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Sixth meeting
Virtual, 26–27 June 2024

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the meeting.

1. The sixth meeting of the UNEP Working Group on Nitrogen, to be held from 26 to 27 June 2024 online, will be opened by the Co-Chairs at 9 a.m. Nairobi time (GMT+3) for the Eastern Hemisphere, and at 5 p.m. Nairobi time (GMT+3) for the Western Hemisphere, respectively. UNEP will be invited to deliver opening remarks. The Co-Chairs will draw the participants' attention to the provisional agenda.

Item 2

Update of the UNEP Working Group on Nitrogen.

2. The Co-Chairs will provide an update of the work done to date by the UNEP Working Group on Nitrogen.

Item 3

Briefing of the Secretariat of the UNEP Working Group on Nitrogen.

3. The Co-Chairs will invite the Secretariat of the UNEP Working Group on Nitrogen to brief the Working Group on activities pertinent to the Working Group.

Item 4

Progress on the development of national action plans on sustainable nitrogen management.

4. The Co-Chairs will present the updated template of national action plans.

5. The Co-Chairs will invite focal points to present updates on the preparation of national action plans.

Item 5

Lessons learned from international policy.

6. The Co-Chairs will invite Professor Mark A. Sutton, UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, to update on the International Nitrogen Assessment.
7. The Co-Chairs will invite Ms. Monica Kobayashi, Programme Management Officer, Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) Secretariat to update on the roadmap to achieve the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Target 7.
8. The Co-Chairs will invite Mr. Geoffrey Njenga, UNEP Ecosystems Division, to introduce lessons learned in the development of national action plans on marine litter.
9. The Co-Chairs will invite Mr. Nathan (bp) Borgford-Parnell, Science Affairs Coordinator, Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) Secretariat to present CCAC's activities related to nitrogen.
10. The Co-Chairs will invite Mr. Alvin John Gachie from UNEP Law Division to present the Guidance on an integrated approach to legal, policy and regulatory changes to reduce the nitrogen footprint from sectors.

Item 6

Revision of the Terms of Reference of the Working Group.

11. The Co-Chairs will present an updated Terms of Reference of the Working Group.

Item 7

Roadmap of the Working Group to 2030 on reducing nitrogen pollution.

12. The Co-Chairs will invite Professor Mark Sutton to present a concept note on the establishment of a science task force for the UNEP Working Group on Nitrogen.
13. The Co-Chairs will invite Ms. Tessa Goverse, Principal Coordinator of the Secretariat of the ad hoc open-ended working group on a science-policy panel on a Science Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and the Prevention of Pollution, to update the activities of the Secretariat.
14. The Co-Chairs will invite focal points to present their strategies on reducing nitrogen pollution.
15. The Co-Chairs will present the proposed roadmap of the Working Group on reducing nitrogen pollution towards 2030.

Item 8

Other matters.

16. The Working Group will be invited to raise any other matters.

Item 9

Closure of the meeting.

17. The Co-Chairs will close the meeting at 12:00 Nairobi time (GMT +3) for the Eastern Hemisphere and at 20:00 Nairobi time (GMT +3) for the Western Hemisphere, respectively.

To accommodate participants from different time zones, the meeting will be held over two days from 26 to 27 June, with two sessions each day. Both sessions will cover the same content, allowing you to choose the one that best suits your schedule.

Morning session: 9:00 - 12:00 EAT/Nairobi time (for the Eastern Hemisphere)

Afternoon session: 17:00 - 20:00 EAT/Nairobi time (for the Western Hemisphere)

Provisional schedule

Time	Day 1, Wednesday, 26 June 2024, (Nairobi time) for Eastern hemisphere
09:00 – 09:10	<p>Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNEP • Co-Chair
09:10 – 09:15	<p>Agenda item 2: Update of the UNEP Working Group on Nitrogen.</p>
09:15 – 09:20	<p>Agenda item 3: Briefing of the Secretariat of the UNEP Working Group on Nitrogen.</p>
09:20 – 09:50	<p>Agenda item 4: Progress on the development of national action plans on sustainable nitrogen management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated template of national action plans – <i>Co-Chairs</i>. • Update on the preparation of national action plan – <i>by Sundeep F, Scientist- Sustainable Coastal Management Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, India.</i> • Update on the preparation of the national action plan – <i>by Ms. Andriamiarina Faratsianontaniana, Head of the Corporate Social Responsibility Support, Department of the Promotion of the Green and Blue Economy, Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development, Madagascar</i>
09:50 – 10:40	<p>Agenda item 5: Lessons learned from international policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Nitrogen Assessment – <i>by Professor Mark A. Sutton, the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology.</i> • Roadmap to achieve Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Target 7- <i>by Ms. Monica Kobayashi, Programme Officer, Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) Secretariat.</i> • Lessons learned in the development of national action plans on marine litter, <i>by Mr. Geoffrey Njenga, UNEP Ecosystems Division</i> • Update of Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) Secretariat, <i>by Mr. Nathan (bp) Borgford-Parnell, Science Affairs Coordinator, CACC</i> • Guidance on an integrated approach to legal, policy and regulatory changes to reduce the nitrogen footprint from sectors, <i>by Mr. Alvin John Gachie, Law Division, UNEP</i>
10:40 – 10:50	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:50 – 11:00	<p>Agenda item 6: Revision of the Terms of Reference of the Working Group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chair
11:00 – 11:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakout Session 1 <p>Focal points will be divided into three groups to discuss the following questions on development of National Action Plans:</p> <p>Questions for Group 1</p> <p>1.1: How do we initiate the process of developing a national action plan (NAP) on sustainable nitrogen management? What are the constraints in the preparation of the NAP?</p> <p>1.2: What are the key steps involved in developing a national action plan?</p> <p>1.3: What are the primary challenges in establishing an inter-ministerial committee on sustainable nitrogen management, and how can we address them?</p> <p>1.4 How can existent policies on nitrogen be more integrated and correlated?</p> <p>Questions for Group 2</p> <p>2.1: What baseline data are essential for developing the action plan, and how do we gather them?</p>
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	<p>2.2: In the absence of national-level baseline data, can we rely on regional or global data?</p> <p>2.3: How do we establish a monitoring system, and what resources are required?</p> <p>Questions for Group 3</p> <p>3.1: What strategies should be employed to communicate effectively about addressing nitrogen pollution, and what key elements should be included?</p> <p>3.2: Given that nitrogen is crucial for food security despite significant environmental loss, how can we raise awareness among farmers, stakeholders and policymakers?</p> <p>3.3: How can international organizations contribute to raising awareness about nitrogen pollution? And are there any best practices?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report back to the plenary.
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9:00 – 10:10	<p>Agenda item 7: Roadmap of the Working Group to 2030 on reducing nitrogen pollution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept on the establishment of a science task force for the UNEP Working Group on Nitrogen, <i>by Professor Mark A. Sutton, the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology.</i> • Update of the Secretariat of the ad hoc open-ended working group on a science-policy panel on a Science Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and the Prevention of Pollution, <i>by Ms. Tessa Goverse, Principal Coordinator of the Secretariat</i> • National strategy to reduce nitrogen pollution <i>by Ms. Lucile ROUSSEL SEVS/SDPPD3, General Commission for Sustainable Development France.</i> • South Asia Roadmap for Sustainable Nitrogen Management, <i>Dr. Tariq Aziz Associate Professor, UAF Sub-Campus Depalpur, Okara, University of Agriculture Faisalabad, Pakistan</i> • Q&A. • Proposed Roadmap of the Working Group to 2030.
10:10 – 10:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
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	<p>2.1: What are the future directions of the UNEP Working Group on Nitrogen? Apart from information exchange and sharing of best practices, and technical support in the development of national action plans, what could be other potential activities for the Working Group?</p> <p>Questions for Group 3</p> <p>3.1: How do we address synergies between air, land, water, and climate pollution through sustainable nitrogen management? How are they measured? Are there any existing country-specific standards or are the international standards used?</p> <p>3.2: What are the key elements and approaches, and what implications do they have for the nitrogen circular economy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report back to the plenary.
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