

Meeting of the UNEA 5 Bureau

Trondheim, 3 July 2019

Agenda item 4: From vision to reality

Presentation of the background note on “The role and expectations of the UNEA Bureau”

Composition and election

10 Members – elected by UNEA in a personal capacity for a 2 year period

Regional representation and rotation

President

Western Europe and Others

Norway

Vice Presidents

Africa Group

Burkina Faso

Asia Pacific Group

Bahrain and Indonesia

Eastern European Group

Estonia and Serbia

Latin America and Caribbean

Costa Rica and Suriname

Western Europe and Others

France

Rapporteur

Africa Group

South Africa

Mandates

Rules of Procedure - Rule 18:

“The Bureau shall assist the President in the general conduct of business of UNEA.”

Governing Council Decision 27/2:

“6. Decides that the Bureau of the governing body of UNEP shall be composed of 10 members to reflect the universality of the governing body, in accordance with equitable geographical distribution, and will assist the governing body and perform the functions as set out in the rules of procedure of the governing body.”

UNEA decision 4/2:

“2. ...requests the CPR to discuss, in consultation with the Bureau of the UNEA, and decide, on the format and agenda of the meeting;

4. Requests the CPR, in consultation with the Bureau of the UNEA, to contribute to the preparation of the annotations to the provisional agenda...;

5. Requests the Bureau of the UNEA, in consultation with the CPR, to define a theme for the Environment Assembly no later than 31 December 2019”

Standard practices

- Support the President in preparation of and during UNEA, including in the development of a draft Ministerial Declaration
- Represent the Bureau at key global/regional conferences and events, to increase the visibility of UNEA
- In coordination with the CPR, oversees the finalization and adoption of resolutions
- Meet regularly with the with the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to ensure dialogue and alignment
- Guide the Secretariat on key organizational issues
- Facilitate dialogue with interested stakeholders throughout the preparatory process

UN Environment Programme Governance Structure

Governed by mandates in resolutions, rules of procedure and established practises

United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

The leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda; established at Rio + 20 in 2012

Universal membership; Chaired by the UNEA President

UNEA-1: 23-27 June 2014 - UNEA-2: 23-27 May 2016 - UNEA-3: 4-6 December 2017

UNEA-4: 11-15 March 2019 - UNEA-5: 22-26 February 2021

UNEA Bureau

- 10 members from 5 regions; leads the preparation of UNEA
- Chaired by UNEA President
- Meets 4-6 times per year, sometimes jointly with CPR Bureau

Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR)

- Subsidiary inter-sessional body of the Environment Assembly
- Responsible for oversight and follow-up of the UNEP Programme of Work and UNEA decisions and resolutions, and for preparing for OECPR and UNEA
- Composed of about 120 member States and members of specialized agencies representatives accredited to UNEP (90 in Nairobi)
- Meets formally 4 times per year – usually full day meetings
- Meets as a subcommittee about once per month to address specific issues

CPR Bureau

- 5 Members from 5 regions; leads the preparation of CPR meetings
- Current Chair from African region
- Meets monthly, sometimes jointly with UNEA Bureau

Open-Ended CPR Meetings

- Meets in odd years for 5 days, either back-to back with UNEA or 2-3 months ahead
- Chaired by the CPR Chair
- Acts as a "PREPCOM" for UNEA
- Pre-negotiates UNEA resolutions
- Next meeting 15-19 February 2021

Annual Subcommittee Meetings

- Meets annually for 5 days, usually in October; chaired by the CPR Chair
- Review and oversight of the current PoW
- Guidance on future PoW
- Representatives from Capitals invited

Next steps

- UNEA-4 decided to undertake a *consensual process for review by the CPR of UNEA and its subsidiary bodies, with a view to providing concrete proposals for the improvement of their efficiency and effectiveness...* - including on *...the respective roles and responsibilities of the Bureau of UNEA and of the Bureau of the CPR, including those related to interactions with their respective constituencies;*
- The CPR-based review will commence at the 6th meeting of the Annual Subcommittee (Oct 2019), and close on the 7th (Autumn 2020), for final consideration at UNEA-5
- The Bureau may wish to further discuss with the co-facilitators of the review (still to be appointed) options to provide more clarity on its role and function, possibly through the adoption of Terms of Reference

Thank you



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