

Implementation of UNEA4/19 Resolution on Mineral Resource Governance

CPR Subcommittee Meeting 14 October

UNEA-4 resolution 19 “Mineral Resource Governance”

The United Nations Environment Assembly at its 4th session adopted a resolution entitled “Mineral Resource Governance” (UNEP/EA.4/Res.19) which represents an unprecedented commitment by Member States on the need for broad, globally coordinated reforms to how mining is undertaken, and under which conditions; and requests UNEP to:

“...collect information on sustainable practices, identify knowledge gaps and options for implementation strategies, and undertake an overview of existing assessments of different governance initiatives and approaches relating to sustainable management of metal and mineral resources, and report thereon to the United Nations Environment Assembly at its fifth session”.

Key components fulfilling the asks of the Resolution

Discussion paper

- Discussion paper on mineral resource governance (MRG) outlining the context for the resolution and importance of the topic, based on existing knowledge, highlighting the key findings of, among others, the three reports, and outlining key questions for discussion

Regional consultations

- Development of a strategic roadmap for and conducting of regional stakeholder consultations on the discussion paper to create ownership among countries and involved stakeholders.

Report to UNEA5

- Preparation of the report to be submitted to UNEA5, building on the discussion paper and on the outcomes of the regional consultations

**23
consultative
meetings**

**123
countries**

**111
written
submissions**

**1,280
participants**

Key Themes that Emerged from Consultations on Mineral Resource Governance

	Material intensity of COVID-19 recovery	Cooperation and capacity-building platforms	Tailings management	Harmonization and alignment of governance initiatives	Artisanal and small-scale mining	Mine waste recycling, re-use and circularity	National-level governance
	41/111 submissions (including 12 governments)	45/111 submissions (including 16 governments)	50/111 submissions (including 18 governments)	53/111 submissions (including 23 governments)	52/111 submissions (including 22 governments)	34/111 submissions (including 16 governments)	48/111 submissions (including 14 governments)
Africa	x	x	x	x	x		x
Asia and the Pacific	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Europe and Caucasus	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Latin America & the Caribbean		x	x	x	x		x
North America		x	x	x			x
West Asia		x	x	x		x	x

Regional Discussions in the Run-Up to UNEA 5.2

- Continued engagement planned with Member States to advance global discussion on mineral resource governance
- UNEP Regional Offices will convene consultations from 15 November 2021 – 31 January 2022
- One consultation per region
- Fully virtual meetings with interpretation
- Correspondence to be dispatched by GAO and regional offices

Resources

UNEA resolution 4/19 on mineral resource governance:

<https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/28501/English.pdf?sequence=3&isAllowed=y>

UNEA 5 report on the implementation of the resolution:

<https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/34654/K2002669-E.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>

Consultation process: <https://www.greengrowthknowledge.org/initiatives/unea4-mrg>

Regional summaries on the consultations:

<https://www.greengrowthknowledge.org/news/unea-resolution-mineral-resource-governance-regional-summaries>

Executive summary “Mineral resource governance and the Global Goals: an agenda for international collaboration”:

<https://www.greengrowthknowledge.org/research/mineral-resource-governance-and-global-goals-agenda-international-collaboration>

Thank you



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