

Committee of Permanent Representatives
Bureau meeting
9 September 2024
10:00 – 12:00 (GMT +3)
Conference Room 9
Hybrid meeting

Summary

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.

1. His Excellency Firas Khouri, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR), Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP, opened and chaired the meeting.
2. Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP, delivered her opening remarks.
3. The [agenda](#) was adopted.

Agenda item 2: Preparations for the 167th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

4. The secretariat provided a briefing on the state of preparations for the 167th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, which is scheduled for 12 September 2024.
5. One Bureau member welcomed the background documents in support of agenda item 5 (Recommendations from the subcommittee for consideration at the upcoming CPR quarterly meeting) of the subcommittee meeting scheduled for 10 September and underlined that it was important to improve the identification, formulation and recording of decisions and conclusions from the CPR meetings as agreed under the CPR-based review, as well as the need to clarify the scope and mandate of the CPR with respect to decision-making vis-à-vis the mandate of the United Nations Environment Assembly. The Bureau Member also recommended standardizing the draft recommendations/decisions for consideration by the subcommittee.
6. The secretariat took note of the comments made.

Agenda item 3: Organization of work.

7. The secretariat provided a briefing on the proposed organization of work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives based on the latest [roadmap for the UNEP Governing Bodies \(March – December 2024\)](#).
8. One Bureau member requested adding a briefing on the development of [the seventh Global Environment Outlook \(GEO-7\)](#) to the agenda of an upcoming subcommittee meeting, highlighting that [the Third Authors Meeting for the GEO-7](#) and the meeting of the Intergovernmental and Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group (IMAG) and the Multidisciplinary Expert Scientific Advisory Group (MESAG) took place from 2 to 6

September 2024 in Nairobi, to be held before the next meeting of IMAG and MESAG scheduled for November 2024 and before the deadline of 30 September 2024 for the nomination of reviewers for the GEO-7 Second-Order Draft and summary for policymakers. The Bureau members also advocated for extending the nomination deadline beyond 30 September 2024.

9. The secretariat confirmed that a new item on the development of GEO-7 will be included in the agenda at an upcoming CPR subcommittee meeting and committed to explore the possibility of extending the deadline for the nomination.

Agenda item 4: Other matters.

10. No other matters were raised.

Agenda item 5: Closing of the meeting.

11. The meeting closed at 10:40 (GMT+3).

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Annex: List of Participants

The Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau Members:

H. E. Mr. Firas Khouri, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP.

H. E. Mr. Wael Nasreldin Attiya, Vice Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Permanent Representative to UNEP.

H. E. Ms. Nicol Adamcová, Vice-Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of Czechia to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP, **represented by** Mr. Michal Novotny, Deputy Permanent Representative to UNEP.

H. E. Mr. Arnaud Suquet, Vice Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of France and Permanent Representative of France to UNEP, **represented by** Mr. Clément Payeur, Deputy Permanent Representative to UNEP.

Mr. Jovan Bernard Reid, Rapporteur of the Committee, and Deputy Head of Mission of the Permanent Mission of Barbados.

Representatives of the President of the UN Environment Assembly participating in an ex-officio capacity:

H. E. Ms. Nasra Salim Mohamed Al Hashmi, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to Kenya and Permanent Representative of Oman to UNEP, **represented by** Mr. Said Mohammed Said Al Amri, Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission.

The UN Environment Program Secretariat was represented by:

Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director.

Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Deputy Executive Director

Mr. Nicolas Bertrand, Chief of Staff.

Ms. Radhika Ochalik, Secretary of Governing Bodies.

Mr. Ulf Bjornholm, Deputy Secretary of Governing Bodies.

Mr. Stadler Trengove, Principal Legal Adviser