ASC11 SPECIAL EVENT

Briefing on the upcoming UNEP Foresight Report: Navigating New Horizons: A Global Foresight Report on Planetary Health and Human Wellbeing

Monday 8 July 2024, 13.15-14.45 (EAT), In Person - CR4, UN Compound, Gigiri, Nairobi, And <u>Online</u>



Foresight involves looking at the future while being rooted in the present. In some ways, foresight serves as a powerful radar, scanning beyond the horizon to reveal what could be approaching. Equipped with this knowledge, the ability to anticipate potential futures and stress-test assumptions and strategies against them, enhances the ability to foster resilience in the face of unforeseen circumstances. This is key for advancing implementation of the SDGs with a greater emphasis on environmental goals.

On 15 July 2024, UNEP will launch its Global Foresight Report, *Navigating New Horizons*. The report hopes to offer valuable insights into potential challenges as well as untapped opportunities, which if ignored may hinder environmental sustainability and impede the achievement of the SDGs. The report—a culmination of 18 months of data collection and participatory learning—reflects a shift towards a forward-thinking culture in line with the "United Nations 2.0" initiative. The report identifies drivers of change, including environmental degradation, growing scarcity and competition for resources, and series of critical global shifts and signals of change with the potential to affect the future (near and far) of planetary health and human wellbeing.

During this special event the Office of Chief Scientist will present an overview of the UNEP Foresight process and provide information on how the outcomes will inform the strategic planning and future oriented knowledge products that are produced by UNEP. This event will comprise a technical presentation followed by a Q&A session.

Delegates attending the 11th Annual Subcommittee Meeting are welcome to join this special event, either in person or <u>online through this link</u>. For more information, please contact: <u>Jason.Jabbour@un.org</u> with a copy <u>to sarah.cheroben@un.org</u>.