

## **The People's Environment Narrative**

Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future and the Norwegian Forum for Environment and Development, with the support of UNEP and the Swedish Government presented a report in progress, titled the People's Environment Narrative – which will be available to the UN and to the world in September 2022. It is primarily structured according to seven Legacy Themes. The report traces the development of these Legacy Themes, which found their inspiration in 1972 and have been key in forming UNEP and the work for the environment. The Legacy Themes are:

1. Civil society and UNEP
2. Environmental diplomacy and the need for multilateralism
3. Science and the environment
4. Environmental rights, human rights and environmental justice
5. The environment, education and the future
6. Connecting the dots – making a forceful canon of the Rio Conventions and the MEAs
7. Strengthening environmental governance and law.

The report will also contain nearly 20 pages of recommendations to strengthen UNEP and environmental work to safeguard the planet for the next generations. Some 1600 stakeholders were invited to contribute to these recommendations. Among the strongest recommendations were those focussing on strengthening UNEP, politically and with resources; integrating and implementing the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment as a human right as recognised by the Human Rights Council; protecting and expanding the safe inclusion and participation of civil society without being subjected to political censorship; implementing and strengthening environmental law and the MEAs; include ECOCIDE in environmental law; strengthening with resources and safeguarding the independence of science for the environment.