

CYMG Interventions at the 11th annual CPR Subcommittee Meeting on 8th to 12th July 2024

> On agenda Item 3d .Coordination within the UN system on the environment through the Environment Management Group

Delivered In-person by Clive Donnley (Kenya)

Thank you chair for the floor,

We welcome elaborate presentations by the panellists as these processes are critical within our engagement approaches.

In 2021, youth began collaborating with the Environment Management Group (EMG) to integrate a Youth Segment as part of each of the EMG Technical Meetings, as well as to build youth engagement across a range of Issue Management Groups and Task Teams.

We acknowledge the continued efforts by the EMG Issue Management Group on Biodiversity and its coordinated inputs in the development of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF). However, we recognize that further support in the form of financial and technical assistance is crucial to enable the implementation of the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting, and reviewing the KMGBF. This support is particularly necessary for developing country parties, including the least developed countries, small island developing states, and countries with economies in transition.

We also view performance indicators as crucial multi-criteria decision-making actors in accelerating the integration and effectiveness of EMG strategies. By strengthening the work of the Secretariat, these indicators will significantly enhance the global activities of the Environmental Management Group (EMG), ensuring greater alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and improving policy coherence across the UN system for better biodiversity integration.

What challenges do countries face in implementing a common approach to performance indicators, and how can these obstacles be addressed to ensure consistent and effective integration of EMG strategies at the national level?

Lastly, we believe that the continued and inclusive engagement of young people in the EMG's deliberations is essential for fostering intergenerational cooperation in environmental governance as young people play a pivotal role in these processes, contributing significantly to policy development that supports and empowers their generation.

Thank you for the floor

> On Agenda Item 3e .Contribution of regional forums of ministers of the environment and environment authorities to the UNEP Medium term strategy and programme of work

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Thank you chair for the floor

As the children and youth major group, we recognize the crucial role that regional forums of ministers of the environment and environment authorities, along with regional offices, play in fostering multilateral cooperation to address environmental challenges and therefore welcome UNEA Resolution 6/3. To enhance substantive contributions from these forums, it is essential to create platforms for meaningful engagement, ensuring that all voices, including those of youth, are heard.

Our constituency robustly engages all the 6 UNEP regional offices and seeks to actively participate in all regional activities and programs including but not limited to Regional Ministerial Conferences on the Environment, in order to contribute fresh perspectives, expertise, and lived experiences. We hereby propose youth engagement forums to be held before regional ministerial forums.

Despite the ambition,our constituency's efforts are often curtailed by resource constraints and we therefore highlight the need for adequate budgeting and resources to increase the impact of our involvement. This will enable us to engage more effectively with regional offices mandated to plan and host Regional Forums, thereby enriching the discussions with youth-driven insights and solutions which will not only empower the next generation of environmental stewards, but also ensure that policies and actions are informed by diverse, intergenerational perspectives.

Having said that, we wish to implore this CPR to allocate or increase the budget for youth participation where it is currently inadequate or lacking to ensure meaningful youth engagement in the regional forums.

Thank you for the floor.

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