



Presentation of the draft guidance to UNEA-6 co-facilitators

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1. Overview of resolutions/decisions

Overview of the resolutions / decisions status



As of 22 December 2023, total of 22 submissions

including:

- 20 draft resolutions
- 2 draft decisions

All drafts can be accessed on the [UNEA-6 resolution portal](#).

Dominican Republic has informed that they would not be submitting the draft resolution on sargassum seaweed.

Draft resolutions/decisions combined in 5 clusters

Proposed clustering of draft resolutions and decisions | Preparatory process towards the OECPR-6 and UNEA-6



Cluster A	Cluster B	Cluster C	Cluster D	Cluster E
1- Highly hazardous pesticides Submitter: ETH	6- Effective and inclusive solutions to strengthen water policies for sustainable development in the context of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution Submitter: EUN	12- Fostering national action to address environmental challenges through increased cooperation between UNEA, UNEP, and MEAs Submitters: MOR,MWI	16- Stepping up efforts for enhancing the circular economy transition domestically, regionally and globally Submitter: EUN	21- Draft resolution on Amendments to the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility (GEF)
2- Sound management of chemicals and waste Submitter: CHE	7- Strengthening international efforts to halt land degradation, restore degraded lands and increase ecosystem and communities resilience to drought Submitter: SAU	13- Enhancing the role and viability of regional environment ministerial forums and regional offices in achieving multilateral cooperation in tackling environmental challenges Submitter: MWI	17- Environmental Aspects of Minerals and Metals Submitters: ARM, BFA, CMR, COD, GAM, HTI, SEN, SLE, CHE, CHA	1-Draft decision on Dates and provisional Agenda for UNEA-7 and OECPR-7 (inc decision on the timing of future UNEA sessions and related consequences for UNEP's future MTS and POW).
3- Promoting regional cooperation to improve air quality globally Submitter: USA, CAN	8- Criteria, norms, standards and guidelines for the implementation of nature-based solutions for supporting sustainable development Submitter: CMR	14- Promoting synergistic approaches to address the interlinked global crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution and support sustainable development Submitter: JPN, FJI, CAN, CHL	18- Environmental assistance and recovery in areas affected by armed conflicts Submitter: UKR	
4- Combating sand and dust storms Submitter: IRN	9- Management of Cascades Systems Submitter: LKA	15- Effective, Inclusive and Sustainable Multilateral Actions towards Climate Justice Submitter: LKA	19- Sustainable Lifestyles Submitter: IND	2 – Draft decision on Management of trust funds and earmarked contributions
5- Solar Radiation Modification (SRM) Submitter: GIN, MCO, SEN,CHE	10- Addressing complications caused by sargassum seaweed Submitter: DOM Status: Updated that the draft would not be submitted		20- Circularity of a resilient and low-carbon sugar cane agroindustry Submitter: CUB	
	11- Strengthening ocean and seas governance to tackle climate change, marine biodiversity loss and pollution Submitter: EUN, CRI			
<i>Cluster A combines draft resolutions relating to abating pollution and promoting sound management of chemicals and waste.</i>	<i>Cluster B combines draft resolutions relating to halting and reversing the loss of nature while restoring ecosystems.</i>	<i>Cluster C combines draft resolutions relating to international environmental governance.</i>	<i>Cluster D combines draft resolutions relating to addressing root causes of climate change, nature and biodiversity loss and pollution.</i>	<i>Cluster E combines draft resolutions and draft decisions relating to procedural, budgetary, and administrative matters.</i>



Co-facilitators : appointment & mandate

Appointment of co-facilitators to lead consultations



Regional Group	Name of the co-facilitators
Africa States group	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Felista S. Rugambwa, Head of Chancery, Tanzania2. Mr. Tobias Ogweno, Counsellor, Kenya
Asia-Pacific States group	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. Rohit Vadhvana, Deputy Permanent Representative, India2. Ms. Yume Yorita, Second Secretary, Japan3. Mr. Nader Al-Tarawneh, Deputy Permanent Representative, Jordan
Eastern European States group	<i>The Chair of the Group updated that due to capacity constraints the group is not in a position to identify 2 co-facilitators.</i>
Latin American and Caribbean States group	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. Alejandro Montero, DPR of Chile2. <i>The Chair of the Group updated that due to capacity constraints the group is not in a position to identify the second co-facilitator.</i>
Western European and other States group	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. Robert Banbury, Deputy Permanent Representative, Canada2. Ms. Karin Snellman, Deputy Permanent Representative, Sweden

The Secretariat liaised with the Regional Groups of African States, Asia-Pacific States and WEOG inviting them to identify three additional co-facilitators by 25 Jan 2024.

Proposed allocation of co-facilitators



Cluster A	Cluster B	Cluster C	Cluster D	Cluster E
<u>Ms. Yume Yorita, Japan</u>	<u>Mr. Rohit Vadhwana, India</u>	<u>Ms. Karin Snellman, Sweden</u>	<u>Mr. Robert Bunbury, Canada</u>	<u>Mr. Tobias Ogweno, Kenya</u>
African States No.3	<u>Gudi Alkemade, Netherlands</u>	<u>Alejandro Montero, Chile</u>	<u>Felista Rugambwa, Tanzania</u>	<u>Mr. Nader Al-Tarawneh, Jordan</u>
<i>Cluster A combines five draft resolutions relating to abating pollution and promoting sound management of chemicals and waste.</i>	<i>Cluster B combines five draft resolutions relating to halting and reversing the loss of nature while restoring ecosystems.</i>	<i>Cluster C combines four draft resolutions relating to international environmental governance.</i>	<i>Cluster D combines five draft resolutions relating to addressing root causes of climate change, nature and biodiversity loss and pollution.</i>	<i>Cluster E combines one draft resolution and two draft decisions relating to procedural, budgetary, and administrative matters.</i>

Mandate and responsibilities of co-facilitators

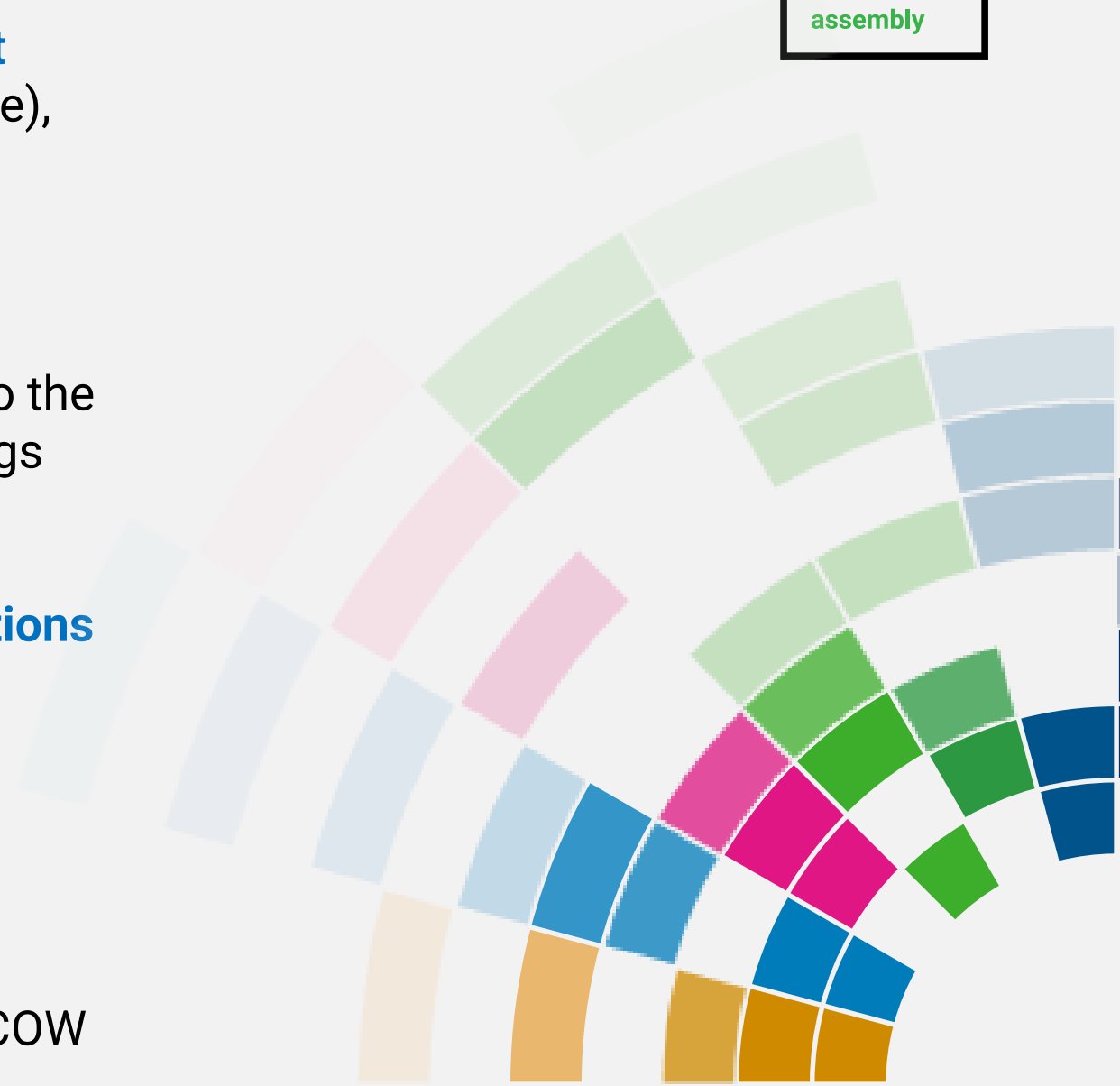


- Must convene **open, inclusive and transparent** information consultations (in person and online),
- May organize separate additional **informal informal meetings**
- Are expected to regularly **report on progress** to the Chair, Bureau of the CPR or to the CPR meetings directly

The co-facilitators will continue to hold **consultations until:**

1. The end of OECPR **or**
2. Consensus has been found through *ad ref* agreements

Note: some co-facilitators may also be asked to continue facilitating the negotiations during the COW





Timeline for the consultation process

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Consultation process



CPR subcommittees

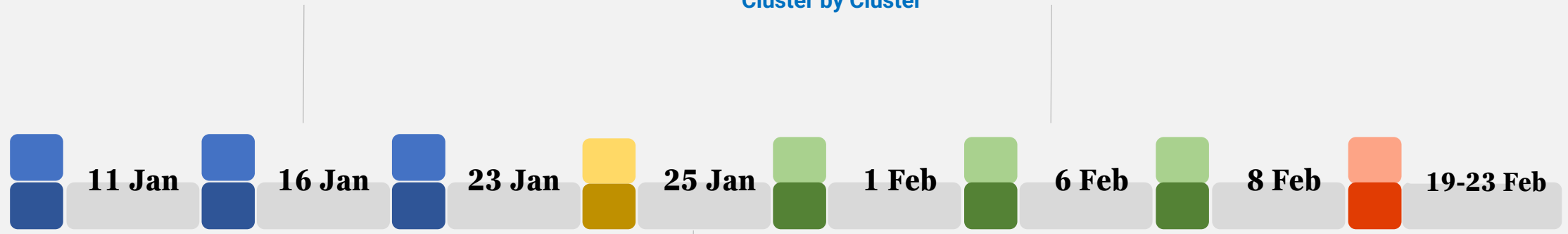
Proponents/main sponsors of drafts introduced their proposals followed by a presentation of the technical note prepared by the Secretariat and Q&A

Additional CPR subcommittees

Informal consultations continue under leadership of CPR Chair and co-facilitators.

In-depth consideration of the drafts to advance the preparations of the OECPR

Cluster by Cluster



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- takes stock of progress made
- recommends that the consultations on drafts continue under the guidance of the appointed co-facilitators
- Subject to agreement of proponents, ownership of the drafts transferred from proponents to co-facilitators

OECPR

Start of line-by-line negotiations

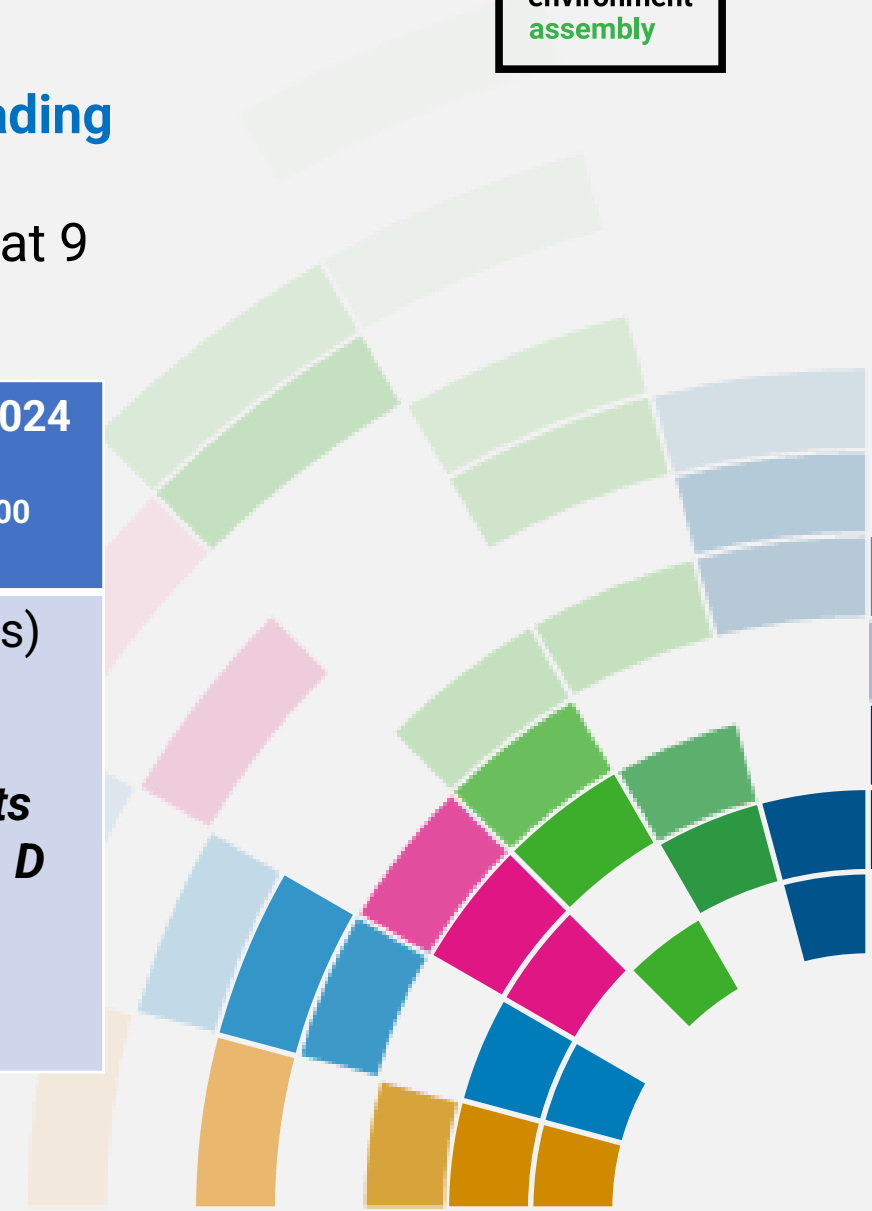
Proposed organization of work



Subject to agreement and further guidance from co-facilitators leading each cluster

Note: to make best use of the time available, it is proposed to start at 9 am and to have only a 1 hour lunch break

Thursday 1 February 2024 09:00-13:00 and 14:00-18:00	Tuesday 6 February 2024 09:00-13:00 and 14:00-18:00	Thursday 8 February 2024 09:00-13:00 and 14:00-18:00
Cluster A (five drafts) Cluster B (five drafts)	Cluster C (four drafts) Cluster D (five drafts)	Cluster E (three drafts) + <i>As may be required, consideration of drafts under clusters A,B, C, D which may warrant further comments</i>





Methods of work

Format of the informal consultations



- In **English only**
- **Hybrid** format
- **Capital-based delegates** are strongly encouraged to participate and actively contribute

Co-facilitators can be guided by:

- the **UNEA rules of procedures**, even if they don't have to be applied
- the **guidance to Member states** on the submission of draft resolutions and decisions to UNEA-6 endorsed by the CPR & UNEA-6 Bureaux

NB: focus is on **content of the drafts** and therefore **requests for points of order from States** (right of reply) should be **discouraged**

In-depth consideration of the drafts



- ❑ In the past, **line-by-line negotiations of a draft resolution/decision** have **not** taken place **before the OECPR**
- ❑ **In depth consideration** of the drafts – **in the form of a paragraph-by-paragraph reading**, led by the co-facilitators, have contributed to advancing the preparations for the OECPR
- ❑ Proposed focus on **operative paragraphs**

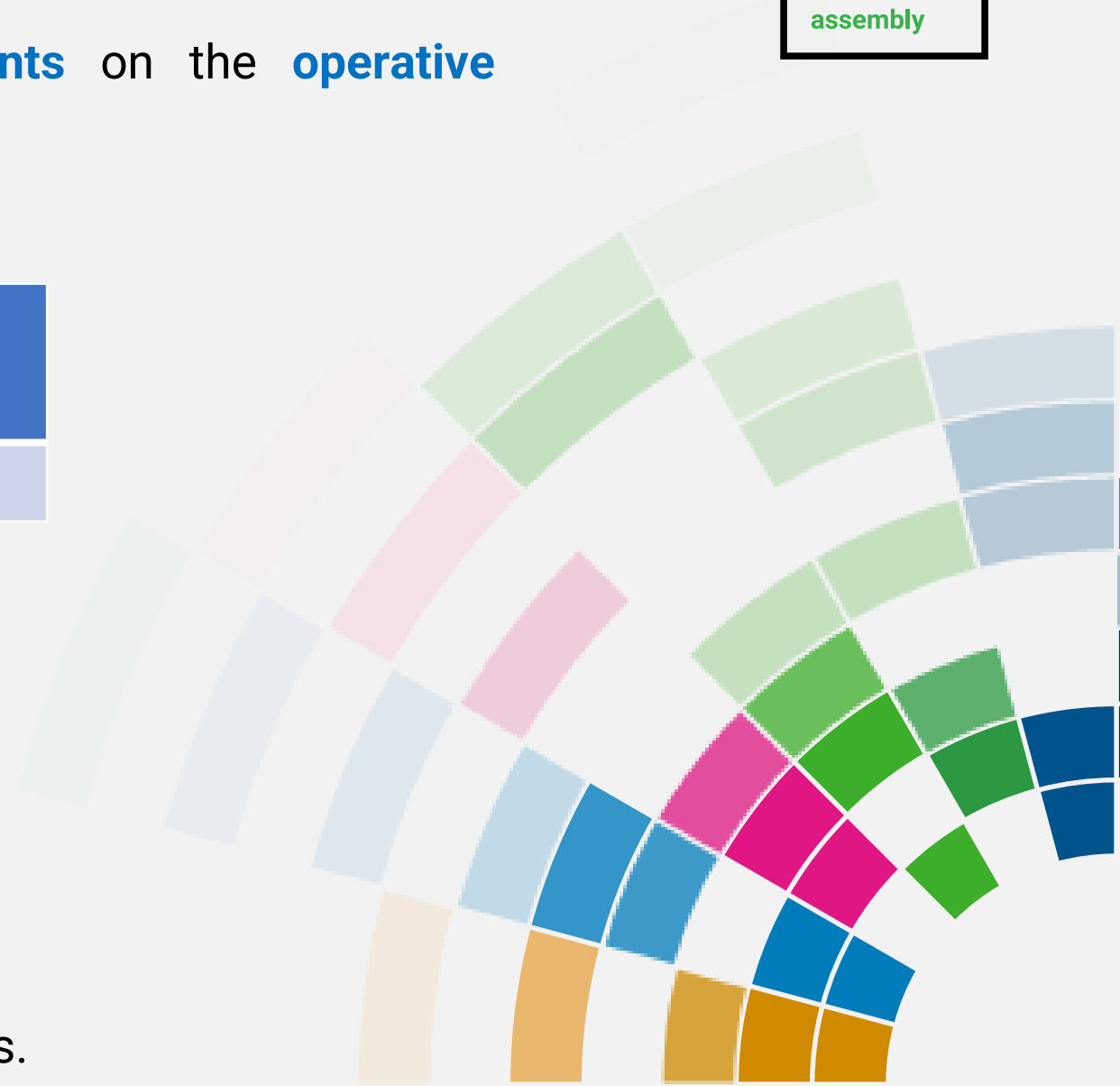
Notes to support informal consultations



- Secretariat **will take notes of the comments** on the **operative paragraphs**
- Notes will follow the following format :

#	Delegation	Reference in text	Statement notes
1	[COUNTRY]	[PARAGRAPH]	

- Notes will be shared with :
 - **Main proponents**
 - **Co-facilitators**
 - The notes may be instrumental in
 - **Conducting additional consultations and**
 - **Bilateral meetings**
- ...prior to engaging in a new round of consultations.



Written contributions



Co-facilitators should encourage delegations to provide in writing contributions and comments made from the floor

Proposal textual changes introduced at a meeting should be

- uploaded by the Member State on the UNEA-6 Resolutions portal through the “submit written contributions” form **or**
- submitted to the Secretariat for uploading

General statements

- will be posted on the subcommittee portal
- can be uploaded by Member States on the UNEA-6 Resolutions portal



Merging and/or withdrawal of drafts



When 2 or more drafts **relate to the same or similar topic**, the co-facilitators may work with the sponsors of the drafts to **merge** texts

The Main sponsor can **withdraw** its proposal at any time, unless another Member State wishes to assume responsibility for that same proposal



“Informal informal” consultations



- Outside of the CPR meetings
- In a more informal setting
- In smaller meeting rooms
- To discuss particularly challenging proposal or move the discussion forward
- Hybrid (if requested and if possible)



Follow up and reporting



- All drafts and comments submitted in writing will be made available by the Secretariat on the UNEP resolution portal
- Co-facilitators are expected to regularly report on progress to the Chair, Bureau of the CPR or during CPR meetings



Support from Secretariat to co-facilitators



Throughout their mandate, the co-facilitators will be provided **technical, procedural and substantive** support from the Secretariat:

- Advice on **conduct and facilitation** of the meetings
- Preparation of **technical notes**
- **Screen editing** to keep track of textual proposals and positions of delegations – **only as from OECPR**
- **Conference support** staff
- Substantive **content support** from relevant Division – **Contacts of technical focal points are available on the UNEA-6 Resolution Portal**
- **Legal** support



Editing of draft resolutions/decisions



- ❖ **As per standard practice:** draft resolutions and decisions which have been submitted are currently being **edited by UNON Conference Services**, in preparation for consideration at OECPR-6
- ❖ The editing will not be extensive and will be done **in conformity with United Nations standard practice**, to ensure that they are presented in a consistent United Nations style.
- ❖ As soon as ready, the Secretariat will **forward the edited versions** of the draft resolutions for **review and clearance to the main proponents**.





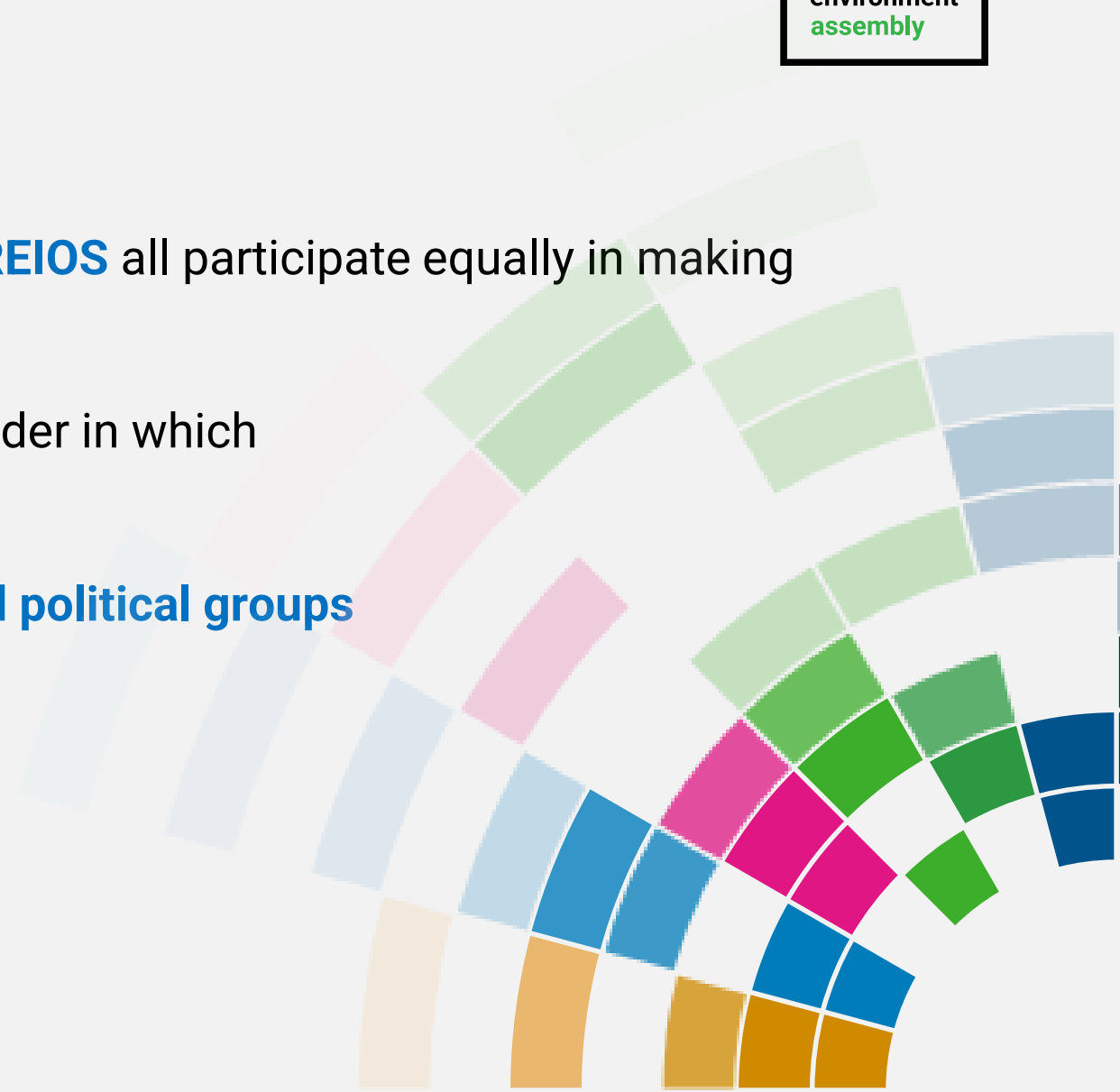
Participation to informal consultations

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Participation of Member States, Observer states and REIOS



- ✓ **Member States, Observer states and REIOS** all participate equally in making textual proposals to drafts.
- ✓ They should be given the floor in the order in which they signify their desire to speak.
- ✓ Priority should be given to **regional and political groups**



Participation of UNEA accredited intergovernmental/international organizations

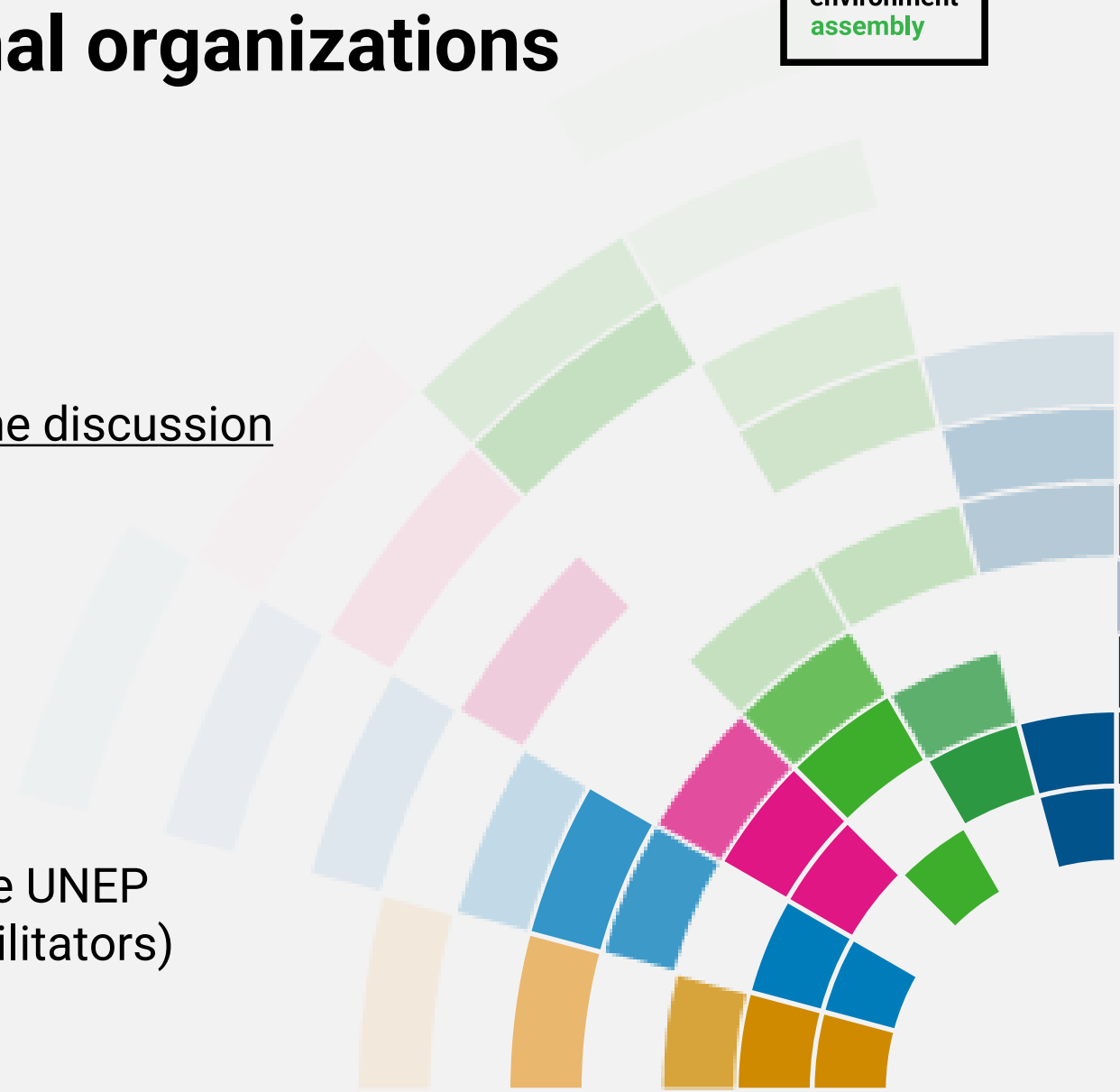


Can

- ✓ Provide technical advice on the wording
- ✓ Information on their work if relevant to the discussion

Cannot

- ✗ Make textual proposals
(text proposals may be made through the UNEP Secretariat, upon request from the cofacilitators)



Participation of accredited Major Groups and Stakeholders



At the discretion of the Chair and the co-facilitators and subject to agreement by Member States:

Can

- ✓ Attend and listen to the proceedings
- ✓ Make a general statement at the end of the consideration, when Member States have exhausted their intervention
- ✓ Ask for general comments on the drafts to be posted on the UNEA-6 Resolution portal

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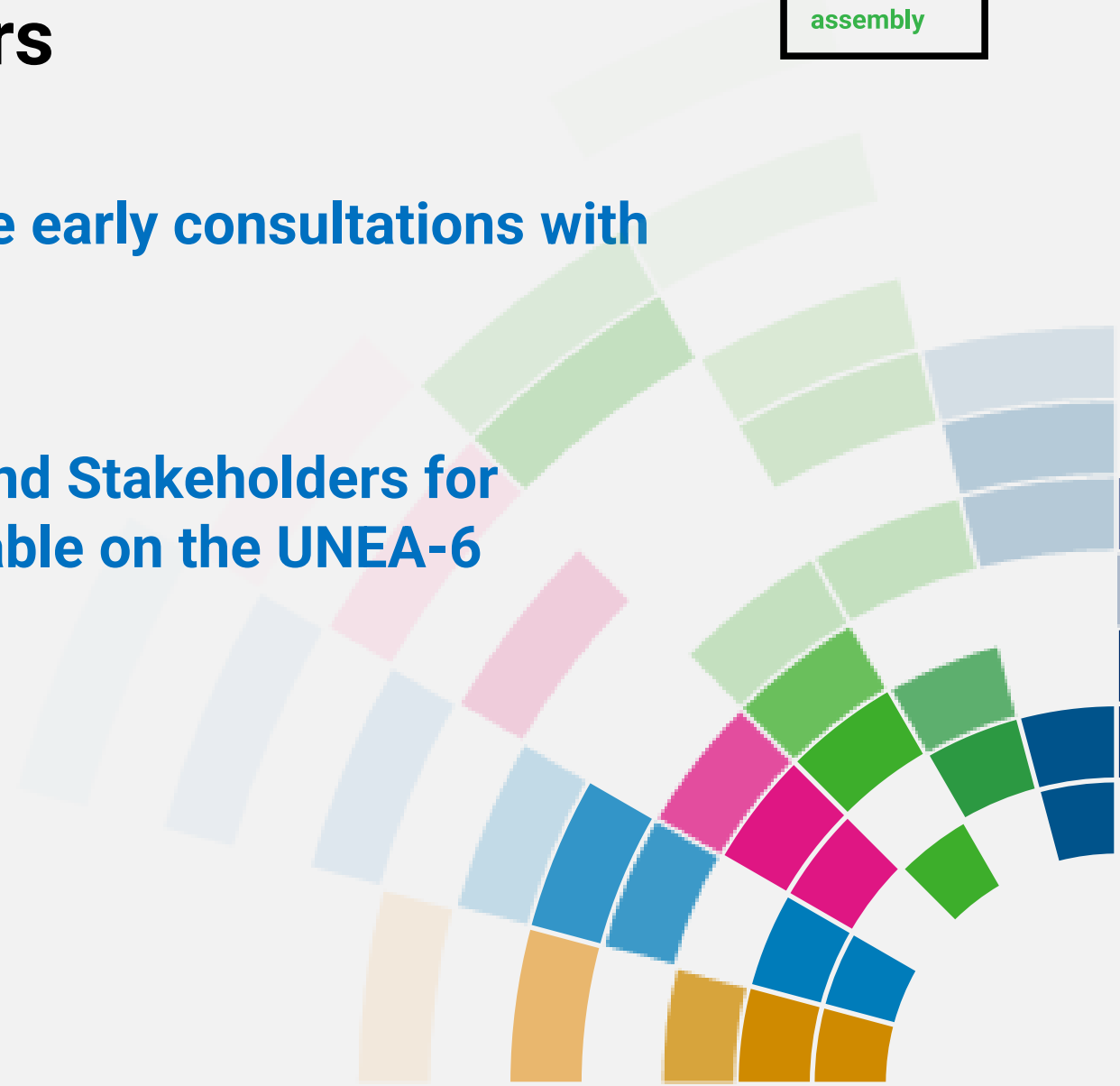
- ✗ Make concrete textual proposals from the floor

Note: Major Groups and Stakeholders can be encouraged to make textual proposals through a Member State

Participation of accredited Major Groups and Stakeholders



- ✓ **Co-facilitators are encouraged to organize early consultations with Major Groups and Stakeholders.**
- ✓ **A list of focal points from Major Groups and Stakeholders for Each UNEA-6 resolution/decision is available on the UNEA-6 Resolution portal**





Outcomes of the consultations

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Before OECPR:

- If consensus is achieved (unlikely), co-facilitators should submit the agreed outcome for issuance as a document of the OECPR for further consideration, indicating that it appears to enjoy broad support
Note: it may yet be reopened at the OECPR.
- If not, the document may indicate significant outstanding issues, for example through brackets

During OECPR:

- If consensus is reached, the draft is transmitted to UNEA for adoption
- If a draft requires additional consultations, UNEA may establish a CoW to finalize negotiations
- If time allows, all drafts will be edited and translated by UNON prior to formal adoption at UNEA





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