



UNEA

United Nations Environment Assembly
of the United Nations Environment Programme

Towards A Life of Dignity for All

Briefing to Permanent Missions

Tuesday 13 May 2014

International Environment House II

**GENEVA
ENVIRONMENT
NETWORK**

AGENDA

12.15 *Trade coffee & Light sandwiches*

12:30 **Welcome and introduction**

Jan DUSIK, Director and Regional Representative, UNEP

12:35 **Preparations of the United Nations Environment Assembly of UNEP**

Achim STEINER, UNEP Executive Director

Jiri HLAVACEK, Secretary of UNEP Governing Bodies

13:10 Question-and-answer session

13:30 End

Functions of UNEA

The United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) is the main governing body of UNEP with the following functions:

- a. Setting the global environmental agenda
- b. Providing overarching policy guidance and defining policy responses to address emerging environmental challenges;
- c. Undertaking policy review, dialogue and exchange of experiences
- d. Setting the strategic guidance on the future direction of UNEP
- e. Organizing a multi-stakeholder dialogue

UNEA in 2014

- First UNEA session (23-27 June 2014) to set the tone for subsequent sessions
- Issuing a powerful message to the world on behalf of all Ministers of Environment
- Inform the discussions in UN Headquarters in New York on the Post-2015 Development Agenda and SDGs – integration of environmental dimension and integrated approach
- Highlight the environmental costs of illegal trade in wildlife an issue that is witnessing increasing global attention and action
- Discuss issues of critical environmental significance (i.e. green economy and rule of law) with diverse actors

UNEA EVENTS

	Sat-Sun 21-22 June	Mon 23 June	Tues 24 June				Wed 25 June			Thurs 26 June	Fri 27 June											
08:00	Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum																					
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09:00																						
09:30		UNEA Bureau Meetings																				
10:00		UNEA Opening		COW		Symposium on Environmental Rule of Law		COW		Symposium on Financing a Green Economy		UNEA High-level Segment Opening - Briefing by the Executive Director on the State of the Environment	Ministerial Plenary on SDGs and Post-2015 Development Agenda, including Sustainable Consumption and Production									
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14:30		SE I	SE II	SE III	SE IV		ECO Consultative Ministerial Meeting on Environment	SE V	SE VI UNEP-SIDS Partnership – Ministerial Consultation		UNEP Briefing on the two themes of the high-level segment	Lunch hosted by G77 and China for its 50 th anniversary										
15:00		COW	Gender Forum	COW	Gender Forum	Symposium on Environmental Rule of Law							COW	Symposium on Financing a Green Economy	Africa-China Ministerial Meeting	Ministerial Plenary on SDGs and Post-2015 Development Agenda, including Sustainable Consumption and Production	UNEA Plenary - Adoption of decisions and outcome - Closing					
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18:30	Reception hosted by Kenyan Governmentt		Multistakeholder Dialogue on Sustainable Development				Climate dinner hosted by France and Peru (tbc)	BRICS Environment Ministers Meeting (tbc)		Ministerial Dialogue on Illegal Trade in Wildlife	JNEA <small>d Nations Environment Asse United Nations Environment Pro</small>											
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Symposia & Special Events

- **Symposia**

24 June: **Environmental rule of law**

25 June: **Financing green economy**

- **Special Events**

23-24 June: **Gender Forum**

24 June: **Multistakeholder Dialogue on actions for Sustainable Development**

24 June: **Eco Consultative Ministerial Meeting on Environment**

25 June: **Climate Change Dialogue**

27 June: **Lunch hosted by the G77 and China to commemorate its 50th anniversary**

Side Events

- 23 June:
Side Event I on Air Quality
Side Event II on Sustainable Consumption and Production
- 24 June:
Side Event III on Illegal Trade in Wildlife
Side Event IV on Chemicals/Minamata Convention
- 25 June:
Side Event V on Green Jobs
Side Event VI on Small Island Developing States: SIDS Ministerial Consultation

UNEA-1 Expected outcomes

Decisions:

- Amendments of the rules of procedure
- Revised biennial programme of work and budget for 2014-2015
- Proposed biennial programme of work and budget for 2016–2017
- Enhancing coordinating role of the UNEP in the UN system on environmental matters: A process to prepare a UN system-wide strategy on the environment, including EMG
- Omnibus decisions on science-policy interface, and on chemicals and wastes
- Promoting air quality
- Ecosystem-based adaptation
- Stakeholders engagement

High Level Segment @UNEA

- High-level segment to be held from 26-27 June.

Thursday 26 June morning:

Opening of the high-level segment

with participation of UN SG, President of UNGA, President of Kenya, HSH Prince of Monaco

Thursday 26 June afternoon:

Ministerial discussion I with focus on Sustainable Development Goals and the Post-2015 Agenda, including sustainable production and consumption

with participation of the co-Chairs of OWG on SDGs and Special Advisor of UN SG on Post-2015 development

Thursday 26 June evening:

Ministerial dialogue with focus on illegal trade in wildlife

with participation of representative of FAO, UNODC, UN Women and MEAs

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Friday 27 June morning:

Ministerial discussion II

with participation of the co-Chairs of OWG on SDGs and Special Advisor of UN SG on Post-2015 development

Friday 27 June afternoon:

Closing session and adoption of outcomes

reflecting High-level political messages on main environment concerns and visions for future reflecting discussions on post-2015 development agenda/SDGs, and on illegal trade in wildlife

with the participation of the President of ECOSOC

UNEA Bureau

- Regional groups are still consulting on candidatures to the 10 member UNEA Bureau that should be in future chaired by the President from the Asia and Pacific region.
- Taking into account the lessons learned with rather frequent changes in the governments at Ministerial level as well as in the state administration that result in vacancies in the posts in the Bureau, the draft of amended rules of procedure is proposing that in future the members in case of inability to perform their functions will be replaced by the nominee from their own country.

REGISTRATION

- Personalized *invitations* along with UNEA notification by the Executive Director have been sent all Ministers of Environment, heads of international organizations and UN system organizations and representatives of major groups and stakeholders accredited to UNEP.
- Registration deadline is **16 May 2014**.
- *Funding support* will be provided to one delegate from each developing country and two delegates from each least developed country.

More information

- All documents, calendar of the meetings and programme of UNEA available on the dedicated CPR Portal.

http://www.unep.org/about/sgb/cpr_portal

Username: UNEP
Password: UNEPCPR

- Background information and documents also available on the UNEA portal:
<http://www.unep.org/unea/>

- All documents and presentation provided today available on the Geneva Environment Network Website **www.genevaenvironmentnetwork.org**

Accreditation to UNEP

- Number of Member/ Non-member States with Accreditation to UNEP: **106**
- Number of Embassies/ High Commissions/ Consuls in Nairobi: **91**

European countries with Accreditation to UNEP (Nairobi)

Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom

Representation: Holy See

European countries who do not have Accreditation to UNEP

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

Other Places of Accreditation to UNEP

Countries

Addis Ababa	13
Dar es Salaam	4
Kinshasa	1
Valletta	1
Geneva	2
San José	1
Pretoria	1
Montevideo	1