

Draft Interventions for the Asia Pacific Group (APG)
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AGENDA ITEM 5: Development of a medium-term strategy for the period 2026-2029 and a draft programme of work and budget for the period 2026-2027.

Mr. Chair,
Madame Executive Director,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Asia Pacific Group.

The APG thanks the UNEP Secretariat for the presentation on the draft roadmap for the development of the UNEP Medium-Term Strategy 2026-2029 and Programme of Work for 2026-2027. The document provides a clear and detailed picture on the roadmap ahead.

APG would like to present its preliminary views on the document, as follows:

- It is imperative to formulate a clear strategic narrative for the MTS, as an overarching guidance for the entire document.
- For every consultation with member states, the APG requests the Secretariat to circulate the relevant draft documents way in advance so that member states have enough time to conduct their own internal consultation and coordination.
- On the formulation of the MTS, in principle, the APG views the seven (7) elements enumerated as a good basis for further discussion. In this regard, APG would like to express on the following:
 - APG is of the view that regional priorities should be strongly reflected in the upcoming MTS. We know that different regions have different priorities and face different challenges. We need to ensure that MTS can provide tailor-made solutions for the issues at hand for different regions.
 - APG is also of the view that collaboration with Secretariats of MEAs need to be strengthened. We need to enhance synergy and avoid fragmentation in the global governance of environmental issues.

APG is committed to working closely with UNEP on this important undertaking.

I thank you.