



## The 2019 UN Environment Assembly

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# Function

## ☞ **Governing Council decision 27/2, paragraph 5 (Feb 2013)**

- Setting the global environmental agenda;
- Providing overarching policy guidance and defining policy responses to address emerging environmental challenges;
- Undertaking policy review, dialogue and exchange of experiences;
- Setting the strategic guidance on the future direction of the United Nations Environment Programme;
- Organizing a multi-stakeholder dialogue;
- Fostering partnerships for achieving environmental goals and resources mobilization.



# Theme and Events

- **Date:** 11-15 March 2019 (official segment)
- **Theme:** Innovative Solutions for Environmental Challenges and Sustainable Consumption and Production
  - **Subthemes:** 1) Sustainable food systems, including food security and biodiversity; 2) Life-cycle approaches to resource, energy, chemicals and waste management; and 3) Innovative sustainable business development at a time of rapid technological change
- Open Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, 4 – 8 March 2019
- Science-Business-Policy Forum, 9 – 10 March 2019
- Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum, 7 – 8 March 2019 (tbc)
- Stakeholder Tent, parallel to the Assembly
- Sustainable Innovation Expo, 11 – 15 March 2019



## **Open Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, March 4 – 8**



## **UN Environment Assembly: March 11 – 15**

	Monday 4 March 2019	Tuesday 5 March 2019	Wednesday 6 March 2019	Thursday 7 March 2019	Friday 8 March 2019					
9:00 – 10:00	Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings	Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings	Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings	Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings	Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings					
10:00 – 11:00	<p><u>Opening Plenary</u></p> <p>Agenda item: 1 Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda</p> <p>Agenda item: 2 Adoption of minutes of the 145<sup>th</sup> meeting</p> <p>Agenda item: 3 Organization of work* Venue: TBD ACEFRS</p>									
11:00 - 12:30	<p><u>Plenary</u></p> <p>Agenda item 4: Budget and Programme Performance, including implementation of the Assembly's resolutions Venue: TBD ACEFRS</p>	<p><u>Working Group</u></p> <p>Draft resolutions Venue: TBD E</p>	<p><u>Plenary</u></p> <p>Report from Working Group</p> <p>Agenda item 4: Budget and Programme Performance, including implementation of the Assembly's resolutions Venue: TBD ACEFRS</p>	<p><u>Working Group</u></p> <p>Draft resolutions Venue: TBD E</p>	<p><u>Plenary</u></p> <p>Report from Working Group</p> <p>Agenda item 5: Administrative and budgetary issues Venue: TBD ACEFRS</p>	<p><u>Working Group</u></p> <p>Draft resolutions Venue: TBD E</p>	<p>Agenda item 7: Report on consultations of the Ministerial Declaration Venue: TBD ACEFRS</p>	<p><u>Working Group</u></p> <p>Draft resolutions Venue: TBD E</p>	<p><u>Plenary</u></p> <p>Agenda item 8: Preparation of draft resolutions and action on draft resolutions Venue: TBD ACEFRS</p>	<p><u>Working Group</u></p> <p>Draft resolutions Venue: TBD E</p>
12:30-14:30	LUNCH BREAK									
15:00 – 18:00	<p><u>Plenary</u></p> <p>Agenda item 4: Budget and Programme Performance, including implementation of the Assembly's resolutions Venue: TBD ACEFRS</p>	<p><u>Working Group</u></p> <p>Draft resolutions Venue: TBD E</p>	<p><u>Plenary</u></p> <p>Report from WGs Agenda item 5: Administrative and budgetary issues Venue: TBD ACEFRS</p>	<p><u>Working Group</u></p> <p>Draft resolutions Venue: TBD E</p>	<p><u>Plenary</u></p> <p>Agenda item 6: Update on the Sixth Global Environment Outlook Venue: TBD ACEFRS</p>	<p><u>Working Group</u></p> <p>Draft resolutions Venue: TBD E</p>	<p><u>Plenary</u></p> <p>Agenda item 8: Preparation of draft resolutions and action on draft resolutions Venue: TBD ACEFRS</p>	<p><u>Working Group</u></p> <p>Draft resolutions Venue: TBD E</p>	<p><u>Plenary</u></p> <p>Agenda item 8: Preparation of draft resolutions for transmission to UN Environment Assembly Agenda item 9: Other matters Agenda item 10: Adoption of Chair's summary Closure of the meeting Venue: TBD ACEFRS</p>	

	Monday 11 March 2019	Tuesday 12 March 2019	Wednesday 13 March 2019	Thursday 14 March 2019	Friday 15 March 2019
08:00 –10:00	Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings	Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings	Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings	Regional Groups & Bureau Meetings Women Ministers & Leaders of Environment	Regional Groups Meetings Bureau Meetings
10:00 - 13:00	Opening Plenary - Functional opening [President and Executive Director] -Statements from Regional and Political Groups -Report by the Chair of the Committee of PR's -Report from OECP and possible actions on resolutions CR 2: ACEFRS	Committee of the Whole CR 2: ACEFRS	Committee of the Whole CR 2: ACEFRS  Global Environment Outlook, Global Chemicals Outlook & other key assessments  CR 1: ACEFRS	High Level Segment Official Opening Plenary Introduction of the theme "Innovative Solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption & production" CR 2: ACEFRS  National Statements (List of speakers)*  CR 2: ACEFRS	National Statements (List of speakers)*  CR 2: ACEFRS  Leadership Dialogues (Moderated)** CR 1: ACEFRS  Leadership Dialogues (Moderated)** CR 1: ACEFRS
13:00 - 15:00	Side Event	Side Event	Side Event	Side Event	Side Event
15:00 - 18:00	Committee of the Whole CR 2: ACEFRS	Committee of the Whole CR 2: ACEFRS	National Statements (List of speakers)* CR 2: ACEFRS  Global Environment Outlook. Global Chemicals Outlook & other key assessments CR 1: ACEFRS OR Committee of the Whole CR 1: ACEFRS (TBC)	National Statements (List of speakers)* CR 2: ACEFRS  Leadership Dialogues (Moderated)** CR 1: ACEFRS  Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue (Moderated) Venue: CR 1 ACEFRS	Wrap-up Plenary Session (Moderated) - Summary of commitments from Governments/Private Sectors/Stakeholders - Summary of Leadership Dialogues & Multi- Stakeholder Dialogue -Action on Ministerial Outcome  Closing Plenary Session - Adoption of Resolutions - Elections of Officers - Date & Provisional Agenda of 2021 Assembly - Adoption of the Report CR 2: ACEFRS
18:00 - 19:00	Side Event	Side Event	Side Event	Side Event	
19:00 - 21:00				Host Country Ministerial Reception	

# Expected Outcome

1. A negotiated **Ministerial Outcome Document**
2. New and reinforced existing **partnerships** to promote innovative solutions and sustainable consumption and production
3. A set of **negotiated resolutions**
4. A **new Programme of Work and Budget** for the UN Environment Programme for the period 2020-21
5. An **Action Plan towards a pollution free planet**, as mandated at the 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the Assembly
6. A **Secretariat background report on innovative solutions and sustainable consumption and production**
7. Several **environmental landmark reports**, including the 6<sup>th</sup> Global Environmental Outlook, the Chemicals and Wastes Outlook, and the global status report on resource efficiency and sustainable consumption and production from the International Resource Panel
8. Summaries and key messages from the **Leadership Dialogues and the Multi-Stakeholder dialogue**, involving political, civil society and business leaders
9. **National Statements and commitments** relating to the theme “Innovative solutions and sustainable consumption and production”
10. A dedicated **social media campaign** relating to the theme “Innovative solutions and sustainable consumption and production”
11. Significant **worldwide media coverage** of the Assembly and its results.





# Opportunities for Major Groups to Engage

- In written on all pre- and in session documents
- CPR Meetings prior to the Assembly and Annual CPR Sub Committee October 2018
- Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum
- Science-Policy-Business Forum
- Orally during all public meetings of OECPR and UNEA
- During Side Events
- Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue
- Lobbying, Bilateral Meetings, Influencing Member states prior to the Assembly
- “Green Tent”/MGS Side Events
- Major Groups Morning Meetings
- Sustainable Innovation Expo Events
- Media contacts

 GMGSF

 GLOBAL MAJOR GROUPS & STAKEHOLDERS FORUM

WOMEN - CHILDREN & YOUTH - INDIGENOUS PEOPLE & THEIR COMMUNITIES - NGO - LOCAL AUTHORITIES - WORKERS & THEIR TRADE UNIONS - BUSINESS & INDUSTRY - SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL COMMUNITY - FARMERS



# Challenges

- Linking the 2018 UN Environment Assembly with the 2019 Assembly
- How to increase meaningful engagement of Major Groups before and during the 2019 Assembly?
- How to ensure more substantive contributions from Major Groups?
- The role of the private sector
- How to get more large and influential organisations involved?
- Funding for MGS engagement
- ????



# Resources

UN Environment Website: [www.unenvironment.org](http://www.unenvironment.org)

-CPR website: <https://www.unenvironment.org/cpr>

-Link to Bureau meeting: <https://www.unenvironment.org/cpr/meetings>

-Civil society website: <https://www.unenvironment.org/civil-society-engagement/>

-Accreditation: <https://www.unenvironment.org/civil-society-engagement/accreditation>



Thank you

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