

Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all - our responsibility, our opportunity

Guidance note for stakeholder consultation

Background

Fifty years ago, world leaders met in Stockholm and for the first time brought the environment into centre stage for human well-being and development. To commemorate Stockholm 1972 and chart a path forward for the next 50 years, the Governments of Sweden and Kenya, with support from UNEP and partners, are planning an international meeting in 2022: Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity”. The event will link notions of environmental responsibility in the 1972 declaration on the human environment with the challenges the world faces today and the opportunity and shared responsibility to accelerate the implementation of commitments in the context of the 2030 Agenda and Paris Agreement, including a sustainable recovery.

Stockholm+50 is a commemoration, a time for reflection of this interconnectedness and, critically, a time for urgent actions to anchor and harness emerging opportunities for a better future on a healthy planet as part of our responsibility to present and future generations. It is time to make bold choices, by listening to and in support of the most vulnerable, the weakest and those at risk; by improving human lives and human flourishing with a development nested in a healthy planet; by pivoting to a development that shifts from its current material and carbon intensity, which privileges the few and reduces opportunities for the many, and places longer term development at risk.

Stockholm+50 will use the following as **organizing principles of engagement: Implementation, Interconnection and Intergenerational**; and **5Rs** (Regeneration, Recovery, Rebalance, Renewal, Reimagine) as pathways to a healthy planet. These **principles and pathways** will help frame the Dialogues and consultations and serve as guidance for commitments and actions.

Pursuant to UN General Assembly Resolution 75/326 (“Modalities Resolution”), “all relevant stakeholders, including women, youth, older persons, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and local communities, to contribute to the discussions of the international meeting and their preparation and to build momentum for a healthy planet for the prosperity of all”. To this end a series of national and regional stakeholder workshops and consultations will be organized in developed and developing countries and will be designed in cooperation with major groups and all relevant stakeholders to:

- give voice to and facilitate engagement of as large a number of stakeholders as possible;
- ensure a bottom-up mapping of key elements and actions needed to safeguard the human environment in the 21st century in the context of each country’s and region’s needs, including on policies and actions required in those economic sectors most critical for sustainable development;
- review and assess how the human environment can be enhanced to help countries and regions attain the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda, with a particular focus on innovative and enhanced means of implementation as well as building and enhancing human capacities.

See full “Stockholm+50- Thought piece towards a concept note for the International Meeting” available [here](#). Website: <https://www.stockholm50.global/>

Framing questions for the national and regional consultations are listed below.

LD1: Reflecting on the urgent need for actions to achieve a healthy planet and prosperity of all

- 1) How can we restore and regenerate a positive relationship with nature? List 2 or 3 good practices and pathways that you would like to see scaled up to enable a move to a healthy planet?
- 2) What are the actions that you (your group) would take to scale up the change towards a healthy planet? What policies/structures need to be in place for you to take such action?
- 3) How could marginalised and vulnerable groups benefit from policies and initiatives designed to restore a more sustainable and resilient relationship with nature (that mitigates nature risks)?
- 4) How can we safeguard the rights of people and nature, including among others, indigenous peoples and local communities, environmental defenders, women, youth, future generations?
- 5) What are the new or prioritized set of metrics and indicators needed for tracking our progress towards a healthier and more prosperous planet?

LD2: Achieving a sustainable and inclusive recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic

- 1) What are the most promising sustainable and inclusive recovery practices currently being applied by public, private and civil society groups at individual, community, city, regional, country level? And how could we scale them up?
- 2) What recovery and pre-existing practises need to be changed to ensure an inclusive and sustainable recovery?
- 3) How do we ensure that all countries/communities can benefit from opportunities stemming from a sustainable and just transition?
- 4) How can we create better performing industries and supply chains for a just transition to more sustainable economies? which sectors are most critical?
- 5) What are some of the commitments and "responsible" principles that need to be made by key industry sectors and by finance and investment institutions?
- 6) What are the decent green jobs of the future? What are the new skills needed, what is needed from business? from government? from academia?

LD3: Accelerating the implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development

- 1) What are the biggest challenges we are facing in implementing the commitments to the 2030 Agenda and other environmental commitments (MEAs)? How do we create an enabling environment for delivery on the ground?
- 2) What are the good practices and pathways that you would like to see scaled up to accelerate the implementation of the environmental dimension of Sustainable Development in the context, of the Decade of Action?
- 3) How to transform governance and legal systems that maintain long-term economic stability and ecological and social wellbeing for all?
- 4) What measures are needed to align public, private and development finance with existing commitments and priorities?
- 5) What type of partnerships from the UN and beyond are needed to accelerate a green and sustainable economic transformation that leaves no one behind?
- 6) What capacities and technologies are needed to improve human wellbeing in harmony with nature?

Meeting-specific questions for all:

- What kind of follow-up activities would you like to see from Stockholm+50?