

QUESTIONNAIRE
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Based upon the input received, the following guiding questions are set out below.

I. Guiding questions concerning the preparatory process

1. The outcome reads: “Forward these recommendations to UNEA for its consideration”.

- a. *Under which agenda item should UNEA 5 consider these recommendations?*
- b. *One option being under the inclusion in the already established item 5 of the provisional agenda entitled “International environmental policy and governance issues” or by recommending the establishment of a new item?*

Answer: It can be under item 5 of the provisional agenda entitled “International environmental policy and governance issues”

2. The outcome mandates: “to prepare, at its fifth session (...) a political declaration (...):

- a. *What level of detail should a text have in order to be considered by UNEA 5?*
- b. *When should the “preparation of a political declaration” begin and what should be the recommended format, leadership and timeline of the preparatory process before UNEA 5?*
- c. *How can accredited stakeholders be involved, and member States without representation in Nairobi participate, in the process?*

Answer:

- a. **Political declaration should need to touch upon the political will of the member states to strengthen the International Environmental Instruments in order to assist them in conservation of the nature.**
- b. **It could be started after follow up meeting of CPR in Nairobi and also decision over the leadership of the meetings could be taken in the same meeting.**
- c. **This is an intergovernmental process as mentioned several times in the reports of the Secretary-General so other stockholders could participate in meetings as observers.**

II. Guiding questions related to the a “United Nations high-level meeting [...] in the context of the context of the commemoration of the creation of UNEP

3. The outcome speaks about “a United Nations high-level meeting, subject to voluntary funding, in the context of the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment (...).”

- a. *What is meant by “a United Nations high-level meeting, subject to voluntary funding, in the context of the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human*

Environment”?

b. *Who is expected to convene the UN high-level meeting? What should its format be?*

Answer:

- a. **‘United Nations high level meeting’ means; a high level meeting which will be held by the UNEP in Nairobi coincided with the commemoration of creation of the United Nations environment programme. It is an appropriate date because lots of delegations will be gathering for the event.**
- b. **The Ministers of the environment or the top officials on environmental issues or their representatives and other relevant governmental authorities could attend in this event.**

III. Guiding questions regarding the content of the political declaration and the support by the UNEP Secretariat

4. **The outcome also signals that the objective of the political declaration is “with a view to strengthening the implementation of international environmental law and international environmental governance, in line with paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled ‘The future we want’”.**

- a. *what ‘elements’ or ‘building blocks’ in the objectives guiding the recommendations and in the substantive recommendations contained in the Annex to Resolution 73/333 could be identified for inclusion in the political declaration to achieve the overall objective of “strengthening the implementation of international environmental law and international environmental governance, in line with paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development”?*
- b. *How should the political declaration relate to the five objectives guiding the recommendations and to the thirteen substantive recommendations of the ad-hoc open-ended working group established pursuant to UN General Assembly resolution 72/277 and endorsed in UN General Assembly resolution 73/333?*
- c. *Should there be a substantive connection between the political declaration and the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment?*
- d. *How should the political declaration be in line with paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development?*
- e. *What kind of inputs should the Secretariat prepare in order to best assist member States in the preparation of the political declaration?*

Answer:

- a. **The political declaration includes: the principal of common but differentiated responsibility, sustainability, exchange of knowledge and transfer of technology to the developing countries, strengthening national capacities, emphasizing national sovereignty over natural resources, legal instruments and frameworks, strengthening means of implementation for the existing instruments and providing financial resources to developing countries.**

- b. The political declaration relate to the five objectives guiding the recommendations by strengthening implementation of the international environmental law and environment-related instruments, cooperation of all member states to achieve sustainable development goals and preventing repetition of existing instruments.**
- c. It doesn't need to be a substantive connection between political declaration and the commemoration of the United Nations environment programme but the time symmetry is a good occasion.**
- d. The political declaration should consider the practical approach to the content of the paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations conference on sustainable development such as upgrading the United Nations environment program leadership and providing capacity building to countries without any discrimination as well as support and facilitate access to technology.**
- e. Secretariat should arrange the meetings, keep all members up to date on the latest process and make every effort to fund the meetings.**