

Committee of Permanent Representatives
Bureau Meeting
Wednesday 14 November 2018
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,
Executive Boardroom
NOF Block 1, Level 3 North Wing
United Nations Office at Nairobi, Gigiri

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. H.E. Ms. Francisca Ashietey-Odunton, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Ghana, chaired the meeting, in which the following members of the bureau and the Secretariat participated:

The Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau members:

H.E. Ms. Lori Dando, Permanent Representative of United States of America, Vice Chair, Western European and Other States Group;
H.E. Ms. Elizabeth Jay Taylor, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Colombia, Vice Chair, Latin America and Caribbean Group;
H.E. Mr. Marek Rohr-Garztecki, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Poland, Rapporteur, Eastern European Group;
Mr. Changgyu Lee, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea, representing H.E. Mr. Kwon Young-dae, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea, Vice Chair, Asia Pacific Group

The UN Environment Programme Secretariat was represented by:

Mr. Ulf Björnholm, Deputy Secretary of Governing Bodies;
Mr. Stadler Trengrove, Principal Legal Officer;
Mr. Ebrahim Gora, Senior Programme Management Officer – Policy & Programme Division

2. The meeting adopted the provisional agenda.

2. Organization of work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

3. The meeting took into consideration the calendar of meetings for the Committee of Permanent Representatives, in particular the date of the 144th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives. Taking into account the limited availability of conference rooms on the week of 10-14 December, the meeting decided, on an exceptional basis and without prejudice to the practice of organizing four regular meetings of the Committee each year, to reschedule the 144th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to Tuesday 8 January 2019.

4. The meeting further requested the Secretariat to add an agenda item on the draft Programme of Work and Budget for 2020-2021 to the agenda of the subcommittee meeting scheduled for 29 November 2018, and, if needed, to extend the meeting to a full day meeting (9:30a.m. –12:30p.m.; 2:00p.m. - 5:00p.m).
5. The meeting also decided to schedule the next Bureau meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on 29 November 2018 from 8:00a.m. to 9:30a.m.

3. Any Other matters

6. It was brought to the meetings attention that H.E. Mr. Kwon Young-dae, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea and member of the bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives will take up another position and that the new Permanent Representative will be replacing him in the bureau.
7. A question was raised on the selection procedure of the co-chairs and the vice-chairs for the negotiation of the Summary for Policy-Makers of the Global Environment Outlook, scheduled for the third week of January 2019.

4. Closing of the Meeting

8. The meeting closed at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting requests for follow-up by the Secretariat:

- 1) Reserve meeting rooms and inform member States with regard to the changes of the schedule of meetings through making available a revised roadmap for the UN Environment Programme Governing Bodies.
- 2) Add a new agenda item on the Programme of Work and Budget on the agenda for the Subcommittee meeting scheduled for 30 November 2018.
- 3) Clarify the composition and the selection procedure of the co-chairs and the vice-chairs for the negotiation of the Summary for Policy-Makers of the Global Environment Outlook.