Civil Society Engagement

Orientation Session for New Members of the Committee of the Permanent Representatives of UN Environment

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Why civil society engagement?

- ► Rule 70 of Rules of Procedure
- ► UN practice, "The Future We Want", Governing Council Decision 27/2
- Stakeholder expertise enriches the inter-governmental decision making
- Adds transparency and legitimacy
- ▶ Gives an opportunity for those who might be effected by decisions



How?

- Nine Major Groups and Stakeholders
- Formal accreditation to UN Environment
- Participation in UN Environment Assembly and Committee of Permanent Representatives as observers with opportunity to provide oral and written statements
- Access to CPR portal if accredited
- Major Groups Facilitating Committee
- Regional Consultations Meetings
- Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum prior to the UN Environment Assembly
- UNEP Access to Information Policy



Three levels of engagement



Agenda-setting

- Policy shaping
- Global political agenda setting
- UNEA agenda setting



Decisionmaking/shaping

- Policy deliberations leading to decision-making
- Transparency and access-toinformation



Implementation

- Strategic partnerships for implementation of UNEP's policies
- Strategic partnerships for achieving sustainable development

Expert input and advice



Civil Society at meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

- Accredited organisations only, in all public meetings, including sub-committees
- Reserved seats for the nine Major Groups
- Interactive online participation
- Opportunity for written and oral comments
- Accredited organisations receive relevant documentation and have access to the CPR portal



Civil Society Unit in the Governance Affairs Office

- Facilitates Engagement of Civil Society across UN Environment
- Administers Accreditation
- Civil Society Website
- Organisation of meetings, consultations, capacity building, support provided to divisions
- Stakeholder Engagement Handbook
- Assists Major Groups Facilitation Committee
- Organises Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum and Regional Meetings



Civil Society Engagement at UN Environment Assembly 2017

▶ 27-28/11: Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (CR1)

▶ 29/11-6/12: Tent as civil society space

► 5/12: Multi Stakeholder Dialogue "PEOPLE AND POLLUTION"



Resources on engagement Perspectives







Tackling pollution is essential for meeting SDG poverty objectives

Dr Andrew Farmer

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The world has committed itself to the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and accompanying targets. The SDGs are a mixture of closely intertwined social, economic and environmental objectives; it is not possible to have sustainable social and economic development if we allow our environment to degrade. Alongside alleviating poverty, there is clearly a need to prevent and reduce all forms of pollution.

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Resources

- ► Rules of Procedure:
- http://web.unep.org/about/cpr/documents/rulesprocedure
- Stakeholder Engagement Handbook: https://goo.gl/kpX76A
- "Perspectives" from Civil Society: https://goo.gl/bElQQ1
- Civil Society Website: http://web.unep.org/about/majorgroups/
- Accreditation: https://goo.gl/uNHd0Y
- List of Accredited Organisations:https://goo.gl/ByQWR4
- UNEP Access to Information Policy:https://goo.gl/jysx0o



