

Theme: Strengthening actions for nature to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals

1. What would you, as government/organization/stakeholder, welcome as the most important elements and/or key messages from the ministers in the declaration to address the theme in an impactful manner?

- Strengthening the use of data management and collection with the aid of technology in coming up with implementing guidelines and actions for nature in for the MEA monitoring.
- How countries adapted to certain policies of their respective environmental ministries in the past UNEAs, and the steps they will take now to adapt after UNEA 5 because of the new normal situation due to COVID-19
- Policies that will help strengthen action on the interplay between covid-19 impacts (our new normal) and climate change.
- Mechanisms to increase transparency of the private sector and their environmental impacts taking into consideration existing reporting frameworks.
- How the manufacturing sector keeps up with the demand for sustainable consumption and production in their supply chain, with a focus on environmental factors, and how they manage their upchain and downchain in this time of pandemic
- Support avenue of capacity building amongst the business and private sector to share best practices within industry and throughout the value chain.

2. How can the Environment Assembly make a significant contribution to Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals at a global scale? In doing so, you may take into account the preparation for the meeting, its conduct and follow-up, as well as its relationship to other meetings and processes.

- As indicated in one of the bullet points above, the Environment Assembly or UNEA should point out certain goals and indicators that need to still be prioritized and those that answer the call to strengthen actions for nature to achieve the SDGs. This should be backed-up with global statistics and percentages as to how countries are contributing per goal and per indicator, if possible. This can be achieved by providing a transparent reporting and visualization process of the MEAs.
- Unlike the past UNEAs, SIE and other dialogues may not take place. These can be replaced by global webinars or recorded presentations that can be sent to participating stakeholders in advance.