



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**KENYA'S
INTERVENTIONS ON LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE 1
ON
“REFLECTING ON THE URGENT NEED FOR ACTIONS TO
ACHIEVE A HEALTHY PLANET AND PROSPERITY OF
ALL”**

**DURING
THE ONE-DAY PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE
STOCKHOLM+50 INTERNATIONAL MEETING**

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Introduction.

Your Excellencies,

As we aim to reflect and accelerate action to mitigate further biodiversity loss, I wish to recall that, it is imperative for the background paper to call for specific actions to be implemented in form of voluntary commitments in a similar manner that UNEP@50 called for action. Mobilisation of action needs to be clearly articulated through highlighting the specific areas that require urgent action and in what form.

In this regard, Kenya wishes to propose for the inclusion of the following texts into the background paper.

Interventions

1.on transforming our relationship with nature, Kenya proposes for the item on sustainable food systems to be moved from the second item to the first. Similarly the item to highlight, *In order for a sustainable food systems to be achieved, transformative food systems pathway need to be identified that are inclusive of the traditional and modern technology for the purposes of accelerated action towards the implementation of SDG2.* Member States further need to recognise the opportunities found in enhancing a sustainable food systems through leveraging on blue foods for a sustainable blue economy.

As we endeavor to reflect on the actions taken in the past, we ought to recognize the pertinent role played by Member States in scaling up the food systems discussions undertaken during the Food Systems Summit held in 2021 and the Africa Green Revolution Summit in which member states committed to fast tracking actions towards attaining a sustainable food systems. The Leadership Dialogues therefore should highlight the commitments made and establish a modality of ensuring implementation of these commitments and the continuity of the national and sub national dialogues in order for the growing gaps to be identified and acted upon.

On mitigation and adaptation to fight climate change Kenya proposes the need to reflect on the recent IPCC 2022 report on climate change which signals the urgent need for action on mitigation of the GHG emissions. It is imperative for the document to articulate the need for Member States to shun away from politicising climate change effects and realise the urgent need for climate financing in order for mitigation and adaptation to be achieved.

Item 2 on producing and consuming sustainably and fighting pollution: Kenya to proposes for the document to take note of the

achievements made in the recent UNEA5.2 Member States and to note the 2 adopted resolutions on plastic pollution and the establishment of a management for chemical and waste. This will galvanise global commitments towards pollution. Kenya calls for particular emphasis on the need for the nexus between the plastic pollution, chemical waste and circular economy to be recognised and advanced through its inter linkages.

Kenya further calls for the document to emphasise on the need for accentuated discussions toward marine plastic litter so as to attain a healthy ocean for scaling up ocean action for SDG 14 implementation.

With the establishment of the LBI for plastic pollution strengthening action towards its implementation requires strengthening the implementing bodies such as UNEP and it is imperative for the background paper to highlight the need for strengthening of UNEP financially and administratively in order for the tasks ahead in implementing these 2 resolutions to be realised.

On the Questions highlighted in the document: Kenya proposes for inclusion of “How can we identify and mobilise financial voluntary contributions to attaining accelerated action on environmental issues?”