

Secretariat briefing  
Thursday 10 December 2020  
4.00 – 5:00 p.m. (GMT+3)  
Online Meeting

### **DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY**

Meeting documents can be accessed on the meeting [portal](#).

#### **Agenda Item 1: Opening of the meeting.**

1. Mr. Jorge Laguna-Celis opened the meeting and welcomed the participants to the Secretariat Briefing. The meeting agenda was adopted.

#### **Agenda item2: Briefing on the ongoing evaluation of UNEP by the Multilateral Organization Performance Assessment Network**

2. The Secretariat introduced the process for the ongoing assessment of the UN Environment Programme by the Multilateral Organization Performance Assessment Network (MOPAN), and underlined the importance of the assessment as a means to ensure continuous learning and improvement for the organization.
3. The representative of Switzerland provided introductory remarks on the assessment on behalf of the Member States in the lead of the assessment countries including Netherlands, Belgium and Switzerland.
4. Representatives from the MOPAN secretariat presented additional information on the MOPAN assessment, and underlined that the work is based on dialogue and broad consultation with representatives from organizations as well as Member States, with the aim of identifying potential areas of improvement and possible future direction. The powerpoint presentation is available in full [here](#).
5. Member States who took the floor, including the host country Kenya, welcomed the information provided, expressed support for the work by the MOPAN Secretariat to provide an independent third-party assessment of UNEP, noted that this work may contribute to a strengthened UNEP in line with paragraph 88 of the Outcome Documents from Rio + 20, and expressed readiness to participate and provide feedback.

#### **Agenda Item 3: Update on the implementation of UNEP's Marine and Coastal Strategy 2020-2030.**

6. The UN Environment Programme Ecosystems Division provide an update on the implementation of UNEP's Marine and Coastal Strategy 2020-2030 based on a [background note](#), outlining progress made under each of the four objectives, referred to relevant action embedded in new UNEP Medium-Term Strategy for the period 2022-2025.

7. Member States who took the floor welcomed the briefing, expressed their continued support to UNEP's work in different ocean areas, and provided the following general guidance:
  - highlighted the need to further strengthen UNEP's work on resilience;
  - encouraged UNEP to ensure synergies with other related areas such as the work on marine litter;
  - underlined the importance for UNEP to promote awareness-raising efforts at global, national and regional level.
8. In its response, the Secretariat underlined that it will continue to ensure the implementation of the Strategy is comprehensive and will align with UNEP's new Mid-term Strategy, and that it will also seek to strengthen its work through partnerships such as Global Partnership on Marine Litter.

**Agenda Item 4: Closing of the meeting.**

9. The Secretariat thanked delegations for their participation and wished them a happy holiday break. The meeting closed at 5:10 pm (GMT+3).