making processes that recognize and integrate the invaluable perspectives of environmental defenders and indigenous communities.

UNEA6 needs to channel the efforts towards a swift transition to sustainable production and consumption, efforts should focus on eco-friendly technologies and promote practices that reduce the environmental impact of manufacturing processes, and on promoting circular economy models, which emphasise recycling and reusing materials, can significantly minimize waste.

We highlight the absence of clear references of UNEP's commitment to uphold the human right to a healthy environment, along with the oversight on the crucial roles played by environmental defenders and indigenous communities in the Medium-Term Strategy for 2022-2025.

We are concerned about the lack of acknowledgment of diverse knowledge sources, including citizen science, in UNEP's science-policy processes. We underscore the importance of transparency and access to information and inclusion ...

Thank you, Chair, for the floor.



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