

Major Groups and Stakeholders Engagement at UNEP

Orientation Session for New Members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

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Why civil society engagement?

- **Rule 70 of Rules of Procedure**
- **UN practice as also outlined in “The Future We Want” and Governing Council Decision 27/2**
- **Stakeholder expertise enriches the inter-governmental decision-making process without questioning the intergovernmental nature of the UN Environment Programme**
- **Adds transparency and legitimacy**
- **Gives an opportunity for those who might be affected by decisions to raise their concerns**

HOW?

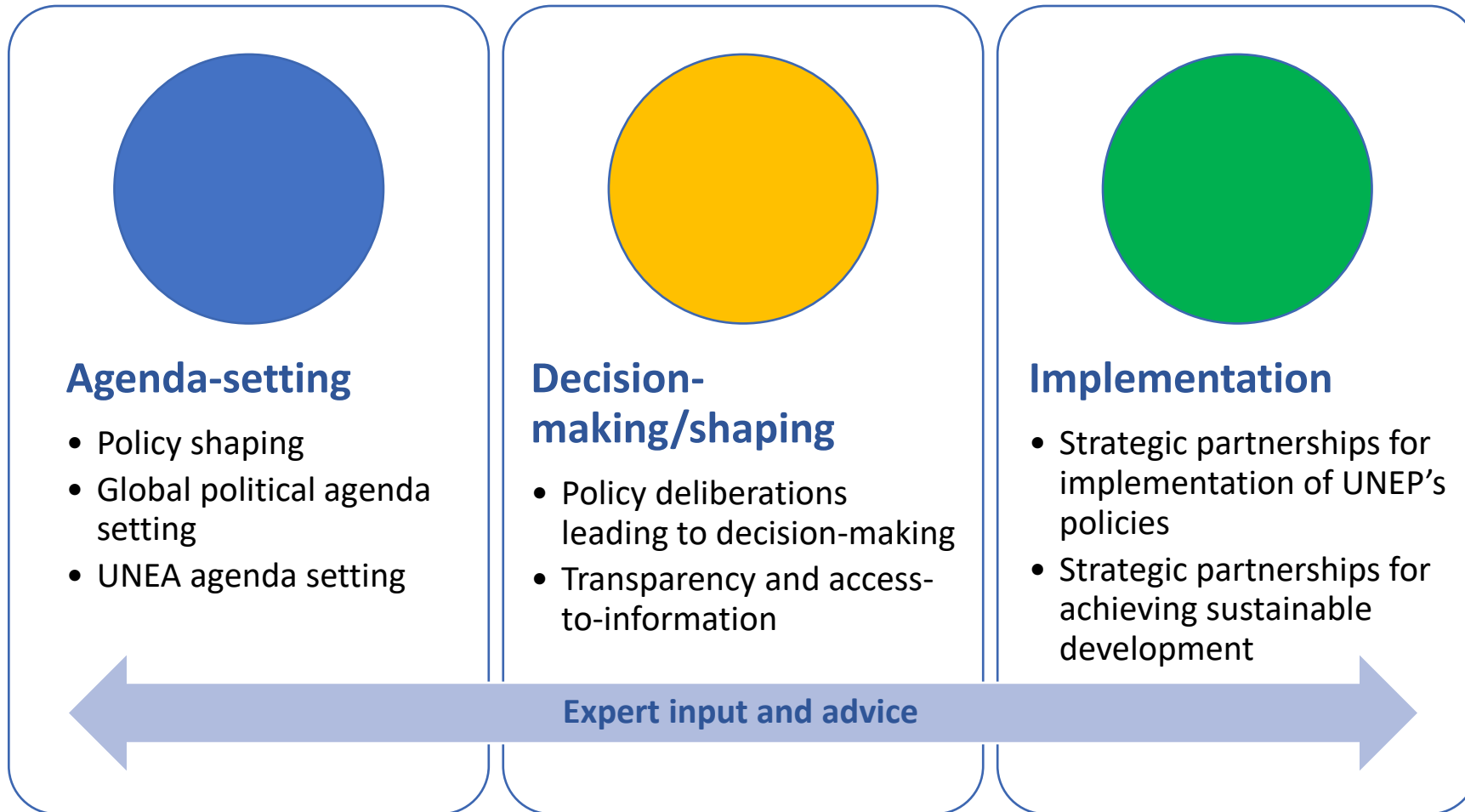
- **Nine Major Groups *and Stakeholders***
- **Formal accreditation as a condition for participation**
- **in UNEA and CPR as observer with opportunity to provide oral and written statements**
- **Access to CPR portal including un-edited working documents and submission of written inputs**
- **Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF) prior to the UN Environment Assembly**
- **Regional Consultative Meetings (RCMs) – often back-to-back to regional Ministerial Forum**
- **Major Groups Facilitating Committee and Regional Facilitators**

The Nine Major Groups

- **Women**
- **Children and Youth**
- **Indigenous Peoples and their communities**
- **Non-Governmental Organizations**
- **Local Authorities**
- **Workers and Trade Unions**
- **Business and Industry**
- **Scientific and Technological Community**
- **Farmers**



Three levels of engagement



Civil Society at meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

- Accredited organisations may participate in all *public* meetings, including sub-committees
- Reserved seats for the nine Major Groups
- Online participation
- Opportunity for written and oral comments
- Accredited organisations receive relevant documentation and have access to portals

Civil Society Unit in the Governance Affairs Office

- Facilitates Engagement of Civil Society
- Administers Accreditation
- Civil Society Website
- Organisation of meetings, consultations, capacity building
- Stakeholder Engagement Handbook
- Assists Major Groups Facilitation Committee
- Organises Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF) and Regional Consultative Meetings (RCMs) and the Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue during UNEA
- Coordinates the *Perspectives* series for civil society actors

Main Planned Activities ahead of UNEA 5.2



- **Major Groups and Stakeholders global online consultation: 7-9 September 2021**
- **6 online RCMs covering all UNEP regions, before UNEA 5.1 and UNEA 5.2 (the official INF document reflects those positions and statements)**
- **Capacity building programme**
- **GMGSF: 2 day meeting prior to UNEA 5.2**
- **UNEA 5.2, including OECPR: Feb 2022**

Resources

<https://www.unep.org/civil-society-engagement>

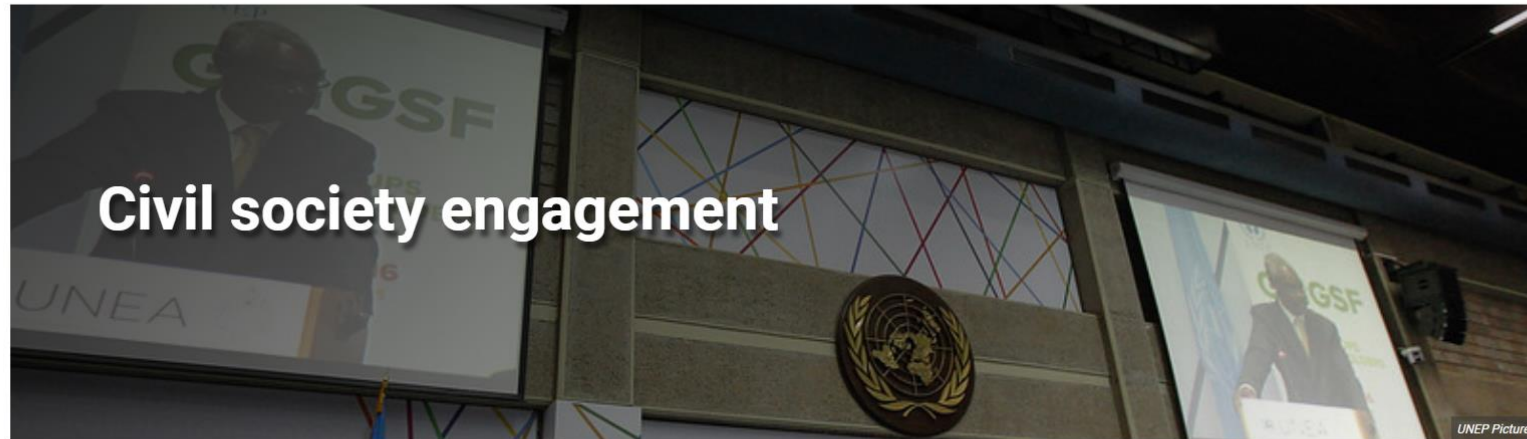


Who we are ▾

Where we work ▾

What we do ▾

Publications & Data



Civil society engagement

Civil Society Engagement

UNEP (UN Environment Programme) recognizes the importance of engaging Major Groups and other Stakeholders as partners and appreciates the perspectives they bring to the table, valuable research and advocacy functions they perform and their role in helping foster long-term, broad-based support for UNEP's mission.

Intergovernmental decisions will have stronger and broader recognition and support by the public if governments take Major Groups and other Stakeholders views into account as early as possible in

Why civil society matters

Major Groups Modalities

Accreditation

Participation and engagement

Policies

Partnerships



Thank you

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