

Fourth Annual Subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives
6-9 March 2017
Gigiri, UN Office at Nairobi
Conference Room 1

2017 Environment Assembly Background Document on Pollution

Note on the process

Status of the document

- UN Environment, as the Secretariat of the United Nations Environment Assembly, has the mandate to produce this background document, in consultation with Member States.
- ~~The success of this thematic is dependent on the engagement of all stakeholders to drive the process to UNEA 3~~ • The success of action on pollution is dependent on the engagement of all stakeholders to drive the process to UNEA 3
- ~~A strategic communication document is being prepared to support the engagement process~~ • An outline of the UNEA lead-up communication campaign, which will support stakeholder engagement, has already been prepared and shared with the CPR

Stakeholder contributions and consultations

- Member states are encouraged to consider to have an online consultation with citizens and to invite their Ambassadors to support the pollution agenda
- Regional consultations on the report will be organized back to back with relevant meetings in the region.
- Major stakeholder groups and their engagement directly or through regional consultation is encouraged
- UN Agencies, Regional Commissions and Multilateral Environmental Agreements are being consulted and will provide their inputs
- A key group of experts plus a variety of stakeholders from different regions will be asked to review the report (maximum 20 experts), through email and virtual meetings. Expert reviewers can be drawn from the author team and the large pool of over 500 external reviewers from the global assessment process to help ensure a thorough review of the report. This pool includes industry, civil society and indigenous groups.

Products linked to the development of the document

- Interactive map of successful initiatives and projects: in order to build a lively and inclusive process, major groups and stakeholders, UN Agencies and partners will be invited to share experiences of successful projects and initiatives in preventing and addressing pollution which will be made available through an interactive interface (to be hosted on UNEP Live)

Key milestones (Road map to UNEA 3)

6 February	<i>Outline sent to Member States (and subsequently to MEAs and UN Agencies)</i>
6-9 March	<i>4th annual subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives - Member States provide guidance on the outline</i>
9 March to 21 July	<i>Report development and review, including regional consultations (March-April)</i>
Mid- March-April	<i>Regional consultations on the final outline of the report, based on comments from the Committee of Permanent Representatives</i>
Mid May (2 weeks consultations until 26 May)	<i>Draft of the report sent for various consultations with UN agencies/MEAs and other stakeholders</i>
2nd half of September	<i>Briefing to the Committee of Permanent Representatives and other events to present the report</i>
23 October	<i>Report in the 6 UN languages circulated to Member States</i>
4-6 December	<i>3rd session of the United Nations Environment Assembly</i>

