

UNEA Bureau Meeting  
Wednesday, 28 February 2024  
8:00 - 9:00 (GMT+3)  
Executive Office Boardroom

### Summary

#### **Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.**

1. H. E. Ms. Leila Benali, President of UNEA and Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of Morocco, opened and chaired the meeting.
2. Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP, welcomed the UNEA Bureau and invited them to join the MEA day.
3. The [agenda](#) was adopted.

#### **Agenda item 2: Preparations for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly**

5. The President informed that further to the informal consultations held on 22 February, a revised final draft Ministerial Declaration was circulated on 27 February and of her intention to convene an informal consultations on the [revised final draft ministerial declaration](#) at a ministerial level on Thursday, 29 February 2024 at 18:00-19:30 with the aim to finalize the text for adoption at the last plenary meeting of UNEA-6.
6. Several Bureau Members expressed their commitment to find consensus and raised the need for further consultations.
7. Upon request, the Legal Advisor informed that if consensus was not found, the President could provide a President's statement and clarified that it was not a replacement for a ministerial declaration. The Legal Advisor also informed that delegations can also make a statement in explanation of position after adoption of the ministerial declaration.
8. The Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented an update on the progress made by the Committee of the Whole and invited the co-facilitators to provide an update on their respective clusters.
9. Upon request, the Legal Advisor clarified that, in accordance with established practice, the Committee of the Whole would transmit to UNEA only those draft resolutions and decisions which are endorsed by the Committee.
10. The Legal Advisor presented the report on the credentials of the representatives to UNEA as of 27 February 2024.
11. The Bureau agreed to accept the credentials and other formal communication received from Member States and recommended that UNEA accept the credentials of Member States.

12. The Secretariat provided an update on the preparations for the high-level segment to be held on 29 February and 1 March and updated on the status of nominations for the Bureau of UNEA-7.

### **Agenda item 3: Other Matters.**

13. The President informed the Bureau that she intends to appoint some Bureau members as “Friends of the President” to facilitate consultations on certain draft resolutions.

### **Agenda item 5: Closing of the meeting.**

14. The meeting closed at 8:54 (GMT+3).

### **Annex: List of Participants**

#### **UNEA Bureau Members**

1. H. E. Ms. Leila Benali, President of UNEA and Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of Morocco.
2. H. E. Mr. Silvio Jose Albuquerque e Silva, Vice President, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Brazil to UNEP.
3. H. E. Ms. Susana Muhamad Gonzales, Vice-President of UNEA and Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia
4. H. E. Jafar Barmaki, Vice President, Ambassador, and former Permanent Representative of Iran to UNEP.
5. H. E. Mr. Jose Duarte Piteira Silvestre Cordeiro, Vice President and Minister for the Environment and Climate Action.
6. Mr. Norbert Kurilla, Advisor to the President of the Slovak Republic on Environment, Energy and Climate Action.

#### **Representation of UNEA Bureau members.**

7. H.E. Mr. Alioune Ndoye, Vice President of UNEA and Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development and Ecological Transformation of Senegal, **represented** by Mr. Elhadji GUEYE First Counsellor of the Embassy of Senegal in Kenya.
8. H. E. Ms. Rebecca Pow, Vice President of UNEA and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Minister for Nature of the UK, **represented** by Mr. Jamie Rendell Deputy Director International Multilateral Environment Negotiations Division.
9. Mr. Oleksandr Krasnolutskyi, Rapporteur of UNEA and Deputy Minister of Environment Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine, **represented** by Mr. Illia Karandas, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ukraine to UNEP.

**UN Environment Programme Secretariat was represented by:**

1. Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director.
2. Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Deputy Executive Director.
3. Mr. Nicolas Bertrand, Chief of Staff.
4. Ms. Radhika Ochalik, Secretary of the Governing Bodies.
5. Mr. Ulf Bjornholm, Deputy Secretary of the Governing Bodies.
6. Mr. Stadler Trengove, Principal Legal Advisor.