

Committee of the Permanent Representatives
Subcommittee meeting
Nairobi, 23 January 2025
13:00 – 16:30 (GMT+3)
Hybrid meeting
Conference Room 4 (in person)
and Microsoft Teams (online)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
2. Review of UNEP's thematic programmes.*
3. New Policy Brief: A Policymakers' Guide to Life Cycle Assessment.
4. Briefing on the outcomes of the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.
5. Other matters.
6. Closing of the meeting.

* In accordance with the guidance endorsed at the 162nd meeting of the Committee in October 2023, delegations may propose draft decisions or recommendations, as appropriate, under any relevant agenda item, to be reflected in the meeting summary and for further consideration and possible adoption at the next CPR.

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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.

H. E. Mr. Firas Khouri, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, Ambassador of Jordan to Kenya and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Environment Programme, will open and chair the meeting.

2. Review of UNEP’s thematic programmes.

Following the Committee’s request for early and strategic planning in the performance of its oversight function vis-à-vis the Programme of Work, presentations will be delivered to the subcommittee on all 13 thematic programmes between 23 January and 12 June 2025. Under this item, the Secretariat will present an overview of the two following thematic programmes: 1) “**Towards Zero Waste**”, which improves waste and wastewater management; and 2) “**Pollution and Health**”, which aims to make contributions for improved environmental quality, better health and broader sustainable development outcomes. The Committee is invited to take note of the briefing and engage in an exchange of views with the Committee Members and the Secretariat.

3. New Policy Brief: A Policymakers' Guide to Life Cycle Assessment.

The Secretariat will provide a briefing on the [policy brief](#) launched on 19 November 2024, [A Policymakers' Guide to Life Cycle Assessment \(LCA\)](#). The International Organization for Standardization defines a life cycle as “consecutive and interlinked stages of a product system, from raw material acquisition or generation from natural resources to final disposal”. LCA is defined as the “compilation and evaluation of the inputs, outputs and the potential environmental impacts of a product system throughout its life cycle”. The policy brief provides guidance on using LCA studies to inform problem and policy framing with science-based data. The Committee is invited to take note of the briefing and engage in an exchange of views with the Committee Members and the Secretariat.

4. Briefing on the outcomes of the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity

The Secretariat will provide a briefing on the outcomes of the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity ([CBD COP 16](#)), held in Cali, Colombia from 21 October to 1 November 2024. In line with the CPR decision 166/1, paragraph 1, the Secretariat will complement the presentation with information on how such outcomes relate to the implementation of the programme of work of the United Nations Environment Programme. The Committee is invited to take note of the briefing and engage in an exchange of views with the Committee Members and the Secretariat.

5. Other matters.

The meeting will consider any other matters related to its work.

6. Closing of the meeting.

The meeting is expected to close at 16:00 (GMT+3).