

UNEP CPR SubCom
Monday 01 January 2017
10:00 a.m. to 13:00 p.m.,
UNON Gigiri, Conference Room 1

U.S. Talking Points

Agenda Item 4: Report of the Executive Director

- We would like to start by expressing our thanks to the ED and the executive office for this update. Among the highlights we join UNEP and other Member States in enthusiastically welcoming the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol. UNEP's leadership in this regard did not go unnoticed. We also commend UNEP's work on its Lead Paint Campaign and related workshops. Due to UNEP's work 1.2 million people have learned about the dangers of Lead in paint. This is an issue where awareness is essential because no one would intentionally put a child at risk if they knew of the danger. We encourage UNEP to continue its leadership on Lead in Paint.
- We also appreciate your continued dedication to private sector outreach (in particular in the Asia Pacific and Nordic regions for this quarter). We look forward to partnering with you in this area and we are hopeful that we will start to see the fruits of this outreach as early as UNEA-3. At the same time we hope that similar efforts can be made to reach out to other groups of stakeholders.
- On the Budget, the U.S. is deeply concerned over the status of funding for UNEA-3 to be held in less than 11 short months. We strongly oppose using any funding that would otherwise be deployed programmatically. We are also not enthusiastic regarding the utilization of reserve funding. We encourage the Executive Director to aggressively seek funding and cost controls to close this gap. Holding two UNEAs in one budget cycle is a burden that Member States have placed on UNEP so it is therefore the responsibility of Member States to deliver extra-budgetary resources and cost controls to fund the Assembly.
- The U.S. would also appreciate a briefing at the subcommittee regarding the status of the informal name change of UNEP so we are all on the same page.
- The Executive Director's Update is a crucial piece of the CPR's oversight role here in Nairobi. As always, the U.S greatly appreciates the details provided and we would be

interested in hearing ideas on how to encourage greater dialogue among UNEP, Member States and Stakeholders around future iterations of the report.

Agenda Item 6: Prep for 4th Annual SubCom of the CPR (endorsement of note)

- The U.S., while understanding the extraordinary nature of this year's annual subcommittee meeting in relation to the transitional UNEA schedule, firmly believes that this meeting should primarily focus on oversight and provide an opportunity for CPR members and experts from capital to gain insight into the PoWB as well as the implementation of previous resolutions. We appreciate that the Secretariat has added some time for an in depth budget conversation since the last iteration of the note. Nonetheless, this year's subcommittee is shaping up to be more of a planning meeting for UNEA-3. The U.S. will not stand in the way of endorsement of this agenda but we hope that subsequent annual meetings will focus more on oversight and less on Assembly preparations. It seems we have been stuck in this rut of discussing only UNEA-related items for some time now.