
Meeting of the Bureau of the Environment Assembly

3 July 2019, 09.00 am – 12.30 pm, followed by a working lunch 12.30-14.30

Trondheim, Norway

DRAFT PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1) Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

2) A joint vision for the fifth Session of the UN Environment Assembly

The President and the Executive Director of UN Environment Programme will introduce their vision for a successful fifth session for the UN Environment Assembly, with a focus on areas where the Assembly can accelerate political commitment and momentum for positive change. The item will allow for an open discussion amongst members of the Bureau, followed by conclusions on the way forward, also on the basis of a letter to member States from the President, a Lessons Learned document from UNEA 4 from the Secretariat, and a note on the outcome from the recent meeting of the ad hoc open-ended working group established by General Assembly Resolution 72/277 entitled “Towards a Global Pact for the Environment”.

3) Defining the theme for the fifth Environment Assembly

This agenda item will allow for a first exchange of views on the theme for the fifth session of the UN Environment Assembly. The expected outcome may be to agree on a process for scoping and consultation, possibly facilitated by a “thought-starter” on the theme which could be made available to member States, the scientific community and the civil society. The Secretariat will provide a short background document taking into account the key messages from the 6th Global Environmental Outlook.

4) From vision to reality

This agenda item will allow Bureau members to have a better understanding of the respective role and responsibilities of the Bureau of the UN Environment Assembly, on the basis of a note from the Secretariat with draft Terms of References for the UNEA Bureau, and a draft roadmap for future work of the Bureau. In addition, the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, in the capacity as ex-officio member of the Bureau, will be invited to outline the areas of work where the Committee will concentrate its efforts during the year and reflect on synergies that can be created with the Bureau of the Assembly. The expected outcome of the discussion may be an agreement on key milestones and meetings for the bureau of the Assembly in areas where Bureau members commit to supporting global visibility of the Environment Assembly at various international fora.

5) Date for the next UN Environment Assembly Bureau meeting

The members of the bureau will be invited to agree on the date for the next meeting, tentatively scheduled for early October (videoconference).

6) Other Matters

7) Closing of the Meeting

The meeting will be followed by a working lunch at the same venue, expected to take place 12.30-14 pm.