



Journalists for Human Rights - Submission on the Zero Draft Ministerial Declaration for UNEA-7

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Journalists for Human Rights (JHR) welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the UNEA-7 Ministerial Declaration, recognizing the critical theme of *“Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet.”* We believe that transparent communication, inclusive financing, citizen science, citizen journalism, and digital innovation are vital to achieving global environmental goals.

JHR Position on the UNEA-7 Ministerial Declaration:

JHR emphasizes that advancing sustainable solutions requires equitable financing, digital innovation, and public transparency. We urge UNEA-7 to commit to impactful outcomes that address climate change, biodiversity loss, and land degradation.

Key Messages from JHR:

- **Promoting Synergies for Resilient Solutions:** Strengthen cross-convention collaboration under the Rio Conventions to address environmental challenges holistically.
- **Advancing Climate Finance:** Deliver on the \$300 billion annual NCQG with a clear mechanism for supporting vulnerable regions.
- **Safeguarding Biodiversity:** Establish dedicated financial mechanisms to halt biodiversity loss and restore ecosystems.

JHR's Call to Action:

- **Empower the Media and Citizen Journalism:** Recognize journalism and citizen-led reporting as essential for amplifying environmental issues, fostering accountability, and driving public engagement.
- **Promote Citizen Science:** Encourage public participation in data collection and environmental monitoring to drive community engagement and policy solutions.
- **Ensure Access to Information:** Promote open access to environmental data for informed civic participation and oversight.
- **Champion Digital Solutions:** Support emerging technologies, including remote sensing and AI, for sustainable land management and monitoring.



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JHR urges UNEA-7 to seize this opportunity to deliver solutions that are inclusive, innovative, and impactful. By integrating citizen science, citizen journalism, and transparent communication, UNEA-7 can empower communities and drive resilient outcomes for people and the planet.

Sincerely,

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