

# UN Environment Assembly 2019: A programme of events



8 - 15 March 2019  
Nairobi, Kenya

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I very much look forward to your participation in the upcoming UN Environment Assembly. As the world's highest-level decision-making body on the environment, this historic Assembly, with its theme on Innovative Solutions to Environmental Challenges and Sustainable Consumption and Production, will give us the framework for shifting our global economic systems towards more sustainable trajectories that tackle our environmental challenges and bring us closer to the 'future we want'.

We are on a journey that we must make together. The findings of the latest global environmental assessments that indicate our Planet is increasingly polluted, rapidly warming and quickly losing its biodiversity, are deeply concerning.

As never before, the time to act is now. We know we can build more sustainable, prosperous and inclusive societies with sustainable consumption and production patterns that address our environmental challenges and leave no one behind. But we will need to create the enabling conditions for this to happen. And we will need to do things differently.

The 2019 Assembly will bring us together to build the policies, partnerships and a culture of innovation that will support the solutions and systemic change needed for sustainability to thrive. We will need to invest in education for the green-collared jobs of the future and we will need to channel sustainable finance towards the green investments that accelerate innovation.

We have three areas of focus: (a) tackling the environmental challenges related to poverty and natural resources management, including sustainable food systems, food security and halting biodiversity loss; (b) introducing life-cycle approaches to resource efficiency, energy, chemicals and waste management; (c) ensuring sustainable business development at a time of rapid technological change.

In the Assembly and the events around it, we are determined to ambitiously scale-up our efforts to tackle common environmental challenges through fostering sustainable and efficient resource management; ensuring the access and use of environmental data; engaging civil society, citizens, private sector and academia. If we achieve our aims, I have no doubt that this Assembly will have a positive impact on society, the global economy and the environment for the months, years and generations to come.

Once again, I look forward to welcoming you to Nairobi!

Siim Kiisler

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Dear Friends,

I am excited to invite you to Nairobi, Kenya, for the fourth UN Environment Assembly in a few short months. As the world's highest-level decision-making body on the environment, the Environment Assembly brings together governments, entrepreneurs, activists and others to share ideas and commit to action. The 2019 Assembly will take place from 11 to 15 March 2019.

Global gross domestic product has doubled since 1970, enabling immense progress, and lifting billions of people out of poverty. At the same time, this economic growth has been fueled by a relentless demand for resources. At no point in time nor at any level of income, has our demand for the planet's resources wavered. Our take-make-dispose models of production and consumption have had devastating impacts on our planet.

The 2019 UN Environment Assembly focuses on the role of innovation in changing the choices we make and how we consume and produce. Our aim is to provide global leadership and catalyze intergovernmental action necessary for us to live sustainably.

Across a series of events we will hear from the best – leaders in government, private sector and civil society on the innovations that can help us live and work sustainably, address critical environmental challenges and create shared value in the process.

It is clear that multilateralism has evolved and the Environment Assembly offers us a tremendous opportunity to make a positive impact on people's lives, choices and behaviours.

I hope that you will join us in this vibrant and exciting dialogue to showcase and deliberate on the solutions we need for our planet's health.

I look forward to welcoming you to Nairobi!

Joyce Msuya

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## Programme of Events\*

MONDAY - FRIDAY 4-8 MARCH 2019	
<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 is the main intergovernmental preparatory meeting 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 UN 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>
THURSDAY - FRIDAY 7-8 MARCH 2019	
<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 the 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.</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>
SATURDAY - SUNDAY 8-10 MARCH 2019	
<p>Saturday-Sunday, 8-10 March: <b>Science-Policy- Business Forum</b></p>	<p>The UN Science-Policy-Business Forum on the Environment 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: <i>Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production</i>.</p> <p>Launched in December 2017, the UN Science-Policy-Business Forum on the Environment 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 at 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>

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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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SUNDAY 10 MARCH 2019	
Sunday, 10 March 17.00 - 19.00	Opening of the 2019 Sustainable Innovation Expo Reception
MONDAY 11 MARCH 2019	
Monday 11 March 10:00: <b>Opening of the UN Environment Assembly</b>	H.E. Mr. Siim V. Kiisler, Minister of Environment, Estonia and President of the UN Environment Assembly, will open the fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly. 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>
Monday, 11 March, 13:00 - 15.00: <b>Innovative and Locally-appropriate Waste Management Solutions for a Pollution-free Planet (Side Event)</b>	This side event will focus on the importance of financing and developing locally appropriate, safe and sustainable waste management solutions for low income and lower-middle income economies. Furthermore, emphasis will be given to better communications and awareness-raising in order to tackle the problem at source by influencing consumption and production habits. <b>Organizers and Partners:</b> Climate and Clean Air Coalition in partnership with the International Solid Waste Association For more information, please contact: <a href="mailto:tiy.chung@un.org">tiy.chung@un.org</a> or <a href="mailto:helena.molINVALDES@un.org">helena.molINVALDES@un.org</a>
Monday, 11 March, 13:00 - 15.00: <b>Building Global Momentum on Marine Plastics Litter (Side Event)</b>	Marine plastic pollution is a global challenge that requires global cooperation to reduce the environmental effects of marine plastic litter and recover the lost economic value of plastic. Recently, there has been a proliferation of initiatives targeting plastic pollution. This side event will drive global momentum by bringing together key leaders to share best practices and highlight innovative efforts for resource efficiency, inspiring increased action on this important issue. The event will build on the success of the Sustainable Blue Economy Conference in Kenya in November 2018 and will feature leaders from government, the private sector and civil society. Government representatives will be regionally diverse. <b>Organizers and Partners:</b> Government of Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada; Government of Kenya, National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) For more information, please contact: <a href="mailto:pascale.collas@canada.ca">pascale.collas@canada.ca</a> or <a href="mailto:lisa.svensson@un.org">lisa.svensson@un.org</a>

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<p>Monday, 11-15 March 09.00: <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 <i>Expo</i> 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> and <a href="mailto:Kamar.Yousuf@un.org">Kamar.Yousuf@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>GPML/ Clean Seas Event: Addressing single-use plastic</b></p>	<p>Political leaders are increasingly taking notice of the marine plastic litter and microplastics problem. The objective of the event is to provide a more thorough understanding of the scope and types of regulatory approaches policymakers are employing to prevent marine litter and microplastics. In particular, discussions will be based on the findings of a recent UN Environment <a href="#">report</a> which provides a global overview of national regulatory frameworks adopted by countries to control plastic bags, single-use plastics and microplastics pollution through national laws.</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:Heidi.Savelli@un.org">Heidi.Savelli@un.org</a> and <a href="mailto:David.Marquis@un.org">David.Marquis@un.org</a></p>
<p>Monday, 11 March 11.30 - 13.00: <b>SIE 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>



<p>Monday, 11 March 15.00 - 16.30: SIE <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>Monday, 11 March, 18:00 - 19:30: <b>Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Consumption &amp; Production: Partnerships in Action - The One Planet Network Response (Side Event)</b></p>	<p>The One Planet Network is a multistakeholder platform of the 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (known as the One Planet Network), and one of the formally recognized key implementation mechanisms for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. During this event, members of the One Planet Network programmes will showcase their work on the ground to address some of the major environmental challenges, as well as showcasing examples of how businesses today are exploring with civil society organizations how to meet a growing consumer demand for products and experiences that meet people's desire to live ethically and sustainably. This side event seizes upon UNEA-4 as a pivotal moment to embed and accelerate progression towards sustainable consumption and production. <b>Organizers and Partners:</b> One Planet Network, in partnership with the Ministry of Environment of Germany, the Ministry of Environment of Indonesia, Consumers International and Cruelty Free International For more information, please contact: <a href="mailto:jack.mcquibban@crueltyfreeinternational.org">jack.mcquibban@crueltyfreeinternational.org</a> or <a href="mailto:charles.arden-clarke@un.org">charles.arden-clarke@un.org</a></p>
<p><b>TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2019</b></p>	
<p>Tuesday, 12 March 9.30 - 11.00: <b>Faith for Earth Event: Innovative Solutions for Environmental Challenges</b></p>	<p>To create lasting changes in lifestyle and awareness for the future of our planet has proven not to be easy. In this event, panelists from faith-based communities will elaborate in detail on innovative solutions for environmental challenges and that sustainable consumption/production is doable, urgent and the right way forward. Representatives from major religions have joined hands to strengthen the momentum for the transformation of society. They will share their insights from their communities on environmental challenges related to poverty and natural resources management, including sustainable food systems, food security and halting biodiversity loss. 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:iyad.abumoghli@un.org">iyad.abumoghli@un.org</a></p>
<p>Tuesday, 12 March 10.00 - 11.30: <b>SIE 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 etc.), 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 11.45 - 13.15: <b>SIE Panel Session IV: Playing for the Planet: How Youth and Sports can unite to deliver on the Global Goals</b></p>	<p>If we are to deliver on the sustainable development goals, young people need to be at the heart of the conversation. This panel session will showcase how the combination of sports, video gaming, youth and education are coming together to inspire young people into action as part of UN Environment's new agenda on education and youth. At this event, representatives from the International Olympic Committee, the Scouts and games industry experts will be sharing the action they are undertaking in this arena. 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>

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<p>Tuesday, 12 March, 13:00 - 15:00: <b>Mining and the environment: The African framework to address impacts through innovative solutions (Side Event)</b></p>	<p>Africa is richly endowed with mineral resources and is a key producer of several minerals, however, while the mineral wealth of Africa contributes to the socio-economic development of the region, it is also associated with severe environmental impacts. The session will examine the development and implementation of UNFCAMREC (United Nations Framework Classification for Resource - African Minerals and Energy Classification and Management System) and how it supports the development of concepts that promote innovative solutions to transform the environmental challenges into opportunities. Speakers will highlight how new business models and sectoral interlinkages can transform mining to benefit the people and environment of Africa. The session will also highlight how entrepreneurial development can be promoted through an African Investment Club that will support the channeling of African investments to innovative mineral based start-ups that will provide economically, socially and environmentally-sound solutions.</p> <p><b>Organizers and Partners:</b> African Union Commission</p> <p>For more information, please contact: <a href="mailto:MugenyiF@africa-union.org">MugenyiF@africa-union.org</a> or <a href="mailto:bodourogrou@un.org">bodourogrou@un.org</a></p>
<p>Tuesday, 12 March, 13:00 - 15:00: <b>Human rights-based approaches to innovation for sustainable development (Side Event)</b></p>	<p>The event will consider the implications of a human rights-based approach to innovation for sustainable development. It will explore the implications of the Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights which establishes that all persons have a right to benefit from science and its applications, as well as other instruments which protect indigenous peoples' traditional knowledge, for innovation for sustainable development. Potential speakers will represent indigenous peoples, human rights experts, UN agencies, member States and the private sector.</p> <p><b>Organizers and Partners:</b> UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, in partnership UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and environment, UNDP-UN Environment Poverty-Environment Action, UN Environment, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, Government of Sweden, Indigenous peoples' representatives on traditional knowledge and the new local communities</p> <p>For more information, please contact: <a href="mailto:bschachter@ohchr.org">bschachter@ohchr.org</a> or <a href="mailto:arnold.kreilhuber@un.org">arnold.kreilhuber@un.org</a></p>
<p>Tuesday, 12 March 14.30 - 16.00: <b>SIE Panel V: Mobilizing Sustainable Finance for Eco-Innovation and Sustainable Consumption and Production</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. UN Environment is developing a framework to align banking with society's goals, as expressed in the UN Sustainable Development Goals and Paris Climate Agreement. Some banks and investors are already working to support the transition to a circular economy by financing businesses for their transition to more sustainable production processes and circular business models. The ultimate objective of those investments is to build value chains which offer more resource efficient and less polluting products to consumers, so that they can make sustainable choices.</p> <p>Key outcomes of the panel discussion could be increasing understanding of the enabling environment needed to unlock and scale up financing for a circular economy.</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:Liesel.vanast@un.org">Liesel.vanast@un.org</a></p>

<p>Tuesday, 12 March 15:00 - 18:00: <b>Environment Management Group Nexus Dialogue on 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.</p> <p>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, UNDP, Nestle, 10YFP, World Agroforestry Centre.</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:jannica.pitkanen-brunnsberg@un.org">jannica.pitkanen-brunnsberg@un.org</a></p>
<p>Tuesday, 12 March, 18:00 - 19:30: <b>Pollution in South East and Southern Europe: Presentation of the Ministerial Conference “Innovative Solutions to Pollution in South East and Southern Europe” (Side Event)</b></p>	<p>UN Environment and the Government of the Republic of Serbia, with support from the Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea, convened a Ministerial Conference on Innovative Solutions to Pollution in South East and Southern Europe that took place on 4-5 December 2018 in Belgrade, Serbia. The side event will provide a strategic opportunity to present the Regional Vision on Innovative Solutions to Pollution adopted by the 15 participating countries at the global level. The Belgrade Conference outcome results, such as the background report on Pollution in the Western Balkans, and selected posters on innovative solutions to Pollution, will be displayed at the margins of the side event.</p> <p><b>Organizers and Partners:</b> Republic of Serbia, Republic of Italy and UN Environment Programme</p> <p>For more information, please contact: <a href="mailto:nairobi@embassyofserbia.or.ke">nairobi@embassyofserbia.or.ke</a>; <a href="mailto:ambasciata.nairobi@esteri.it">ambasciata.nairobi@esteri.it</a> or <a href="mailto:filippo.montalbetti@un.org">filippo.montalbetti@un.org</a></p>
<p>Tuesday, 12 March 18.30 - 21.00: <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.</p> <p>The Alliance will host an interactive and high-level dinner around the overarching theme of the Assembly, Innovative Solutions for Environmental Challenges and Sustainable Consumption and Production.</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:mumbi@emergingag.com">mumbi@emergingag.com</a></p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2019</b></p>	
<p>Wednesday, 13 March 8.00 - 10.00: <b>Leaders Breakfast on “Business Contributions to Innovative Solutions and Environmental Challenges in the context of SDGs”</b></p>	<p>This High-level Breakfast will be an interactive discussion on “Business Contributions to Innovative Solutions and Environmental Challenges in the context of SDGs”. It will be co-organized by the Embassy of the Russian Federation; UN Global Compact Network of Russia; UN Global Compact Network of South Africa; the UN Global Compact Headquarters; and the Private Sector Unit of UN Environment. This Breakfast discussion will provide an opportunity for senior policy-makers and private sector leaders to share their experience and explore new opportunities.</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:Charlotte.Ndakorerwa@un.org">Charlotte.Ndakorerwa@un.org</a></p>

<p>Wednesday, 13 March 8.00-10.00: <b>Women Ministers &amp; Leaders of Environment Breakfast (by invitation only)</b></p>	<p>The interactive Breakfast meeting will include women Ministers and Leaders, and will discuss the intersection between gender, sustainable consumption and production and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. 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>Wednesday, 13 March 9.00 - 10.00: <b>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 two years by a group of more than 200 experts. The launch will focus on the transformational pathways that governments, business and citizens can follow to achieve a truly sustainable world. 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>Wednesday, 13 March 9.00 - 19.00: <b>Cities Summit</b></p>	<p>Cities are responsible for three quarters of resources and greenhouse gas emission. Trends in urbanization, population and economic growth will drive up these numbers if we don't consume and produce smarter. To address this concern, UN Environment Programme, UN Habitat, United Cities and Local Governments, ICLEI, the Global Taskforce and Cities Alliance are co-organising the Cities Summit with the objective of providing an opportunity for high level dialogue by mayors, ministers, private sector leaders and civil society representatives on challenges and innovative solutions to achieve liveable and sustainable cities.</p> <p>The Summit is a unique opportunity to focus on ways to reduce the 'weight of cities' by using our resources more efficiently through urban systems integration and circularity, and thereby harnessing climate and societal benefits, including health and jobs. We will discuss how, by developing integrated solutions for urban systems, we can build more sustainable, prosperous, and equal cities into the coming decades, in line with the vision set out in the New Urban Agenda.</p> <p>The Summit aims to identify key messages for the 4th session of the UN Environment Assembly on innovation for sustainable consumption and production in cities and to kick start a process to develop partnerships and commitments ready for the Secretary General's Climate Summit on integrated urban infrastructure.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo/cities-summit">http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/sustainable-innovation-expo/cities-summit</a> or contact: <a href="mailto:Martina.Otto@un.org">Martina.Otto@un.org</a></p>
<p>Wednesday, 13 March 10.00 - 11.30: <b>SIE Panel Session VI: 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. 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>

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<p>Wednesday, 13 March, 13:00 - 15:00: <b>The contribution of sustainable finance to a circular economy (Side Event)</b></p>	<p>This side event aims to raise awareness on the interlinkages between the circular economy and sustainable finance including sustainability impacts and natural capital risks and motivate sustainable finance actors from the public and private sector to actively engage on integrating circular economy finance into the sustainable finance agenda. Participants will discuss how current initiatives by the UN Environment Programme, the European Union and the private sector can contribute to sustainable consumption and production and a more efficient use of resources through the circular economy approach.</p> <p><b>Organizers and Partners:</b> European Commission and UNEP Finance Initiative For more information, please contact: <a href="mailto:sebastian.GIL@eeas.europa.eu">sebastian.GIL@eeas.europa.eu</a> ; <a href="mailto:astrid.schomaker@ec.europa.eu">astrid.schomaker@ec.europa.eu</a> or <a href="mailto:eric.usher@un.org">eric.usher@un.org</a></p>
<p>Wednesday, 13 March, 13:00 - 15:00: <b>Side Event: Innovative approaches from governments, the private sector, and civil society to measure and reduce food waste (Side Event)</b></p>	<p>There has been a groundswell of awareness about, and action towards, reducing food loss and waste across the globe in recent years. Governments, international agencies, the private sector, academia, and the non-governmental community have led innovative efforts to improve the measurement of loss and food waste, and this event will bring them together to present policies, tools, technologies and processes to help countries measure and reduce their food loss and waste and to implement Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production, the UNEA-4 theme.</p> <p><b>Organizers and Partners:</b> Governments of the United States, Italy and the United Kingdom with other partners; For more information, please contact: <a href="mailto:besch.brianna@epa.gov">besch.brianna@epa.gov</a> or <a href="mailto:mark.radka@un.org">mark.radka@un.org</a></p>
<p>Wednesday, 13 March 14.30 - 16.00: <b>Panel Session VII: 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>Wednesday, 13 March 15.30 - 18.00: <b>The Alliance for High Ambition on chemicals and waste</b></p>	<p>By invitation only.</p> <p><b>Organizers and Partners:</b> The Oriental Republic of Uruguay and the Kingdom of Sweden For more information, please visit: <a href="http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly">http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly</a> or contact: <a href="mailto:Frida.jangsten@gov.se">Frida.jangsten@gov.se</a></p>
<p>Wednesday, 13 March 18.00 - 19.00: <b>National Event of the Host of the 2018 World Environment Day</b></p>	<p>In this event, the Government of India, the host of the 2018 World Environment Day, will discuss initiatives like the Partnership for Action on Green Economy and climate change mitigation actions highlighting policies, assessment, best practices, way forward approach and evaluation tools. The event will also address the key drivers that lead to green economy and how to overcome the barriers.</p> <p><b>Organizers and partners:</b> Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India For more information, please contact: <a href="mailto:madhur.das@un.org">madhur.das@un.org</a> or <a href="mailto:bagai@un.org">bagai@un.org</a></p>

<p>Wednesday, 13 March, 18:00 - 19:30: <b>Leapfrogging to electric mobility: a strategy to detoxify and decarbonize (Side Event)</b></p>	<p>The transition to electric mobility has accelerated exponentially in the recent years, and Latin America and the Caribbean are no exception. Even though the adoption levels of this technology are still at an early stage, several countries and cities in the region are drafting ambitious plans and taking significant steps to accelerate deployment. During the side event, representatives from governments, financial institutions and private sector will present their national perspectives on how to leapfrog to electric mobility while at the same time creating investment opportunities and “Green Jobs”.</p> <p><b>Organizers and Partners:</b> Secretariat for the Environment and Sustainable Development, Argentina, Ministry of the Environment and Energy, Costa Rica. Ministries of the Environment of Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Santa Lucia Uruguay, and private sector/industry organizations (BYD, Renault, BMW, Enel, Engie), Latin American Association for Sustainable Mobility (ALAMOS), European Union.</p> <p>For more information, please contact: <a href="mailto:pholzman@ambiente.gob.ar">pholzman@ambiente.gob.ar</a>; <a href="mailto:andrea.mezamurillo@gmail.com">andrea.mezamurillo@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:rob.jong@un.org">rob.jong@un.org</a></p>
<p><b>THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2019</b></p>	
<p>Thursday, 14 March: <b>One Planet Summit</b></p>	<p>While Africa is responsible for only 4% of global greenhouse-gas emissions, 65% of the African population is considered to be directly impacted by climate change. This first regional edition of the One Planet Summit will therefore highlight the unique role of Africa as a global partner facing both challenges and opportunities, in particular in the field of innovative solutions for adaptation and resilience. The Summit will bring together high-level officials, CEOs and inspiring voices from youth, and civil society to showcase concrete achievements and breakthrough initiatives, and trigger new coalitions and commitments.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://www.oneplanetsummit.fr">www.oneplanetsummit.fr</a></p>
<p>Thursday, 14 March 10.00 - 11.30: <b>SIE Panel Session VIII: 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 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>For more information, please contact: <a href="mailto:Michael.Stanley-jones@un.org">Michael.Stanley-jones@un.org</a></p>

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<p>Thursday, 14 March, 13:00 - 15:00: <b>Ministerial roundtable on main outcomes of the 2018 UN Biodiversity Conference and the development of the post 2020 global biodiversity framework (Side Event)</b></p>	<p>The High-level Segment of the UN Biodiversity Conference was held from 14-15 November 2018 and gathered all stakeholders under the theme mainstreaming of biodiversity into the sectors of energy and mining, infrastructure, manufacturing and processing, and health. The High-level Segment included: panel discussions on the importance of investing in biodiversity for people and planet, and the post-2020 Framework and 2050 Vision; and round tables on mainstreaming biodiversity in infrastructure, manufacturing and processing, energy and mining, and health sectors. The event will galvanize political support towards a post-2020 global biodiversity framework, which will replace the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.</p> <p><b>Organizers and Partners:</b> Ministry of Environment, Egypt, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, UN Environment Programme</p> <p>For more information, please contact: <a href="mailto:hhzedan@hotmail.com">hhzedan@hotmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:jyoti.mathur-filipp@cbd.int">jyoti.mathur-filipp@cbd.int</a></p>
<p>Thursday, 14 March, 13:00 - 15:00: <b>The NextWave of Innovation: A P4G State of the Art partnership having maximizing impact today on one of our most pressing global challenges - plastic pollution in the marine environment (Side Event)</b></p>	<p>NextWave Plastics is keeping plastic in our economy and out of the ocean through developing the first global network of ocean-bound plastic suppliers and permanently locking up this material into company products that will never make their way back into the ocean, achieving full circularity and having direct impact on the marine environment. At this event, private sector leaders will discuss the necessary strategies that foster true collaboration across and within industries and geographic boundaries, how these strategies are being applied to create maximum impact today on our most pressing social and environmental issues and early supply chain development learning that are shaping future directions for sustainable consumption. The event will also feature the critical importance of addressing social needs and interests in the development of the first-ever global network of ocean-bound plastics suppliers.</p> <p><b>Organizers and Partners:</b> Lonely Whale is an award-winning incubator for courageous ideas that drive impactful market-based change on behalf of our ocean. Founded in December 2015 by UN Environment Programme Goodwill Ambassador Adrian Grenier and Lucy Sumner, Lonely Whale is inspired by the power of community to create the change needed to ensure a healthy planet.</p> <p>For more information, please contact: <a href="mailto:dun@lonelywhale.org">dun@lonelywhale.org</a> or <a href="mailto:barbara.hendrie@un.org">barbara.hendrie@un.org</a></p>
<p>Thursday, 14 March 16:00-17:30: <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>

<p>Thursday, 14 March 17:30-19:00: <b>Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue social and societal innovations for Sustainable Consumption and Production</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</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> or contact: <a href="mailto:Alexander.Juras@un.org">Alexander.Juras@un.org</a></p>
<p>Thursday, 14 March, 18:00 - 19:30: <b>Advancing the sustainability of chemicals throughout the life cycle (Side Event)</b></p>	<p>As reported in the Global Chemicals Outlook II, megatrends like population growth and increase in chemicals production worldwide, with emerging economies forecasted to achieve the highest growth rates, are crucial challenges for our global society. The report recognizes that large amounts of hazardous chemicals are continuously released to indoor and outdoor environments, in addition to large volumes of hazardous wastes generated. The impacts of chemical pollution on human health and ecosystems remain significant, despite a range of valuable chemicals management instruments and approaches developed and applied over the past decades. The megatrends and related market demands create challenges concerning health and environment impacts in the future, but also opportunities for innovation and change. Given the need to advance innovative solutions, a number of private sector actors in the chemical industry and downstream sectors have put in place proactive initiatives to advance sustainability of chemicals within global supply chains and through private standard setting.</p> <p>To scale up innovative and proactive private sector solutions throughout the life cycle, existing private efforts need to be supported through policy making. This interplay as well as sharing experiences, successes and challenges of these initiatives is crucial in complementing public sector regulatory frameworks.</p> <p><b>Organizers and Partners:</b> Organizers and partners, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature, Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, Chemicals and Health Branch of UN Environment</p> <p>For more information, please contact: <a href="mailto:c.m.unep@mee.gov.cn">c.m.unep@mee.gov.cn</a> or <a href="mailto:zhang.shigang@un.org">zhang.shigang@un.org</a></p>
<p><b>FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2019</b></p>	
<p>Friday, 15 March 9.00 - 11.00: <b>Sustainable Finance for Climate Impact</b></p>	<p>The high-level event, jointly organized by UN Environment and the Green Climate Fund, will bring together donor countries, beneficiary countries, and financial institutions to identify key achievements towards low emission and resilient development, challenges, gaps, and needs for sustainable climate finance, in light of the first formal replenishment of the Green Climate Fund</p> <p><b>Organizers and partners:</b> UN Environment and Green Climate Fund.</p> <p>For more information, please contact: <a href="mailto:hemini.vrontamitis@un.org">hemini.vrontamitis@un.org</a></p>

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<p><b>Friday, 15 March 10.00 - 11.30: Leadership Dialogue: Life-cycle approaches to resource efficiency, energy, chemicals and waste management</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 life-cycle approaches and strategies as essential tools to decoupling economic activity and human well-being from resource use and negative environmental impacts.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</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><b>Friday, 15 March 10.00 - 11.30: 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>

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<p><b>Friday, 15 March 11.30 - 13.00: 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 on 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><b>Friday, 15 March, 13:00 - 15:00: The correlation between migration and environment: what do we do next? (Side Event)</b></p>	<p>In recent years, environmental migration questions have increasingly featured in global environmental and climate change policy discussions, notably under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in previous United Nations Environmental Assemblies, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. As policy discussions intensify on a topic seen as a key challenge of today and tomorrow's global governance, this event will give to the participants of the UN Environment Assembly the opportunities to discuss the current evidence on the poverty, natural resources management and migration nexus, global governance of environmental migration and reflections on concrete solutions.</p> <p><b>Organizers and Partners:</b> Permanent Mission of Morocco and International Organization for Migration</p> <p>For more information, please contact: <a href="mailto:saidou.hamani@un.org">saidou.hamani@un.org</a>, <a href="mailto:Ilimahken@iom.int">Ilimahken@iom.int</a> or <a href="mailto:marika.palosaari@un.org">marika.palosaari@un.org</a></p>

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<p>Friday, 15 March, 13:00 - 15:00: <b>Ministerial Luncheon: Innovative Policies and Solutions for a Circular Economy (Side Event)</b></p>	<p>The High-level Luncheon will underline the need for systemic thinking and focus on sustainable and circular economy solutions that contribute broadly to the theme of the Assembly, namely innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production. The event will present the outcome of the Yokohama World Circular Economy Forum, and take forward results and outputs from other relevant UN and international events and processes, such as the PAGE Ministerial Conference in Cape Town on 10-11 January 2019 and the progress made in various thematic programmes under the One Planet Network / 10YFP.</p> <p><b>Organizers and Partners:</b> Ministry of the Environment of Finland, Government of Japan, Government of Kenya</p> <p>For more information, please contact: <a href="mailto:annika.lindblom@ym.fi">annika.lindblom@ym.fi</a> or <a href="mailto:ligia.noronha@un.org">ligia.noronha@un.org</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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