

Annotated provisional agenda

Opening of the session

The third session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 4 December 2017, by H.E. Dr. Edgar Gutiérrez, President of the United Nations Environment Assembly, elected at its second session, held in Nairobi from 23-27 May 2016.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

(a) Adoption of the agenda

The President will draw the attention of the Assembly to the provisional agenda and propose its adoption.

(b) Organization of work

In accordance with Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure, the President shall then invite the United Nations Environment Assembly to allocate items among its plenary meetings and the meetings of any sessional committees, including a Committee of the Whole, and working parties that may be set up in accordance with Rule 61.

In the establishment of those committees and working parties, the Environment Assembly will take into account the proposed organization of work as outlined in the note of the Executive Director on the organization of the third session of the Assembly (UNEP/EA.3/INF/1). It will also take into account the compilation of draft resolutions prepared by the Committee of Permanent Representatives for consideration and subsequent adoption by the Assembly.

Credentials of representatives

The Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly will report to the Assembly at its first plenary meeting on the credentials of representatives in attendance in accordance with Rule 17 of the Rules of Procedure.

Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

The Environment Assembly is expected to consider at its first plenary meeting the Report of the Committee of the Permanent Representatives. The Chair of the Committee will present the report, which will include draft resolutions prepared by the Third Open Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives. The Assembly is then expected to consider and adopt draft resolutions as recommended by the Committee of Permanent Representatives and refer outstanding items to the Committee of the Whole.

Budget and Programme Performance, including implementation of the Assembly's resolutions

Under this item, the Environment Assembly is expected to focus on the conclusions of the consideration at the Third Open-Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, of the updates of the Executive Director, mandated by resolutions adopted by the Assembly at its second session in May 2016. The Assembly may wish to allocate this item to the Committee of the Whole.

Administrative and budgetary issues

The United Nations Environment Assembly is expected to consider other relevant administrative and budgetary issues based on a presentation by the Secretariat.

International environmental policy and governance issues

Under this item, the Environment Assembly will consider items and proposals pertaining to the theme of the third session of the Assembly, “Towards a Pollution-Free Planet”. Any other supplementary issues may also be discussed under this agenda item at the request of any authority entitled to propose items under paragraph 1 of Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure.

Update on the Sixth Global Environment Outlook

The Environment Assembly is expected to consider the progress report of the Executive Director on the sixth edition of the Global Environment Outlook (GEO-6) contained in document EA.3/20. The Assembly may wish to allocate this item to the Committee of the Whole.

High-level Segment: “Towards a Pollution-Free Planet”

The High-level Segment will convene on 5- 6 December 2017 and will address the overarching theme “Towards a Pollution-Free Planet”. This segment is expected to consist of an opening plenary with statements by key dignitaries; national statements; leadership dialogues; a multi-stakeholder dialogue; a gala dinner; a wrap-up plenary session and; a closing plenary. Discussions will be supported by the report of the Executive Director on the theme of the third session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, “Towards a Pollution-Free Planet.” (UNEP/EA.3/INF/3). More information on the modalities of this segment will be available in the note of the Executive Director on the organization of the third session of the Assembly (UNEP/EA.3/INF/1).

Adoption of outcomes of the session

During the concluding plenary of the Environment Assembly in the afternoon of Wednesday, 6 December 2017, the President is expected to invite the chairs of the sessional committees and working parties to report on the outcomes of their respective work, including on the agreements reached on pending draft resolutions and the outcome document of the High-level Segment. The Assembly may wish to consider and adopt those outcomes.

Election of Officers

At its last plenary meeting and in accordance with Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure, the Environment Assembly will elect a president, eight vice presidents and a rapporteur from among its members. The President is expected to be nominated from among the Eastern-European States and the rapporteur from among the Asia-Pacific States. The eight vice presidents will include two nominated officers drawn from the African States, one from the Asia-Pacific States, one from the Eastern-European States, two from the Latin American and Caribbean States and two from the Western European and other States. It is expected that the election will be conducted by acclamation based on the list of nominees received from each region by the President of the Assembly prior to the last meeting of the third session.

Date and provisional agenda of the fourth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

The Environment Assembly may wish to consider and agree on the date and provisional agenda of its fourth session as contained in document UNEP/EA.3/INF/7.

Other matters

The Environment Assembly may wish to consider any other matters related to its work.

Adoption of the report

The Environment Assembly may wish to consider and adopt the proceedings of the first two days of the third session with the understanding that the proceedings of the last day will be reflected in the final report to be cleared by the Rapporteur of the Assembly after its conclusion.

Closure of the session

The third session of the Environment Assembly is expected to conclude its work by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 6 December 2017.
