

**Special session to commemorate the establishment of the United Nations Environment
Programme (UNEP@50)
3 – 4 March 2022**

**Leadership Dialogue
Looking Back: 50 years of UNEP
Friday, March 4th 10-11h30 am**

The dialogue will focus on UNEP achievements and the foundation of the organization's success (what has worked well, what needs course adjustment and what lessons can be drawn from the past 50 years). The session will also explore UNEP's contributions to multilateralism and international cooperation, its contribution to the science-policy interface and its comparative advantage to inspire new opportunities to address today's multilateral global challenges of tackling the three planetary crises.

I. Dialogue Topics

- a) The major achievements of UNEP since its creation.
- b) UNEP's contribution to international cooperation and how this could be harnessed in tackling the triple planetary crisis.
- c) The key contributions that UNEP has made to the science-policy interface.
- d) UNEP's role in promoting intergenerational dialogue for a strengthened science-policy interface
- e) Lessons learnt in the past fifty (50) years and how UNEP could use them to prepare for the future.

II. Moderator and Panelists

Moderation:

Ms. Maria Ivanova, PhD (University of Massachusetts, Boston), Associate Professor of Global Governance and Graduate Program Director, Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and Global Governance, McCormack Graduate School. Director of Center for Governance and Sustainability.

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Setting the tone with special guest:

Mr. Achim Steiner (UNDP) Former UNEP Executive Director, UNDP Administrator.

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1. The major achievements of UNEP since its creation:

- **Mr. Donald Kaniaru (Kenya)**, Former Chief of staff, former Director of Law Division, Ecosystems Division, and Division of Policy Development and Law.
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2. UNEP's contribution to international cooperation and how this could be harnessed in tackling the triple planetary crisis:

- **Ms. Christina Voigt (Norway)**, Professor of Law at the University of Oslo, Norway and Chair, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law.
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Note: Online participant

3. The key contributions that UNEP has made to the science-policy interface:

- **Mr. Zakri Abdul-Hamid (Malaysia)** Co-Chair of the Secretariat of Malaysia's Global Science and Innovation Advisory Council (GSIAC), Chair of the National Professors Council, the Malaysian Biotechnology Corporation (BIOTECHCORP), and the National Foresight Institute and the Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT). Former Chair of the IPBES.
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4. UNEP's role in promoting intergenerational dialogue for a strengthened science-policy interface:

- **Ms. Vania Olmos Lau**, Focal point for Latin America and Caribbean Region, UNEP Major Group for Children and Youth
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5. Lessons learnt in the past fifty (50) years and how UNEP could use them to prepare for the future:

- **Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw (UNCCD)** Executive Secretary, United Nations Convention to combat desertification.
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III. President and Ministers

- **HE Mr. Mokgweetsi Masisi** (Botswana), President
- **HE Mr. Keriako Tobiko** (Kenya), Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Environment and Forestry
- **HE Ms. Zakia Khattabi** (Belgium), Minister of Climate, Environment, Sustainable Development & Green Deal
- **HE Mr. Kavydass Ramano** (Mauritius), Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change
- **HE Mrs. Vivianne Heijnen** (Netherlands), Minister for the Environment
- **HE Dr. Jeanne d'Arc Mujawamariya** (Rwanda), Minister of Environment

IV. Invited Guests: (Speaking from the floor)

- **Ms. Meg Seki**, Executive Secretary, Ozone Secretariat
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- **Dr. David Boyd**, Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Environment, UN Human Rights Council
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- **Ms. Monika Stankiewicz**, Executive Secretary, Minamata Convention
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- **Bp. Dr. Thomas Schirmacher**, Secretary General & CEO, World Evangelical Alliance
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- **Ms. Wanjira Mathai**, Chair, The Wangari Maathai Foundation.
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- **Mr. Felix Dodds**, Adjunct Professor in Environmental Sciences and Engineering and Senior Fellow, Global Research Institute, University of North Carolina and Associate Fellow, Tellus Institute, Boston
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Run of Show/Programme:

Time	Agenda	Duration (min)	Speaker	Remarks
10:00 – 10:02	Opening	2	Moderator	Opening of the Dialogue, welcoming guests, and presenting an overview of the choreography
10:03 – 10:10	Setting the tone	8	Achim Steiner, Former ED	Former ED sets the tone, in conversation with the Moderator
10:10 – 10:35	Remarks from 5 Panelists	25 min (5 min each)	Panelists, on the podium	First panelist in person (see above, all arranged according to order of speaking) Second panelist online Third to fifth panelist in person
10:35 – 10:55	Remarks from 6 Member States	18 min (3 min each)	Member States	All in person, according to order of speakers above
10:55 – 11:15	Remarks from 6 Invited Guests	18 min (3 min each)	Invited guests, from the floor	Moderator interventions to challenge back to invited guests to reflect First invited guest in person (see above, all arranged according to order of speaking) Second panelist online Third to sixth invited guest in person
11:15 – 11:25	Conclusion	10 min	Moderator	Wrap-up by moderator, thank panelists, Member States and invited guests
11:25 – 11:30	Intermission	5 min	N/A	Buffer between current event and next event