

Algeria's comments on the selection of themes for UNEA 3

Although we have expressed our preference towards the proposed theme number 2: "Planet 2.0: how to prepare the planet for 3 degrees and 9 billion people", but willing to join the consensus, we align ourselves with the position of the majority of the members preferring theme 1: "Pollution free planet: delivering a deal to detoxify the world."

However, we think that the theme must meet the following requirements:

- avoid repeating the issues addressed in UNEA-2, particularly the one related to health;
- broaden that theme to make it inclusive so that it can respond to the preoccupation of all members (air - soil - chemical pollution- sea's and ocean's waste ...);
- It's important not to neglect themes 2 and 3 for which several delegations have expressed their preference for them;
- Contrary to what some think, paragraph 88 of the outcome of Rio + 20, has made UNEP a leading global environment authority, then all issues related to Environment need to be addressed within the Assembly.

Among them, the desertification and land degradation who are a concern for a big number of countries. These issues are in the heart of the question of environment and a very important threat not only for biodiversity and ecosystems but even for life itself.