

QUESTIONNAIRE

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?*

We think that it would be appropriate to include it within the existing agenda item on international environmental policy where most of the proposals for draft resolutions are considered.

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?*

It is believed that a process of development of the outline of a declaration towards the political declaration should be based on a clear and commonly agreed roadmap towards UNEA-5. That roadmap would clearly outline the actions that should be taken, so that elements of a political declaration be agreed at UNEA-5 without overloading its agenda.

It would be timely to discuss and agree about the possibilities and alternatives of convening of informal and formal regional meetings and dialogues in support of inclusive participation of all stakeholders including those who do not have representation in Nairobi.

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?*

A high-level meeting should be convened at the highest political level with clear and just political declaration as its main expected outcome. Organization of more than one high-level event would be costly and maybe confusing. And a commemoration of the UNEP should be ceremonial in nature but with a deep content in line with the climate change and regime change processes.

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?*

It would be desirable to discuss and agree on the main and emerging points/elements of a Political Declaration first, although certain basic points/elements should be under consideration including the sustainable development, inter-dependence/connection of environmental, social and economic issues.