Intervention of the Kingdom of Morocco

On Agenda Item 3 (d); Coordination within the UN system on the environment through the Environment Management Group

- My delegation would like to commend UNEP for organising this interactive panel which is really important to understand UNEP perspective and vision and also some of the national perspectives all together, so thank you very much.

- As underlined during the opening of the 11ASC, in the general statement, Morocco has highlighted the importance of the continuous update by the EMG on the progress to integrate the environmental dimension in various UN entities to better streamline the work of UNEP across the UN system.

- Such progress should build on the recommendations of the high-level discussion on MEAs Day that took place during UNEA6, as well as to benefit to member States in terms of support to the implementation of the various MEAs, at the national level.

  - **Out of these recommendations, let's recall the importance for** Resident coordinators to be regularly kept abreast of all of these initiatives, strategies or common approaches of UNEP so that they can advise member states when it comes to the national implementation of MEAs;

  - The issue of National Reporting can benefit from these common approaches when they are provided to the UN Agencies and across the UN system, thus avoiding duplication and lessen the burden of reporting of other instruments.

  - Such information on the common approaches for biodiversity and pollution should also be provided to the UNCTs so that it is integrated in their work and in their different working plans which in return should serve the objective of assisting or advising member States, either in the development of coherent policies or in their national reporting.

  - **In this regard, in the view of my delegation, the new Common approaches on biodiversity and pollution have to be integrated in the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation frameworks, so that MBS can take them into consideration in their national implementation in an integrated and coherent manner:**
the continuous coordination with the UN Country teams on environmental programs, policies, decisions and strategies of UNEP, should imply guidance to UN Agencies on how to integrate those objectives and targets in their work where applicable to allow for a better implementation at the national levels;

- On the other hand, My delegation also considers that the UN Common approach should also cover the Climate action and would like to understand why it is not part of this common approaches; May be the panelist could elaborate on that? Of course we understand that pollution and biodiversity are linked to Climate Change, but wouldn’t be better to have the Three elements anchored in one common approach.