

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



Decision-making/shaping

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



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

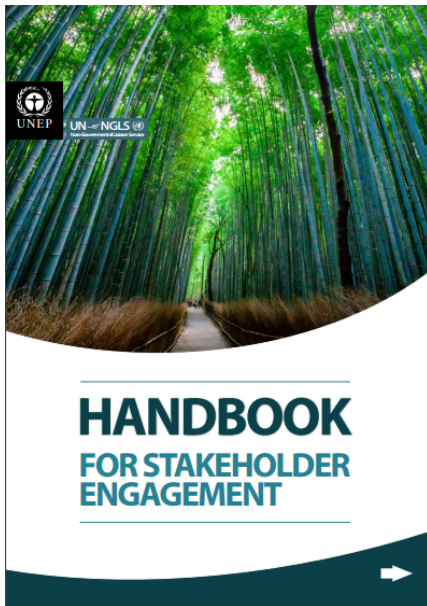
- ▶ Facilitates Engagement of Civil Society across UN Environment
- ▶ Administers Accreditation
- ▶ Civil Society Website
- ▶ Organisation of meetings, consultations, capacity building, support provided to divisions
- ▶ Stakeholder Engagement Handbook
- ▶ Assists Major Groups Facilitation Committee
- ▶ 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*



Resources

- ▶ Rules of Procedure:
- ▶ <http://web.unep.org/about/cpr/documents/rules-procedure>
- ▶ 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>

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