

Comments by the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the document “Note to Member States addressing the questions put forth by the President of the Economic and Social Council on the theme of the 2017 High Level Political Forum”

- Mexico welcomes the opportunity to reflect and comment on the proposal of the President of UNEA for the HLPF 2017.
- For Mexico, the inputs from UNEA are key to the overall process feeding into the HLPF and ensuring coherence across the UN system.
- The elements identified in the President’s proposal are in some way centred in the notion of re-acknowledging the importance of the environmental pillar of the 2030 Agenda, which is already a finalized discussion. Furthermore, the social component is highlighted while the economic dimension is left aside. A practical example of generating cross-cutting links across all dimensions is the approach adopted at the CBD-COP13 on integrating and mainstreaming biodiversity throughout different productive sectors.
- While the President’s document acknowledges that UNEP has aligned the Medium-Term Strategy and the Programme of Work with the 2030 Agenda, it would be useful to showcase and highlight the impacts on specific projects and actions on the ground.
- The Medium-Term Strategy can also be taken as a starting point to develop inputs to be submitted to the HLPF. The Strategy already contains the linkages to the 2030 Agenda, identifies challenges for its implementation and underlines the co-relationship with UNEP and other environmental mechanisms across the UN system.
- In this sense, political guidance and actions at the highest level are paramount to generate coherent actions throughout the United Nations, especially through the Environment Management Group (EMG). The EMG, chaired by the Executive Director of UNEP, can have a crucial role in the subject.