

Joint meeting of the Bureaux of UN Environment Assembly and
Committee of Permanent Representatives
14 September 2017
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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

H.E. Mr. Edgar Gutiérrez, President of the United Nations Environment Assembly and Minister of Environment and Energy of the Republic of Costa Rica and H.E. Mr. John Moreti, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Botswana, are expected to co-chair the meeting. The President is expected to open the meeting at 5:30 pm and invite the Bureaux members to consider and subsequently adopt the provisional agenda.

2. Preparations for the Committee of the Whole

The Bureaux members will exchange views on a possible Chair or co-Chair of the Committee of the Whole.

3. Preparations for the 2017 UN Environment Assembly

Bureaux members are expected to consider preparations for the 2017 UN Environment Assembly. Their discussion is expected to include the sub-items below.

a) Preparation of draft resolutions

The Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives is expected to update the joint meeting on the matter. The possibility of a procedural decision on receipt and consideration of draft resolutions during the 3rd Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly will also be considered.

b) Collection of voluntary commitments

As agreed at the Joint Bureaux Retreat held in Costa Rica in June 2017, the Secretariat is expected to brief the Bureaux on its efforts to mobilize pledges and voluntary commitments from Governments, Non-Governmental Organizations and Private Sector Organizations. The brief is expected to include information on

the process for collecting, validating, analyzing, aggregating publishing and monitoring voluntary commitments. It is also expected to touch on the process of follow-up on such voluntary commitments and pledges.

c) Funding status for the 2017 UN Environment Assembly

The Secretariat is expected to provide an update on the status of funding for the 2017 UN Environment Assembly.

d) Global Coalition for a Pollution-Free Planet

As requested at the Joint Bureaux Retreat held in Costa Rica in June 2017, the Secretariat is expected to brief the Bureaux on a long term programme of action to address pollution.

e) Scenario Note

The Secretariat is expected to present the draft scenario note of the 2017 UN Environment Assembly which will include organizational arrangements for the opening ceremonies, the Committee of the Whole, national statements, Leadership Dialogues, Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue and closing plenary session.

4. Update on the Ministerial Outcome Document

The President of the UN Environment Assembly is expected to update the meeting on the consultation process for the Ministerial Outcome Document.

5. Visibility of the UN Environment Assembly

The meeting is expected to be briefed by members of the bureau on the participation by the President in the High-Level Political Forum, which took place last July 2017 and on the results of the following ministerial meetings:

- a) **Informal Regional Ministerial Consultation for 2017 Environment Assembly “Europe’s call for a Pollution Free Planet”, Ostrava**
- b) **Africa Ministers Conference on Environment (AMCEN), Libreville**
- c) **Second Forum of Ministers and Authorities of Environment of Asia-Pacific, Bangkok**
- d) **Preparations for the Inter-sessional Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean (11-13 October 2017)**

6. Major Groups and Stakeholders Engagement in the UN Environment Assembly

a) Private sector engagement in the UN Environment Assembly

As follow up to a submission by the Major Group of Business and Industry on “Engaging the Business and Industry Major Group: a Business Coalition Update,”

made to the Joint Bureaux Retreat in Costa Rica, a representative of the Group is expected to make a presentation on the matter, at the invitation of the Secretariat.

The Secretariat is also expected to update the meeting on arrangements for private sector engagement at the Assembly.

b) Effective engagement of Major Groups and Stakeholders

The Secretariat is expected to update the meeting on how to effectively engage Major Groups and Stakeholders.

7. Date for the next Joint Bureaux meeting

The meeting is expected to discuss the date for the next Joint Bureaux meeting.

8. Other matters

The meeting is expected to discuss any other matters related to its work.

9. Closing of the Meeting

The meeting is expected close at 6:45 p.m.