



Third Informal Expert Meeting

Hybrid: Nairobi, Kenya, and online, 10 January 2024

The Meeting will be held at the United Nations Complex in **Conference Room number 3**.

UNEP Working Group on Nitrogen in collaboration with the Global Partnership on Nutrient Management (GPNM)

BACKGROUND

Acknowledging the outcome of the third meeting of the UNEP Working Group on Nitrogen, held in Bucharest, Romania on 27 April 2023, the UNEP-WGN had an informal expert dialogue with GPNM members on 28 April 2023, to explore areas of cooperation and synergies, and in particular how the GPNM could contribute to the work process by providing technical support to the focal points.

It was decided that during the inter-sessional period the GPNM would organize information-sharing, technical webinars on specific topics.

It was also decided that the GPNM would convene an informal expert meeting back-to-back to the meetings of the Working Group to provide inputs into focal point discussions in an informal setting and draw attention of the policy makers through the NWG on other related issues of sustainable nutrient management that GPNM addresses such as Phosphorus in pursuance to the decision of the Inter-governmental meeting of the GPA¹ (Manila Declaration 2012).

The proposed dialogue on phosphorus is organised with reference to the above to inform Member States on the work of the GPNM on phosphorus which is a critical nutrient for food security but at the same time due to its inappropriate use causing multiple environmental challenges.

¹ Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities

DRAFT AGENDA

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Session 1: 13:00 to 13:30 hrs

1. Opening of the meeting

— Welcome by UNEP

2. Introduction to the informal expert meeting and dialogue on nutrients including Nitrogen and Phosphorus

- Introduction to the GPNM and the informal expert meeting by the Chair of the GPNM (Ramesh Ramachandran)
- Setting the scene: Phosphorus – a finite resource, critical for ensuring food security but due to inappropriate use much of it ends up in the water streams resulting to a chain of environmental and social challenges.

Session 2: 13:30 to 15:30 hrs

3. Moderated Dialogue on interactions between Phosphorus and Nitrogen

Guiding Questions to all participants:

- With a view to UNEA-6 and potential upcoming resolutions, how can we build on the progress that has been achieved under the UNEP Working Group on Nitrogen?
- What role the UNEP NWG could play in drawing attention for prudent exploration and use of Phosphorus for food security and environmental sustainability?
- What practical approaches we can adopt to bridge fragmented policy formulation and/or to ensure policy coherence for sustainable nutrient management?

Coffee break: 15:30 to 16:00 hrs

Session 3: 16:00 to 16:50 hrs

4. Mentimeter and Discussion on emerging challenges, knowledge gaps and upcoming trajectories

- Discussion by all participants around emerging challenges, knowledge gaps and upcoming trajectories with a view to identify how the GPNM can support identified areas of need going forward.

Session 4: 16:50 to 17:00 hrs

5. Closure of the meeting

— Chair and Vice-chair of the GPNM