



**Draft decision on provisional  
agenda, date and venue of the  
seventh session of the United  
Nations Environment Assembly**

# Background



- ✓ *UNEA-5.1 decided to extend UNEP POW 2022-2023 to **2025***
- ✓ UNEA will need to approve the next POW 2026-27 and MTS 2026-29 **before** the end of the current POW/MTS
- ✓ **Several options** have been considered for when and how UNEA should approve the next POW/MTS
- ✓ The matter was considered in July 2023 and further in-depth by Member States at the **10<sup>th</sup> annual subcommittee meeting of the CPR**, 20-24 November 2023 – based on an options paper from the Secretariat



## UNEA Decision 5/4 Paragraph 13

*“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.”*

# 3 options for UNEA-7 were considered at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual subcommittee meeting of the CPR 20-24 November 2023



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## UNEA-7 is held in 2026 , with a special session in 2025 only to approve the MTS 2026-2029

- A UNEA **special session in 2025** (only to adopt the POW/MTS) would be extrabudgetary and **very costly** – about
- **UNEA-7 held in 2026**, to approve the **2027-2030 POW/MTS**, establishing the UNEA cycle at even years

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## UNEA-7 is held in February 2026

- UNEA-6 decides to **extend current MTS and POW one additional year** to 2026
- **UNEA-7 held in 2026** to approve the **2027-2030 POW/MTS**, establishing the UNEA cycle at even years

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## UNEA-7 is held in late 2025

- UNEA-7 approves a new POW for 2026-2027 and MTS for 2026-2029 before the current ones expires
- UNEA cycle would revert to odd years

*Bottom line: UNEA will need **either to approve a new POW/MTS in 2025** – **or extend the current POW/MTS one more year**, to 2026*

*he options were outlined in a Secretariat background document - now issued as **UNEA INF/17***

# Conclusion on the timing of UNEA-7 at ASC-10

Chair's summary – adopted by consensus



42. The Secretariat provided a presentation about UNEA sessions and related consequences for UNEP's Medium-Term Strategies and Programmes of Work and Budget.

43. Delegates noted that all options will have some negative consequences and that more time is needed to consider the matter and expressed support for keeping alignment with the QCPR and the timely revision of the MTS and the Programme of Work.

**44. Many delegations expressed a preliminary preference for option 3, while noting that this option may lead to UNEA session coinciding with other environmental-related international meetings.**

**45. No support was expressed for option 1 due to the extra costs involved.**

**46. Some delegations highlighted the importance of respecting the full term of office for the UNEA Bureau.**

***47. The Secretariat was requested to present a draft decision on the matter, as a basis for further consultations.***

## 2 alternative dates proposed in draft L.2

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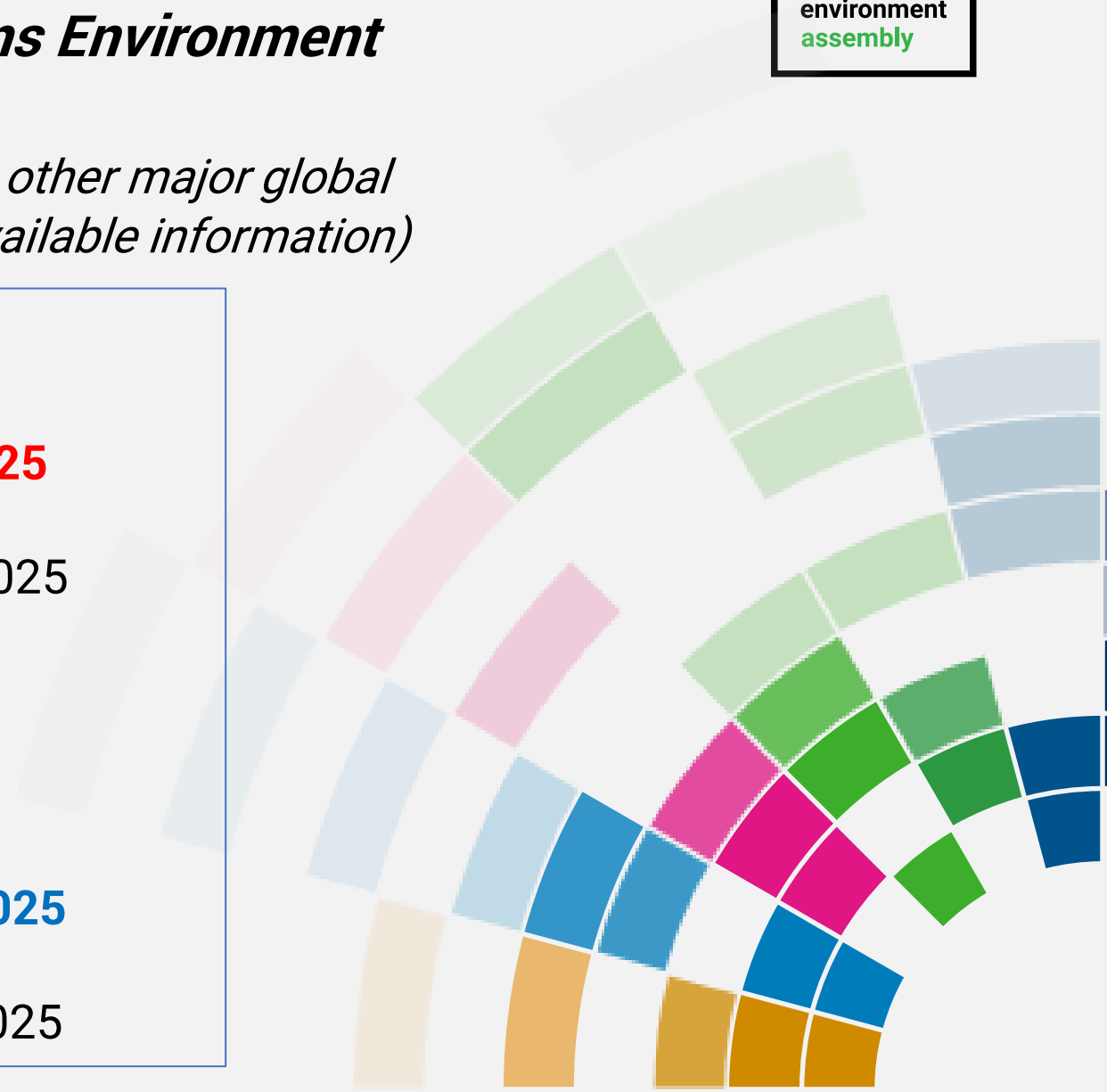
*- Based on option 3; both avoiding clashes with other major global environment meetings/COPs (based on latest available information)*

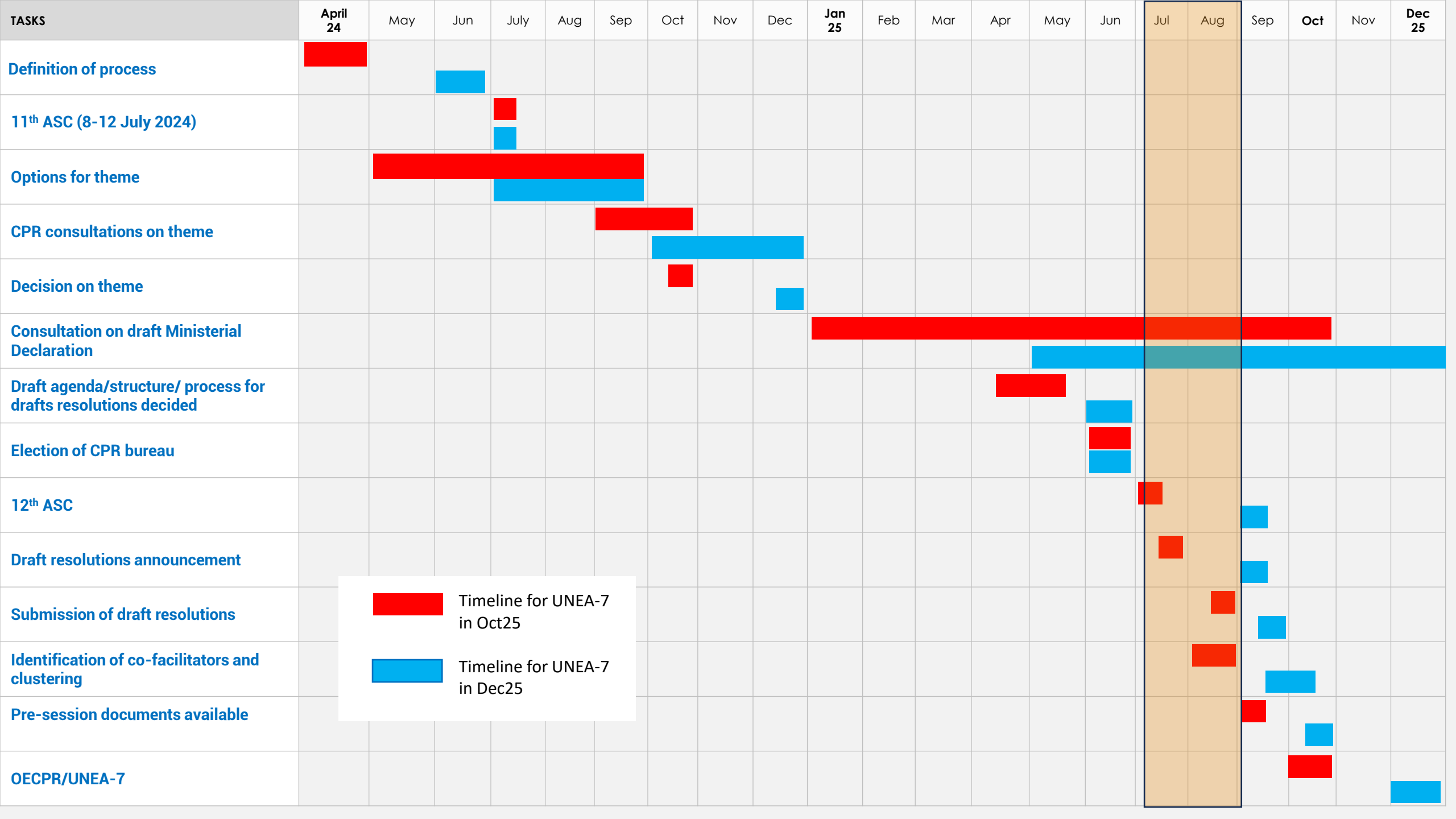
#### **ALT 1**

- UNEA-7 to be held **20 to 24 October 2025**
- OECPR-7 to be held 13 to 17 October 2025

#### **ALT 2**

- UNEA-7 to be held **8 to 12 December 2025**
- OECPR-7 to be held 1 to 5 December 2025





Timeline for UNEA-7 in Oct25  
 Timeline for UNEA-7 in Dec25

# UNEA-7 in December 2025 – some practical considerations



- **Does not clash with any other major global environment meeting** (UNFCCC COP 30 planned for 10-21 November 2025; No CBD COP foreseen in 2025)
- **Avoids difficult deadlines for the submission of draft resolutions and appointment of co-facilitators** – which will otherwise be set for **July/August** (a holiday period in Nairobi and in most Member States)
- **Maximizes the term of office of the UNEA-7 Presidency and Bureau** (21 months instead of 19 months)
- **Gives more time for the new CPR bureau** –to be elected in June 2025 - **to get up to speed on UNEA preparations**
- **Allows for better planning for the 12th ASC in 2025**
- Provides **more time** for the Secretariat and delegations **to consider a new draft Programme of Work and Medium-Term Strategy**
- The date is **aligned with the UNEA reporting cycle** to UN General Assembly and with the **QCPR cycle**.





# Thank you

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