

10 ways **UNEA** makes a difference



The United Nations Environment Assembly...

1. **has a universal membership**, becoming the most representative and inclusive global authority for the environment
2. **guides and defines** overarching policy responses ultimately creating the grounds for the architecture of future environmental governance
3. **sets priorities** of the global agenda and ambition on emerging environmental challenges
4. **adopts** key outcomes sending a message that “business as usual” is no longer an option
5. **promotes** international cooperation in the field of the environment by **bringing together** Member States, Multilateral Environmental Agreements (Conventions), UN entities, and civil society, experts and academia to agree on how to work together to address the most pressing environmental issues.
6. **advances** integrated, science-based approaches and the traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, to strengthen resilience to current, emerging and future challenges and promotes global solidarity.
7. **benefits** from inputs from regional ministerial and civil society forums.
8. **fosters partnerships and mobilizes resources** for achieving environmental goals
9. **promotes** the environmental dimension of Sustainable Development Goals at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and reports to the General Assembly
10. **serves** as the governing body and **provides** strategic guidance on the future direction of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).