



## Dialogues with Major Groups and Stakeholders

### Development of Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) 2026-2029

#### I. Background and Objective

The development of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) for the period 2026-2029 comes at a pivotal time as we approach the 2030 deadline, making it a critical opportunity to intensify efforts towards sustainable development and environmental protection.

The 2026-2029 MTS builds on the groundwork laid by the current MTS, incorporating lessons learned and **addressing new challenges related to climate change, nature and land loss, and pollution and waste**. While the current MTS has created a solid foundation, the global context has shifted, with intensified environmental shocks, persistent geopolitical tensions, and ongoing economic difficulties. The new MTS, set to be **approved by UNEA 7 in December 2025**, guides UNEP's strategic direction and plays a crucial role in shaping global environmental governance.

The decision UNEP/EA.6/L.3 requested UNEP to prepare a draft MTS for the period 2026-2029 and Programme of Work for the period 2026-2027, through inclusive and regular consultation with Member States and relevant stakeholders, for consideration and approval by the Environment Assembly at its seventh session.

In this context, UNEP aims to facilitate informal dialogues with Major Groups and Stakeholders (MGS) to ensure their perspectives are considered in the development of the MTS 2026-2029. UNEP held similar informal dialogues with Member States on 15, 16 and 17 October 2024.

The upcoming dialogue on **26 November 2024** will offer Major Groups and Stakeholders a valuable opportunity to share their perspectives on UNEP's strategic direction. This exchange aims to present UNEP's strategic framing to address **the crises of climate change, nature and land loss, and pollution and waste**.

The Major Groups and Stakeholders dialogue is informal, inviting participants to contribute their personal thoughts and ideas. Participants are expected to join the dialogue in their individual capacity and engage openly under Chatham House Rule, fostering an environment of trust and candid exchange.



## II. Structure of the Dialogue

Agenda	Duration	Speaker	Details
<b>Opening Remarks</b> <b>Technology Walk Through</b>	15 min	Director, Policy and Programme Division	Introduction of meeting objectives, participants, and house rules
<b>Relevance of informal dialogue for Major Groups</b>	5 min	Deputy Director, Governance Affairs Office	Highlight the importance of partnership with Major Groups and Stakeholders
<b>Strategic Framing</b>	15 min	UNEP Deputy Executive Director	Short presentation by the UNEP DED
<b>Dialogues I: Breakout Sessions</b>	30 min	Participants	Small group discussions
<b>Dialogue II: Plenary Session</b>	25 min		Report back to the plenary by designated rapporteurs from MGS
<b>Reflections and Feedback</b>	20 min		Reflections and questions from the participants in plenary
<b>Closing</b>	10 min	UNEP Deputy Executive Director	UNEP DED shares final reflections

## III. Time and Venue

**Time:** Tuesday, 26 November, 15:00 – 17:00 (GMT+3)

**Venue:** Virtual (link to be shared prior to the Dialogues)

## IV. Background documents

- [Draft Roadmap for the Development of the UNEP Medium-Term Strategy 2026-2029 and Programme of Work for 2026-2027](#)
- [For people and planet: the UNEP strategy for 2022–2025](#)
- [UNEP Programme of Work and Budget for 2022-2023](#)