

Committee of the Permanent Representatives
Subcommittee meeting
Nairobi, 20 February 2025
09:00 – 12:00 and 13:00 – 16:00 (GMT+3)
Hybrid meeting
Conference Room 1 (in person)
and Microsoft Teams (online)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
2. Briefing on the outcomes of the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
3. Briefing on UNEP's land degradation portfolio.¹
4. Overview of the audit of the 2023 Financial Statement by the Board of Auditors.¹
5. Other matters.
6. Closing of the meeting.

¹ 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 at the next CPR.

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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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

H. E. Ms. Nicol Adamcová, Vice Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP (Morning Session) and H.E. Mr. Wael Nasreldin Attiya, Vice Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to UNEP (Afternoon Session).

2. Briefing on the outcomes of the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

The Secretariat will provide a briefing on the outcomes of the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD COP 16) which took place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from 2 to 13 December 2024.

With a view to ensuring a streamlined consideration of agenda items and optimal use of available time, the Committee will be invited to consider jointly agenda item 2 with agenda item 3. After the presentations by the Secretariat under both items, the Committee is invited to take note of the briefings and engage in an exchange of views with the Committee Members and the Secretariat.

3. Briefing on UNEP's land degradation portfolio.

The Secretariat will provide an overview of the UNEP's land degradation portfolio across its programme of work. The presentation will also highlight UNEP's contributions to the outcomes of the UNCCD COP 16 and how such outcomes relate to the implementation of UNEP's programme of work, synergies with other Multilateral Environmental Agreements and initiatives, as well as relevant resolutions adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly.

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4. Overview of the audit of the 2023 Financial Statement by the Board of Auditors.

The Secretariat will provide an overview of the report of the UN Board of Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2023, a status update on the implementation of outstanding recommendations and the corresponding Secretariat implementation plans. The Committee will be invited to take note of the presentation and provide guidance as appropriate.

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).