



Preparations for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the creation of UNEP



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Introduction

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- 1. Summary of the feedback received from members states throughout the consultations process on the launching of the commemorations of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of UNEP, at the fifth session for the UN Environment Assembly with member States and stakeholders; led by the Executive Director**
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1. Summary of feedback received from member states and stakeholders

The main initial conclusions of this first round of consultations were:

- The 50th anniversary of the establishment of UNEP (UNEP@50) should be held at the UNEP headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya
- UNEA-5 in February 2021 provides a useful opportunity to kick-start the commemoration;
- The launch of the commemoration of UNEP's 50th anniversary should not preclude other important events involving various stakeholders, including, for example, MEAs and Major Groups and Stakeholders
- Major Groups and Stakeholder, and in particular the [Children and Youth Major Group](#), should be actively engaged in the preparatory process for UNEP@50.
- The 50th year commemoration of UNEP, as mandated in UNEA Decision 4/2, [is distinctly different, but interrelated with a possible UN high-level meeting to take place in 2022 to commemorate Stockholm +50](#), which will require an enabling mandate from the UN General Assembly
- UNEP, including its governing bodies – namely the UN Environment Assembly and the Committee of Permanent Representatives – is well-positioned to support preparations and discussions regarding both [UNEP@50 and a UN high-level meeting](#), and can contribute to mutual coherence and consistency

2. Amended areas for member States and stakeholders further consideration

- Launching the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of UNEP at the fifth session for the UN Environment Assembly, while considering that the launching is distinct from the consideration of the theme of UNEA-5;
- Supporting the proposed engagement and outreach activities following the launch, taking into account the need to ensure broad representation from all relevant stakeholder groups, including those from developing countries;
- Supporting the proposals for a science-policy input, consisting of the UNEP Global Assessments Synthesis Report, the Global Environmental Assessments Dialogue and the Review of Fifty Years of Strengthening the Science-Policy Interface; while ensuring that these three inputs will be mutually supportive, draw from the best available scientific inputs; find a balance between stock-taking and forward-looking conclusions; draw from regionally balanced expertise and include relevant aspects associated with the implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development and the means of implementation; and;
- Undertake further consultations with Member States to identify the role that UNEA-6, or a resumed session of UNEA, may play in closing the UNEP@50 commemorations and on the relationship between UNEP@50 and Stockholm+50, as distinct but interlinked and mutually supportive processes.



3. Proposed next steps

- As a next step, it is foreseen that consultations continue during the 7th annual subcommittee Member States intending to finalise the aspects related to the launching of the commemorations and the science-policy interface.
- In addition, it is recommended that during the annual subcommittee further dialogue is undertaken on the role that UNEA-6, or a resumed session of UNEA, may play in closing the UNEP@50 commemorations and on the relationship between UNEP@50 and Stockholm+50, as distinct but interlinked and mutually supportive processes.
- Finally, the Executive Director intends to continue to conduct informal consultations on the implementation of UNEA Decision 4/2, specifically paragraph 8; with Member States and Major Groups and Stakeholders.



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