

Concept note and provisional agenda for the second workshop on United Nations General Assembly resolution 73/333, entitled “Follow-up to the report of the ad hoc open-ended working group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/277”

Workshops on implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 73/333, entitled “Follow-up to the report of the ad hoc open-ended working group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/277” is being convened in accordance with decision made by the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR). On 12 May 2021 the Bureau of the CPR decided to convene a series of online informal workshops with all Member States, Members of Specialized Agencies and Accredited Stakeholders.

The second workshop will take place on 22 June 2021 by virtual means.

The Co-facilitators have designed the provisional agenda in such a way that the second workshop will provide the opportunity for informed and in-depth discussions on strengthening international environmental governance in the context of sustainable development. A panel of experts in the field of international environmental governance will open the meeting and there will be an opportunity for delegations to ask questions and engage in discussions with them.

The conclusions of the second workshop will be posted on the website dedicate to implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 73/333 for further consideration by the delegates.

I. Objectives and format of the workshop

A. Objectives

1. The second informal workshop on implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 73/333, entitled “Follow-up to the report of the ad hoc open-ended working group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/277” (the workshop) will focus on strengthening international environmental governance in the context of sustainable development .The aim is to provide an opportunity for delegates to informally exchange views and engage in discussions on environmental governance in the light of the sections on environmental governance in the draft of building blocks of the political declaration.

B. Format

The discussions will be facilitated by Co-facilitators with assistance from the Secretariat and experts in the field of international environmental governance. Set out below are questions that the Co-Facilitators propose for the second workshop.

- (i) Which building blocks under title “Strengthening international environmental governance in the context of sustainable development” might expand current mandates or fall outside the scope of resolution 73/333?
- (ii) What are the benefits of having United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) as a central collaboration platform that provides overarching policy guidance and sets the global environmental agenda?

- (iii) What action can the UN Environment Assembly (“UNEA”), as a universal body, take that would reaffirm and strengthen the role of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as an authoritative advocate for the global environment?
 - (iv) How can UNEP increase its visibility and engagement in international processes?
 - (v) What are the benefits of achieving greater collaboration at the policy level between multilateral environment agreements (MEAs) including the Rio Conventions as well as between MEAs and UNEA and how could such collaboration be strengthened?
2. The workshop is open to the participation of representatives of Member States, Members of Specialized Agencies, Specialized Agencies, United Nations bodies and other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.
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