

Preparations for the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP@50)

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Celebrate 50 years of achievements

Set the environmental stage and ambition for the next 50 years

Strengthen UNEP/Environmental Multilateralism/the Global Environmental Agenda



Principles for a successful commemoration

- ✓ Networked, inclusive multi-stakeholder engagement to secure broad participation and ownership of UNEP@50.
- ✓ Complementarity with Stockholm+50.
- ✓ Opportunity to take stock of, endorse or adopt the outcome of the consultation process under General Assembly Resolution 73/333, subject to Member States agreement.



Desired Outcomes

UNEP and Nairobi receive increased attention as the global environmental HQ

- UNEP@50 report reflecting on the past to provide vision for the future
- · Reflecting on options for new digital and data initiative, and
- Political statement (TBD)

Enhance funding for the environment -- Environment Fund and potential thematic funding

- Further promotion of "Fair-share"
- Exploring options for thematic funding: climate, nature, chemicals and pollution

Increased visibility of UNEP

- Communications platform
- Videos
- Outreach exhibition



Science-policy input (UNEA 4/23)

- A publication to review the global environmental science-policy interface over the five decades since the establishment of the UNEP in 1972 – a companion piece to the *Making Peace with Nature* report.
- A review of the past, but also forward-looking, focused on the three planetary crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.
- A draft of the document will be shared with members of the CPR in the second half of 2021.



Outreach and Engagement

- Launched at UNEA 5.1, followed by the publication of the *Making Peace with Nature* report.
- Promotional materials made available to the public and Member States.
- Consultation with the Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)
- Engagement of regional fora.



UNEP@50 at the Special Session of UNEA in 2022



- 3-4 March 2022.
- First draft structure shared as part of the UNEP@50 Strategic Plan.
- Welcome guidance on the format, structure and desired political outcome.



Thank you



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