

Committee of Permanent Representatives
Subcommittee Meeting
Nairobi, 5 November 2024
9:00 – 12:00, 13:00 – 16:30 (GMT+3)
Hybrid meeting
Conference Room 4 (in person)
and Microsoft Teams (online)

Chair's Summary

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

1. H. E. Mr. Firas Khouri, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR), Ambassador of Jordan to Kenya and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Environment Programme, opened the meeting.
2. The [agenda](#) was adopted.

Agenda item 2: Draft recommendations from the eleventh annual subcommittee meeting of the CPR.

3. Further to the [meeting of the subcommittee of the CPR held on 29 October 2024](#), the Committee resumed its consideration of the [draft recommendations proposed by delegations](#) at the eleventh annual subcommittee meeting of the CPR held from 8 to 12 July 2024 for final consideration by the CPR at its [168th quarterly meeting](#).
4. Delegations started an exchange of views on draft recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23 and 24.
5. The Committee agreed that the following draft recommendations be withdrawn:
 - **Recommendation #7:** *Requests* the Secretariat to present at a future CPR Subcommittee meeting changes it will make in the implementation of the programme of work and budget for the period 2024-2025 following the lessons learned and the inputs provided at the 11th ASC meeting.
 - **Recommendation #17:** *Invites* the EMG Secretariat to work with the EMG members to consider the topic of land degradation and desertification for a possible Common Approach. Further invites the EMG to consider the topic of climate change within existing Common Approaches or alternatively consider the development of a UN Common Approach to Climate.
 - **Recommendation #18:** *Recommends* that the UN Common Approaches be integrated within the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks at country level.
 - **Recommendation #19:** *Requests* the Secretariat, in the context of the UNDS Reform, to ensure optimal use of the EMG and the comparative advantages of other UN entities for mainstreaming environmental approaches throughout the UN system.
6. The Committee further recommended that the following draft recommendations be considered by the CPR at its [168th quarterly meeting](#), as orally revised:

- **Recommendation #1:** *Requests* the Secretariat to report to the CPR on the identification of challenges and opportunities to enhance the provision and mobilization of resources for climate adaptation, pollution, biodiversity loss and the implementation of the Kunming Montreal-Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF).
- **Recommendation #2:** *Requests* the Secretariat, when developing the seventh Global Environment Outlook (GEO-7), to strive to avoid duplication in line with UNEA resolution 5/3, paragraph 5, with existing assessments and other science policy processes such as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services (IPBES), International Resource Panel (IRP), and the future panel whose establishment was called for in UNEA resolution 5/8 and the subsidiary body of relevant Multilateral Environment Agreements (MEAs).
- **Recommendation #3:** *Welcomes* the proposed changes¹ to strengthen delivery of the medium-term strategy through its programmes on Pollution and Health, Towards Zero Waste and Circularity in Sectors and requests the Secretariat to implement those changes with full respect of the mandate of UNEP.
- **Recommendation #4:** *Requests* UNEP to present during the development of the programme of work for 2026-2027 and the medium-term strategy for 2026-2029, a vision for the implementation of the recommendations made in the 2022-2023 Evaluation Synthesis Report on UNEP foundational sub-programmes (Science-Policy and Environmental Governance), further giving consideration to the provision of capacity building to developing countries, for discussion at the CPR.
- **Recommendation #6:** *Requests* the Secretariat to include in future iterations of the Programme Performance Report an overview of challenges, opportunities and lessons learned for all sub-programmes, management and financial matters. Lessons learnt should be strategic and analytic and relate to both context and partners, as well as to programmatic and institutional lessons as relevant for UNEP to improve its operations and performance.
- **Recommendation #9:** *Recommends* the Secretariat to continue to brief the CPR subcommittee on geographical distribution and to include in the Executive Director's reports to the CPR quarterly meeting explicit information on the change of representation ratios for at least three previous years.
- **Recommendation #9 bis:** *Requests* the Secretariat to brief the CPR subcommittee on an updated Gender Strategy as well as on the implementation of the evaluation recommendations regarding gender.
- **Recommendation #10:** *Requests* the Secretariat to brief the CPR on UNEA resolutions 6/14 and 6/7, including options for consideration by the CPR on their integration in the new medium-term strategy and programme of work.
- **Recommendation #15:** *Takes note of* the 2022-2023 Evaluation Synthesis Report² and strongly recommends UNEP to strengthen the 'likelihood of impact, 'achievement of project outcomes' and 'sustainability' dimensions of projects in the programme of work for 2026-2027 and subsequent programmes of work.
- **Recommendation #16:** *Recommends* UNEP to strengthen its institutional learning through implementation of the recommendations of evaluations during the

¹ [UNEP Programme Performance Report 2022-20223](#)

² [2022-2023 Evaluation Synthesis Report](#)

development of new policies and project designs, and to present proposed ways for how it intends to do so during the consultations on the medium-term strategy for 2026 to 2029.

- **Recommendation #23:** *Requests* the Secretariat to include in the draft medium-term strategy a full range of environmental challenges.
- **Recommendation #24:** *Welcomes* the results of the lessons learned from new evaluations and audits and recalling UNEA decision 6/7, paragraph 9, and UNEA resolution 4/18, paragraph 8, *requests* the Secretariat to include an explicit focus on the linkages between poverty and environment in the draft medium-term strategy, for discussion in the CPR.
- **Recommendation #27:** *Recommends* that the Secretariat continues to enhance the consideration of the role and viability of regional forums of ministers of environment and environment authorities in the work of UNEP specifically when considering the development of the medium-term strategy for 2026-2029 and their programmes of work in line with UNEA resolution 6/3, paragraph 1 (a).
- **Recommendation #28:** *Requests* the Secretariat to present to the CPR on how it will refine its engagement with the private sector³ in the context of UNEP's resource mobilization strategy.

7. An updated version of the draft decision containing draft recommendations proposed by delegations at the eleventh annual subcommittee meeting of the CPR for consideration by the CPR at its 168th quarterly meeting was subsequently made available on the following [link](#).

Agenda item 3: Other matters.

8. No other matters were raised.

Agenda item 4: Closing of the meeting.

9. The meeting closed at 16:30 (GMT+3).

³ 2023Report "Harnessing the Private Sector for solutions to the Three Planetary Environmental Crises"