

EU and its MS written comments on the organization of the two leadership dialogues and a multi-stakeholder dialogue at UNEP@50 to the Secretariat

- The EU and its MS thank the Secretariat for the Concept Note for UNEP@50 Special Session Leadership Dialogues and the Presentation on UNEP@50 High Level Leadership Dialogues.
- The EU and its MS reiterate the importance of the UNEP@50 leadership dialogues to promote an interactive high-level debate on the journey of five decades of environmental action and global environmental multilateralism, and to exchange views to chart a path to strengthen UNEP for the next 50 years.
- Based on the experience from the resumed session of UNEA-5, the format is very important to promote interaction and dialogue.
- The EU and its MS welcome the organization of the Leadership Dialogues as proposed, informed by UNEP's science-policy contribution to UNEP@50.
- The Dialogue on the "UNEP past" could provide an opportunity for Member States to highlight success stories of UNEP's role in taking action on environment, both at the national and international level, as well as to identify the lessons learned from the past, that will be relevant for the future, in particular to address the 3 planetary crises and to achieve the environmental dimension of the sustainable development.
- Furthermore, the Dialogue on the Future of UNEP could provide an opportunity for Member States to highlight how they think UNEP could be strengthened including its' science and governance foundation, to provide more effective support to MS to address environmental issues and to enable UNEP meeting its strategic ambitions to contribute to addressing climate change, halting biodiversity loss and towards a pollution-free planet.
- The Leadership Dialogues could address at least some of key findings of the coming Children and Youth Major Group report "The UNEP we want", as well as other relevant books and reports, including "The Untold story of the World's Leading Environmental Institution" by Maria Ivanova.