

## Draft Roadmap to the Fourth Session of the UN Environment Assembly

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| Main preparatory meetings for the 4 <sup>th</sup> session of the UN Environment Assembly   | Main activities and outputs  | Other meetings relevant for the Assembly  |
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| <b>2018</b>  |  |   |
| <b>January 2018</b>  |  |   |
| <p><b>16 January</b> – Briefing on the Global Pact for the Environment (9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. CR4)</p> <p><b>18 January</b> – Bureau meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. Executive Office Boardroom)</p> <p><b>30 January</b> – First Bureau meeting of the United Nations Environment Assembly (4.00 p.m. – 6.15 p.m. Executive Office Boardroom)</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment and lessons learnt from the third session of the UN Environment Assembly</li> <li>- Draft criteria for selecting the theme for the 4<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Environment Assembly</li> </ul>  | <p><b>15-18 January</b> – International Water Summit (Abu Dhabi, UAE)</p> <p><b>23-26 January</b> – World Economic Forum Annual Meeting (Switzerland)</p> <p><b>31 January – 4 February</b> – 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) (TBC)</p> |
| <b>February 2018</b>   |  |   |
| <p><b>6 February</b> – Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting (9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m., CR4)</p> <p><b>13 February</b> – Informal Breakfast with the African Group (8.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. Karura Forest) (TBC)</p> <p><b>20 February</b> – Bureau meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (8.45 a.m. – 9.45 a.m. CW-115)</p> <p><b>20 February</b> – 141<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.; 2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. CR1)</p> <p><b>27 February</b> - Second Bureau meeting of the UN Environment Assembly (TBD)</p> <p><b>DATE TBD</b> (February/March) Committee of Permanent Representative Briefing on the priorities for the Secretariat of Governing Bodies (Governance Affairs Office)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consideration of the theme for the 4<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Environment Assembly</li> <li>- Preparations for the 1<sup>st</sup> Joint Preparatory Retreat of the Bureaux of the UN Environment Assembly and of the Committee of Permanent Representatives</li> <li>- Update on the Implementation of the UN Environment Programme of work 2020-2021</li> <li>- Update on the Budget and Programme, including the implementation of UN Environment Assembly resolutions</li> </ul> | <p><b>7 – 13 February</b> – 9th Session of the World Urban Forum (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)</p> <p><b>10 – 12 February</b> – Energizing the 2030 Agenda: Global Preparatory Meeting for Review of SDG 7 (Hong Kong, China)</p>  |

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| <p><b>15 March</b> – Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting (9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.)</p> <p><b>21 March</b> – 68<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives of UN-Habitat</p> <p><b>22 – 23 March</b> – 1<sup>st</sup> Joint Preparatory Retreat of Bureaux of the UN Environment Assembly and of the Committee of Permanent Representative (Nairobi)</p> <p><b>DATE TBD</b> Consultative workshop with Multistakeholders on follow up of the 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the UN Environment Assembly</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Decision on the theme of the 4th session of the UN Environment Assembly (no later than 31 March 2018)</li> <li>- Early notification of the fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly</li> <li>- Consideration of the structure of the 4<sup>th</sup> session of UN Environment Assembly</li> <li>- Consideration of the follow-up of the 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the UN Environment Assembly and the Ministerial Outcome Document</li> </ul> | <p><b>3 March</b> – World Wildlife Day 2018</p> <p><b>7 – 9 March</b> – World Ocean Summit 2018 (Mexico)</p> <p><b>18 – 23 March</b> – 8<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (Brasilia, Brazil)</p> <p><b>18 – 24 March</b> – The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)-6 Plenary and Stakeholder Day (Medellin, Colombia)</p> <p><b>DATE TBD</b> – 9<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the Nairobi Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean Region (Mombasa, Kenya)</p> |
| April 2018   |   |   |
| <p><b>19 April</b> – Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting (9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Venue TBC)</p> <p><b>DATE TBD (Mid of April)</b> – Briefing on InforMEA platform and its linkages with the implementation of Assembly Resolutions</p> <p><b>DATE TBD</b> Bureau meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives</p> <p><b>DATE TBD</b> 142<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Decision on the format and date of the next meeting of the Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (no later than 142<sup>nd</sup> Committee meeting)</li> <li>- Preparations for participation of the Assembly President in the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2018</li> </ul>   | <p><b>23 – 26 April</b> – Financing for Development (FfD) Forum 2018 (New York City, US)</p> <p><b>30 April – 10 May</b> – 48th Session of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies (Bonn, Germany)</p>   |
| May 2018   |   |   |
| <p><b>8 May</b> – Orientation of new members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Venue TBC)</p> <p><b>31 May</b> – Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting (9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Venue TBC)</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparation of guidelines, timelines and call for early submission of proposals for resolutions for the Environment Assembly</li> <li>- Orientation session for new members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives</li> </ul>   | <p><b>2 - May</b> – Sustainable Energy for All Forum 2018 (Lisbon, Portugal)</p> <p><b>13 – 16 May</b> – 4<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Marine Biodiversity (TBC)</p> <p><b>21 – 22 May</b> – Development Cooperation Forum 2018 (New York City, US)</p>  |

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| <p><b>7 June</b> – Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting (9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Venue TBC)</p> <p><b>19 June</b> – Bureau meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (9.00 a.m. – 9.45 a.m. Venue TBC)</p> <p><b>19 June</b> – 143<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.: 2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. Conference Room 1)</p> <p><b>20 June</b> – 69<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives of UN-Habitat</p> <p><b>DATE TBD</b> Bureau meeting of the UN Environment Assembly followed by Joint meeting of the Bureaux of the UN Environment Assembly and of the Committee of Permanent Representatives</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparations for the 4th Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives</li> <li>- Member States to signal intention to submit draft resolutions for the Assembly by 30 June.</li> </ul>  | <p><b>5 June</b> – World Environment Day</p>  |
| July 2018  |   |   |
| <p><b>3 July</b> – Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting (9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Venue TBC)</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Preparatory Meeting of the Bureaux of the UN Environment Assembly and of the Committee of Permanent Representatives</li> <li>- Statement by the President of the Environment Assembly to the High-Level Political Forum</li> <li>- Letter from President of the Environment Assembly to all member States on the process of the Ministerial Declaration</li> <li>- Letter from Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the process for developing resolutions for the Assembly</li> </ul> | <p><b>9 – 18 July</b> – High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2018 (New York City, US)</p> <p><b>14 July</b> – Montreal Protocol IMPCOM 60 (Vienna TBC)</p> <p><b>16 – 20 July</b> – Montreal Protocol OEWG 40 (Vienna TBC)</p> <p><b>16 – 27 July</b> – 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Plants Committee and 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Animals Committee of the Convention on International Trade with Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (Geneva, Switzerland)</p> |

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| August 2018  |   |   |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finalization of the agenda of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives</li> <li>- Distribution of documentation for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives</li> </ul>  |   |
| September 2018   |   |   |
| <p><b>6 – 7 September</b> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Preparatory Retreat (Tallin, Estonia)</p> <p><b>11 September</b> – Bureau meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (9.00 a.m. – 9.45 a.m. Venue TBC)</p> <p><b>13 September</b> – Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Venue TBC)</p> <p><b>17 – 18 September</b> - Consultations of Executive Director with Regional and Political Groups (<i>Specific time slot for each group: 1 hour</i>)</p> <p><b>19 September</b> – 70<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives of UN-Habitat</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparations for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives</li> <li>- Open call for proposals for Assembly side events by 30 September</li> <li>- Advance version of the Executive Director's report on the theme of the Assembly</li> <li>- Release of zero draft of the Ministerial Outcome Document for the 4<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Environment Assembly</li> </ul> | <p><b>10 – 14 September</b> - 14th Meeting of Chemicals Review Committee, Rotterdam Convention (Rome, Italy)</p> <p><b>25 – 30 September</b> – 73rd Session of the UN General Assembly: General Debate (New York City, US)</p>  |
| October 2018   |   |   |
| <p><b>8 October</b> – Bureau meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (9.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m. Venue TBC)</p> <p><b>22-24 October</b> - 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (9:30a.m. – 12:30p.m.; 2:30p.m. – 5:30p.m. and Venue TBC)</p> <p><b>25 October</b> – 144<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (9:30p.m. – 12:30p.m. and Venue TBC)</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Launch on-line registration for the Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives and the Environment Assembly</li> <li>- Endorsement of structure and format of the Assembly</li> <li>- Consultation on the zero draft of the Ministerial Outcome Document</li> </ul>   | <p><b>1 – 5 October</b> – 70<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) Standing Committee (Sochi, Russia)</p> <p><b>8 – 10 October</b> – 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats (Monte Carlo, Monaco)</p> <p><b>21 – 29 October</b> – 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (COP13) (Dubai, UAE)</p> <p><b>29 October – 2 November</b> – SAICM OEWG3 (Dhaka, Bangladesh)</p> |

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| <p><b>27 November</b> – Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting (9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Venue TBC)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finalization of the sixth Global Environment Outlook report</li> <li>- Close of call for proposal for side events on 30 November 2018</li> <li>- Final report of the Executive Director on the theme of the UN Environment Assembly</li> <li>- Release of draft scenario note of the 4<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Environment Assembly</li> </ul> | <p><b>3 November</b> - Montreal Protocol IMPCOM 61 (Quito TBC)</p> <p><b>3 – 15 November</b> – 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) (Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt)</p> <p><b>5 – 9 November</b> – 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (Quito TBC)</p> <p><b>10 – 22 November</b> – 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity; 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety; 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing Benefits from their Utilization (Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt)</p> <p><b>19 – 23 November</b> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (Geneva, Switzerland) (High-Level segment not expected)</p> |
| December 2018  |  |   |
| <p><b>13 December</b> – 71<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives of UN-Habitat</p>            | <p><b>December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Informal consultations on draft resolutions/decisions</li> <li>- Finalization of documentation for the Assembly</li> </ul>   | <p><b>3 – 14 December</b> – 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and 3<sup>rd</sup> Agreement meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (Katowice, Poland)</p> <p><b>4 – 8 December</b> – 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (TBD, Republic of South Africa)</p>  |

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| <b>2019</b>  |   |  |
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| <b>January 2019</b>  |   |  |
| <p><b>15 January</b> – Bureau meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (9.00 a.m. – 9.45 a.m. Venue TBC)</p> <p><b>15 January</b> – 145<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. CR1)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Informal consultations on draft resolutions/decisions</li> <li>- 5 weeks deadline for submission of draft resolutions ahead of Open Ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (date to be confirmed)</li> <li>- Negotiations on the summary of the sixth Global Environment Outlook report for policymakers (Deadline 6 weeks before the Environment Assembly)</li> <li>- Finalization of logistical arrangements</li> </ul> |  |
| <b>February 2019</b>   |   |  |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Briefing on logistical arrangements for the Assembly</li> <li>- Final inputs to the draft Ministerial Outcome Document to be received by February 25</li> </ul>  |  |
| <b>March 2019</b>  |   |  |
| <p><b>4 – 5 March</b> – Informal consultations on Ministerial Outcome Document</p> <p><b>11 – 15 March</b> - Fourth Session of the UN Environment Assembly</p>   |   |  |
| <b>April 2019</b>  |   |  |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment of the fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly</li> </ul>   |  |