

# Leaders Passport to the UN Environment Assembly Programme of events



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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The UN Environment Assembly, the world's highest-level decision-making body on the environment, is scheduled to take place 11-15 March 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya. It will focus on *Innovative Solutions for Environmental Challenges and Sustainable Consumption and Production*. It is a theme that is close to all our interests. Our planet has provided us with an abundance of natural resources, but the way

societies use, manage and protect them fundamentally impacts our global well-being.

To find out how we can live sustainably under the impacts of our business as-usual economic activities and create shared values, we will be inviting thought leaders from governments, private sector and civil society to present and discuss the solutions to address these most pressing challenges as we seek to improve our resource efficiency through a circular economy.

Recognizing your work in promoting sustainable development, I am delighted to invite you to participate in the 2019 UN Environment Assembly and its related events, including the Sustainable Innovation Expo, the premier public-private arm of the UN Environment Assembly.

Under the theme *Eco-Innovation and Sustainable Finance*, the 2019 Expo will host a series of dynamic panel discussions, solution roundtables and interactive exhibitions that will inform our global decisions on the use of our natural resources.

This passport is your guide to contribute to these important outcomes, connect with influential people and organizations and share your ideas and innovations on the solutions we need to address some of our greatest environmental challenges.

As a private sector participant, you could also be invited to other select events taking place during the 2019 UN Environment Assembly, including the One Planet Summit; Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum; Science, Policy and Business Forum; Cities Summit; Leadership Dialogues; Leaders Luncheon; receptions and numerous side events.

I look forward to welcoming you to Nairobi. Everyone is part of the solution, and I know that together, we can make a difference!

**Joyce Msuya**

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**\*Welcome to Nairobi and to the 2019 UN Environment Assembly!**

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## Programme of Events

<p>Monday-Friday, 4-8 March: <b>Opened-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives</b></p>	<p>The 4th Open Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives the Committee of Permanent Representatives is the main intergovernmental preparatory meeting for the for the fourth session of the Environment Assembly. Its work will consist primarily in the finalization of resolutions and decisions that will be adopted by delegates during the Environment Assembly. The Committee of Permanent Representatives is composed of all accredited Permanent Representatives to the UN Environment Programme. Participation is open to registered delegates and representatives from United Nations agencies, intergovernmental organizations and accredited non-governmental organizations.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://www.unenvironment.org/cpr">http://www.unenvironment.org/cpr</a></p>
<p>Thursday-Friday, 7-8 March: <b>Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum</b></p>	<p>The Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum is a unique opportunity for civil society organizations to engage on the agenda of the 2019 UN Environment Assembly. Members of non-governmental not-for-profit organisations (with or without accreditation to UN Environment Programme) are invited to participate in the Forum. The Forum will focus on: <i>Innovative Solutions for Environmental Challenges and Sustainable Production and Consumption</i>. The Forum will prepare participants for the Assembly and associated meetings, identify important themes and decisions under consideration by the Assembly, and will provide a platform for an exchange of views and expertise on these themes. Traditionally, the Forum will also feature an open dialogue between UN Environment Programme's Senior Management and Major Groups and Stakeholders ahead of the Assembly. v</p> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="https://www.unenvironment.org/events/global-major-groups-stakeholders-forum-gmgsf/18th-global-major-groups-and-stakeholder-forum">https://www.unenvironment.org/events/global-major-groups-stakeholders-forum-gmgsf/18th-global-major-groups-and-stakeholder-forum</a> or contact: <a href="mailto:Alexander.Juras@un.org">Alexander.Juras@un.org</a></p>
<p>Saturday-Sunday, 8-10 March: <b>Science, Policy and Business Forum</b></p>	<p><b>The UN Science-Policy-Business Forum on the Environment</b> will hold its second global session in Nairobi from 8 to 10 March 2019. The Forum's work is aligned with the theme of the Assembly: <b><i>Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production</i></b></p> <p>Launched in December 2017, the <b>UN Science-Policy-Business Forum on the Environment</b> is a framework designed to catalyze a more dynamic interface between science, policy, business and society by building consensus around key issues and by tearing down traditional barriers between these sectors.</p> <p>The Forum promotes initiatives to grow green technology markets that are driven by advances in science and technology, empowering policies and innovative financing. With a platform of over 2000 member institutions – representing the worlds of business, science and policy – the Forum provides a unique platform for multi-stakeholders to work together to shape the future, with the private sector given a unique place on the table as a key partner and driver of sustainable development.</p> <p>With its pioneering work with the green technology sector and citizen science, the Forum is evolving into an incubator for innovation and new joint initiatives for the environment that will support and accelerate the delivery of UN Environment's Programme of Work.</p>

Working with partners, the Forum will cover the following key streams:

**1. Science for Decision-Making: Shaping Policies and Market Responses**

A review of the latest recommendations from flagship environmental assessments released at the UN Environment Assembly, and discussions around the required policy responses and actions by the private sector and key stakeholders. These include the Global Environment Outlook 6, the Global Chemicals Outlook, the Frontiers report and the Global Resources Outlook.

**2. Laying the Foundations for a Global Platform for Big Data on the Environment using Frontier Technologies**

This stream builds on the Forum's Extraordinary session hosted by the French National Centre for Space Studies (CNES) in Paris on 18-19 October 2018 and organized in cooperation with the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD), the French Alliance for Environmental Research (AllEnvi) and the Group on Earth Observations. Sessions will cover the following key tracks: Opportunities offered by Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning; Big Data, Earth observations and remote sensing, Governance, Equity and Ethics; Financing.

**3. Redesigning Metropolis: Smarter, Greener Solutions for Cities**

By 2050, 70% of the human population will live in cities. Innovative technologies – from E-mobility to green buildings – need to be leveraged to maximize the efficient use of natural resources and encourage environmentally sound choices by all players across all sectors. We need to alter not only the physical design and infrastructure, but also to encourage positive resourcing decisions, behavioral change and policy action.

**4. Green Technology Startup Hub**

Startups are not only transforming markets and economic growth; some are helping save the planet. Venture capital investment in startups has surged to its highest level ever – \$148 billion last year alone. More than 40 Venture Capital-backed companies achieved billion-dollar valuations and joined the unicorn club. The Green Technology Startup Hub will showcase some ground-breaking innovations for the planet presented by Startups from around the world with in-depth sessions focusing on specific projects, financing and the policy support required to mainstream solutions and to bridge the technology divide.

**5. The Climate Challenge and Non-State Actors: From Transparency to Leadership**

National pledges under the Paris Agreement will only bring a third of the reduction in emissions required by 2030 to meet climate targets, with private sector and sub-national action not increasing at a rate that would help close this worrying gap. This session, organized in cooperation with Reuters Sustainability, examines means to empower and support private sector transparency and leadership to tackle climate change.

**6. Smart Food for a Sustainable Planet**

We are producing and consuming more food than ever before, with detrimental impacts on the planet's natural systems. Sessions will examine: i) Agricultural transformation – sustainable and climate-smart agricultural models minimizing impacts on pollution - examples from rice sector and others including livestock sector; ii) Nutrition and healthy diets - embracing difficult questions and debates about meat versus vegetarian diets, also considering bio-fortification, plant health, which benefits in turn human health and iii) Food waste – measuring and achieving food waste reduction at a global level

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<p>Sunday, 10 March 17.00 - 19.00</p>	<p>Opening of the 2019 Sustainable Innovation Expo Reception</p>
<p>Monday 11 March 10:00: <b>Opening of the UN Environment Assembly</b></p>	<p>H.E. Mr. Siim V. Kiisler, Minister of Environment, Estonia, President of the UN Environment Assembly, will open the fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly at 10:00 a.m. The Assembly will address the theme, <i>"Innovative Solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption &amp; production"</i>. The duration of the session will be five days. The proceedings of the plenary meetings of the fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly, including the high-level segment, will be webcast to the public. Detailed information on the fourth session, including the documents and calendar of meetings is available at the official UN Environment Assembly website: <a href="http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/">http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/</a></p>
<p>Monday, 11-15 March 10.00: <b>Opening of the 2019 Sustainable Innovation Expo and Exhibitions</b></p>	<p>The 2019 Expo will support the theme of the Assembly by focusing on <i>Eco-innovation and Sustainable Financing</i> to tackle some of our planet's greatest challenges. Championed by UN Environment Programme, <i>Eco-innovation</i> is a new business approaches which promotes sustainability throughout the entire life cycle of a product, while also boosting a company's performance and competitiveness.</p> <p>The Expo will comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Exhibition space</b> for showcasing the latest cutting-edge industry and innovative solutions to our environmental challenges. Interested exhibitors can apply for a booth through the 2019 UN Environment Assembly website and will be selected based on the following criteria:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed solution must be innovative and address one of the themes and incorporate life-cycle thinking;</li> <li>• Adequate regional and gender representation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Panel Discussions</b> participants to the Assembly and Expo will share experiences and challenges on solutions to life-cycle challenges. The Life Cycle sub-themes to be addressed are: resources, energy, chemicals and waste management</li> <li>• <b>Pop-up Chats</b> that participants can organize on relevant issues</li> <li>• <b>Networking Space</b> for partnership creation</li> </ul> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo">http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo</a> or contact: <a href="mailto:Mia.Turner@un.org">Mia.Turner@un.org</a></p>
<p>Monday, 11 March 10.30: <b>Launch of the Tiny House: an Ecological Living Module (UN Roundabout area)</b></p>	<p>Under the theme sustainable living starts at home, UN Environment Programme and UN-Habitat have partnered with Yale Center for Ecosystems in Architecture to develop an eco-housing module. The Module is sparking public discussion on how sustainable design can provide decent, affordable housing while limiting the overuse of natural resources and impacting climate change.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly">http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly</a> or contact: <a href="mailto:Catherine.Beltrandi@un.org">Catherine.Beltrandi@un.org</a></p>
<p>Monday, 11 March 11.30 - 13.00: <b>Panel Session I: Harnessing Big Data on the Environment for Sustainable Development</b></p>	<p>The panel will engage formidable corporate and technological players, including start-ups in the information, telecommunications, and digital technology space to identify avenues for using big data and artificial intelligence to drive eco-innovative changes in various local and global supply chains.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo">http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo</a> or contact: <a href="mailto:Alexander.Caldas@un.org">Alexander.Caldas@un.org</a></p>

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<p>Monday, 11 March 15.00 - 16.30: <b>Panel Session II: Legal Empowerment: Leaving No one Behind in Decision-Making on Sustainability</b></p>	<p>The panel will identify innovative legal tools to integrate the concerns of less-privileged, marginalized and underrepresented groups and individuals around the world in environmental decision-making including on business-as-usual production and distribution systems. For more information, please visit: <a href="http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo">http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo</a> or contact: <a href="mailto:Maria.Manguiat@un.org">Maria.Manguiat@un.org</a></p>
<p>Tuesday, 12 March 10.00 - 11.30: <b>Panel Session III: Working Together to Beat Plastics Pollution</b></p>	<p>The panel of leading experts, representing actors across the value chain, will describe how concerted action addressing the key levers to shift away from a linear plastics economy will beat plastics pollution and make way for a new plastics economy where the resources are kept at high value within the economy. Action by different actors in the private sector (plastic manufacturers, goods producers, recyclers...), policy-makers, and citizens will be presented in the panel. For more information, please visit: <a href="http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo">http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo</a> or contact: <a href="mailto:llorenc.milaicanals@un.org">llorenc.milaicanals@un.org</a> and <a href="mailto:Heidi.Savelli@un.org">Heidi.Savelli@un.org</a></p>
<p>Tuesday, 12 March 14.30 - 16.00: <b>Panel Session IV: Mobilizing Sustainable Finance for Eco-Innovation and the Circular Economy</b></p>	<p>The panel will explore opportunities for banks to mobilize finance to accelerate the development of business strategies aligned with sustainable consumption and production in diverse industry sectors. For more information, please visit: <a href="http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo">http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo</a> or contact: <a href="mailto:Liesel.vanast@un.org">Liesel.vanast@un.org</a></p>
<p>Tuesday, 12 March 15.00 - 18.00: <b>Environment Management Group Nexus Dialogue Sustainable Food Systems: ensuring food security for future generations</b></p>	<p>The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provides a transformative vision for overcoming the complex challenges that the world faces, embracing the principles of sustainability and tackling the root causes of poverty and hunger to leave no one behind. Sustainable Food Systems are at the centre of this framework, connecting many of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); without meeting the dietary needs of people and protecting the land that produces our food, the SDGs cannot be achieved. In this light, The UN Environment Management Group in close collaboration with the UN Environment Programme, will organize a Nexus Dialogue on Sustainable Food Systems. This Dialogue will bring together a diverse group of stakeholders to discuss innovative solutions to food systems and food security. The outcome of this Dialogue will be a set of key messages to be considered in policy debates, implementation and for advancing the Sustainable Food Systems agenda.  Relevant organizations participating include the One Planet Network Sustainable Food Systems Programme, WHO, FAO, WWF, The UN Standing Committee on Nutrition, the World Economic Forum, World Business Council for Sustainable Development, EAT (perhaps a presentation on EAT-Lancet Report on Food, Planet and Health), UNDP, Nestle, 10YFP, World Agroforestry Centre. For more information, please visit <a href="http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly">http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly</a> or contact: <a href="mailto:jannica.pitkanen-brunnsberg@un.org">jannica.pitkanen-brunnsberg@un.org</a></p>
<p>Tuesday, 12 March 17.00 - 18.30: <b>Global Business Alliance for the Environment High Level Dinner (by invitation)</b></p>	<p>Members of the Business and Industry Major Group have established the Global Business Alliance for the Environment (GBA4E) for the UN Environment Assembly. The intent is to strengthen and augment business' engagement and to reflect the important and indispensable role that business plays in matters concerning the environment. The Alliance will participate in the next Assembly by hosting an interactive and high-level dinner around the overarching theme of the Assembly, Innovative Solutions for Environmental Challenges and Sustainable Consumption and Production. For more information, please visit <a href="http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly">http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly</a> or contact: <a href="mailto:mumbi@emergingag.com">mumbi@emergingag.com</a></p>

<p><b>Wednesday, 13 March 9.00 - 10.00: Launch of the GEO-6 Report</b></p>	<p>The Global Environment Outlook is UN Environment Programme's flagship environmental assessment that reviews the state of the global environment, the effectiveness of our policy response and the pathways we might use to achieve a more sustainable future. The sixth edition of the Global Environment Outlook has been in preparation for more than 2 years by a group of more than 200 experts. It will be launched on Wednesday March 13, 2019 at 09h00 and will focus on the transformational pathways that governments, business and citizens can follow to achieve a truly sustainable world.</p> <p>For more information, please visit <a href="http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly">http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly</a> or contact: <a href="mailto:Pierre.Boileau@un.org">Pierre.Boileau@un.org</a></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, 13 March 10.00 - 11.30: Panel Session V: Innovative Life-Cycle Approaches for Feeding our World</b></p>	<p>The panel of experts will explore energy, water, chemicals, land, and ecosystem-based avenues for integrating or scaling up sustainability in the value chains of key agro-processing, agro-allied production and distribution chains, as well as food outlets across the world.</p> <p>For more information please visit: <a href="http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo">http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo</a> or contact: <a href="mailto:James.Lomax@un.org">James.Lomax@un.org</a></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, 13 March 14.30 - 16.00: Panel Session VI: Faith and the Earth: Faith-Based Initiatives for Addressing Environmental Challenges</b></p>	<p>The panel will explore the significant role that faith-based organizations and groups can play in encouraging environmentally-friendly and sustainable lifestyles and production.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo">http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo</a> or contact: <a href="mailto:lyad.Abumoghli@un.org">lyad.Abumoghli@un.org</a></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, 13 March 16.30 - 18.00: Leadership Dialogue: Environmental Challenges</b></p>	<p>These moderated high-level Dialogue will be guided by the concerns and interests of Ministers of Environment to have interactive discussions with the private sector on the eco-innovation solutions that can implement the resolutions of the Environment Assembly.</p>
<p><b>Thursday, 14 March 8.00-10.00: High-level Women's Networking Breakfast (by invitation only)</b></p>	<p>The interactive Breakfast meeting will include women Ministers and will discuss the intersection between gender, sustainable consumption and production and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly">http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly</a> or contact: <a href="mailto:Janet.Macharia@un.org">Janet.Macharia@un.org</a></p>
<p><b>Thursday, 14 March: One Planet Summit</b></p>	<p>Co-hosted by the Governments of France and Kenya, the Summit will further accelerate the implementation of the Paris Agreement by putting finance in service of climate action. It will contribute to strengthening multilateral collaboration, building trust between public and private actors to ensure a collective response to the climate change.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://www.oneplantesummit.fr">www.oneplantesummit.fr</a></p>
<p><b>Thursday, 14 March 10.00 - 11.30: Panel Session VII: Accelerating Circularity Actions for a Sustainable Textile Value Chain</b></p>	<p>The panel will explore the way forward and concrete actions in achieving a more sustainable and circular textile value chain.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo">http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo</a> or contact: <a href="mailto:Elisa.Tonda@un.org">Elisa.Tonda@un.org</a> and <a href="mailto:Catherine.Beltrandi@un.org">Catherine.Beltrandi@un.org</a></p>

<p>Thursday, 14 March 12.30-14:00: <b>SIE Leaders Luncheon (by invitation only)</b></p>	<p>The moderated Luncheon will bring together Heads of State, Ministers, senior policy-makers and Chief Executive Officers around the challenges, solutions and opportunities of sustainable consumption and production.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo">http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo</a> or contact: <a href="mailto:Kamar.Yousuf@un.org">Kamar.Yousuf@un.org</a></p>
<p>Thursday, 14 March 11.30 - 12.30: <b>Launch of the UN Alliance on Sustainable Fashion (Media Event)</b></p>	<p>The clothing and textiles industry contribute significantly to global pollution through its intensive energy, water and natural resource footprint. However, there is very little momentum globally in mainstreaming environmental sustainability within the global fashion value chain. It is estimated that this unaddressed, unsustainable production and consumption of clothing and textiles comes at a cost of over US\$500 billion annually to the global environmental system.</p> <p>The UN Alliance on Sustainable Fashion will bring together leading actors in the industry. Through the Alliance, the UN commits to changing the path of fashion, reducing its negative social, economic and environmental impact; and turning fashion into a driver of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.</p>
<p>Thursday, 14 March 14.30 - 16.00: <b>Panel Session VIII: Achieving Environmental Sustainability through Education and Sports</b></p>	<p>With sports being a unifying tool globally, this session will be aimed at finding ways to use sports, gaming, youth and education to achieve enlightenment for pro-environmental behavioral change that targets both consumers and producers.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo">http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo</a> or contact: <a href="mailto:Sam.Barratt@un.org">Sam.Barratt@un.org</a></p>
<p>Thursday, 14 March 15:00-16:30: <b>Leadership Dialogue: Environmental challenges related to poverty and natural resources management, including sustainable food systems, food security and halting biodiversity loss</b></p>	<p>This moderated high-level Dialogue will be guided by the concerns and interests of Ministers of the Environment. The dialogue will focus on identifying innovative solutions for pressing environmental challenges in the framework of sustainable development that have a positive impact on society, the economy and the environment, and on creating the conditions for an effective transition towards sustainable consumption and production patterns. The Dialogue will last about 90 minutes and will be organized as a high-level, interactive and moderated session. The meetings will be open to representatives of Member States and to representatives of Specialized Agencies, United Nations bodies, other intergovernmental organizations, special guests and observers of international non-governmental organizations. The Dialogues will be broadcasted.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/">http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/</a></p>

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**Thursday, 14 March  
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social and societal  
innovations for  
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and Production**

This moderated high-level dialogue will be organized under the theme “Social and societal innovations for Sustainable Consumption and Production”. The dialogue will complement the process of collecting voluntary commitments by providing an opportunity for people to present how pollution affects them and what initiatives they have taken to beat it. The dialogue will also build upon the Leadership Dialogue held earlier in the day between governments and the public sector, and will incorporate the voice of Major Groups and Stakeholders.

The Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue will be held as an interactive meeting. The dialogue will include a brief panel discussion in which participants drawn from non-governmental and governmental backgrounds will share experiences in social and societal innovations for Sustainable Consumption and Production. In telling their stories, participants will help to foster a constructive dialogue and bring the theme of the Environment Assembly back to the reality of people on the ground.

The dialogue will last about 90 minutes and will be organized as a high-level, interactive and moderated session. The meetings will be open to representatives of Member States and to representatives of Specialized Agencies, United Nations bodies, other intergovernmental organizations, special guests and observers of international non-governmental organizations. The Dialogues will be broadcasted.

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**Friday, 15 March 10.00  
- 11.30: Leadership  
Dialogue: Life-cycle  
approaches to resource  
efficiency, energy,  
chemicals and waste  
management**

This moderated high-level dialogue will be guided by the concerns and interests of Ministers of the Environment. The dialogue will focus on life-cycle approaches and strategies as essential tools to decoupling economic activity and human well-being from resource use and negative environmental impacts.

Life-cycle approaches are essential tools to inform innovation to improve resource efficiency; promote sustainable consumption and production; and encourage the efficient management of energy, chemicals and waste. For many years, industry players have successfully used such approaches to identify and address ‘hotspots’ in their value chains. This has allowed them to ramp up production without necessarily using more resources or increasing their impact on the environment. Life-cycle approaches can also help to identify those sectors that are responsible for bigger shares of an economy’s environmental footprint. The systemic information provided by life-cycle approaches allows decision-makers to understand trade-offs between social, environmental and economic impacts, thus accelerating the progress towards more sustainable consumption and production patterns and advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Countries, regardless of their stage of development, with policies that encourage decoupling economic activity and human well-being from resource use and environmental impacts have improved the quality of their citizens’ lives, created jobs, and achieved better socio-economic outcomes than countries that have followed a business-as-usual approach over the long term. In many cases, they have also avoided shifting burdens between sectors, regions and resources.

The dialogue will last about 90 minutes and will be organized as a high-level, interactive and moderated session. The meetings will be open to representatives of Member States and to representatives of Specialized Agencies, United Nations bodies, other intergovernmental organizations, special guests and observers of international non-governmental organizations. The dialogues will be broadcasted.

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<p>Friday, 15 March 10.00 - 11.30: <b>Panel Session IX: Leveraging Sustainable Procurement to Transform the Tourism Sector</b></p>	<p>This panel will explore how we can transform tourism value chains to low carbon and resource efficient operations through sustainable consumption and production practices. The effective implementation of sustainable procurement practices in tourism can further advance resource efficiency and generate innovative solutions to beat pollution.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo">http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo</a> or contact: <a href="mailto:Helena.Rey@un.org">Helena.Rey@un.org</a></p>
<p>Friday, 15 March 11.30 - 13.00: <b>UNEA Leadership Dialogue: Innovative Business Development</b></p>	<p>This moderated high-level dialogue will be guided by the concerns and interests of Ministers of the Environment. The dialogue will focus Innovative sustainable business development at a time of rapid technological change. Rapid technological change, if managed properly, can help unlock a vast set of opportunities to widen prosperity and generate long-term sustainable value from innovative solutions that encourage natural systems to flourish and entrepreneurship to grow.</p> <p>Innovative sustainable business represents an opportunity for companies that can bring value to people and the environment. Since our consumption and production patterns must change so radically, companies can seize the opportunity to drive change by embracing emerging innovative technologies that, for example, support standardization, sustainable production, and transparency across the value chain. Technological change includes new and powerful tools that can help to realize the vision of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The report of the Secretary-General on harnessing new technologies to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals points out however to the potential of these technologies to advance human well-being, but also to generate more inequality and more violence with significant implications for the protection of human rights.</p> <p>Businesses that adopt sustainable innovative business models create significant value for themselves and for society. Such new approaches appeal to businesses because they can allow them to reach new markets and customers, including low-income consumers; access untapped demand by providing a solution that exists nowhere else in the market; and enjoy resource efficiency benefits that multiply across their entire supply chain. The desire to stay ahead of new and more stringent regulations and standards is also an important incentive for change. Cooperation with actors in the value chain in 'open innovation' schemes is also helping business acquire and develop innovation capabilities and resources. Innovative business models that address major societal challenges require a systematic, system-wide perspective. As such, policies should not only regulate and provide incentives; they should also aim to mobilize a variety of stakeholders, facilitate productive partnerships, and promote competition to determine the most effective solutions.</p> <p>The dialogue will last about 90 minutes and will be organized as a high-level, interactive and moderated session. The meetings will be open to representatives of Member States and to representatives of Specialized Agencies, United Nations bodies, other intergovernmental organizations, special guests and observers of international non-governmental organizations. The dialogues will be broadcasted.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/">http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/</a></p>
<p>Friday, 15 March 11.30 - 15.00: <b>Wrap-up Plenary Session &amp; Closing Plenary of UN Environment Assembly</b></p>	<p>The closing plenary is expected to consider a summary of commitments from Governments, the private sector, stakeholders as well as a summary of the Leadership Dialogues and Multi-Stakeholders' Dialogue. The Ministerial outcome document of the high-level segment, integrating key messages from Ministers of Environment, will be presented by the President of the Assembly for consideration. The closing plenary of the fourth session of the Environment Assembly will consider the report of the Committee of the Whole and will consider for adoption outstanding draft resolutions and decisions.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/">http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/</a></p>

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