

23 -27 May 2016
Nairobi, Kenya

Outcome of the Second Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-2)



over **2,300** delegates,
121 ministerial-level participants
173 Member States
300 Major Groups and Stakeholders





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- Science-policy Forum
- MGS Forum
- Intl Day of Biodiversity
- 25 resolutions and decisions
- 9 Sustainable Innovation Expo events
- 24 side events
- 27 Green Room events
- 2 Symposia

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Greening UNEA

UNEA-2 was

- Climate Neutral,
- Paper Smart, and
- Plastic bottle-free

- ✓ *directly contributed to avoid more than 15,000 Kg CO₂e*
- ✓ *saved about 50,000 plastic cups and 30,000 plastic bottles*
- ✓ *sensitized all participants about how environmental sustainability can be integrated into large events*

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UNEA contributions to 2030 Agenda

- ❖ Through the different resolutions provided UNEP and the environmental community around the world a direction on how to achieve the implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda;
- ❖ Identified concrete partnerships, policies and tools that can facilitate achievement of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs;
- ❖ Showcased practical experiences on how to integrate the environmental dimension of sustainable development into national planning processes, and build capacity to track progress.



Resolution 2/5: “Delivering on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”

UNEA: contributing to the effective implementation of the env dimension of 2030 Agenda in an integrated manner (setting the global env agenda, providing policy guidance and defining policy responses, undertaking policy review, dialogue and exchange of experiences, fostering partnerships for achieving env goals and resource mobilization);

UNEP: to enhance activities, in cooperation with other UN entities, in **support** of the **coherent, coordinated and integrated implementation** of the env dimension of 2030 Agenda **at national, regional and global levels, and in the UN system**

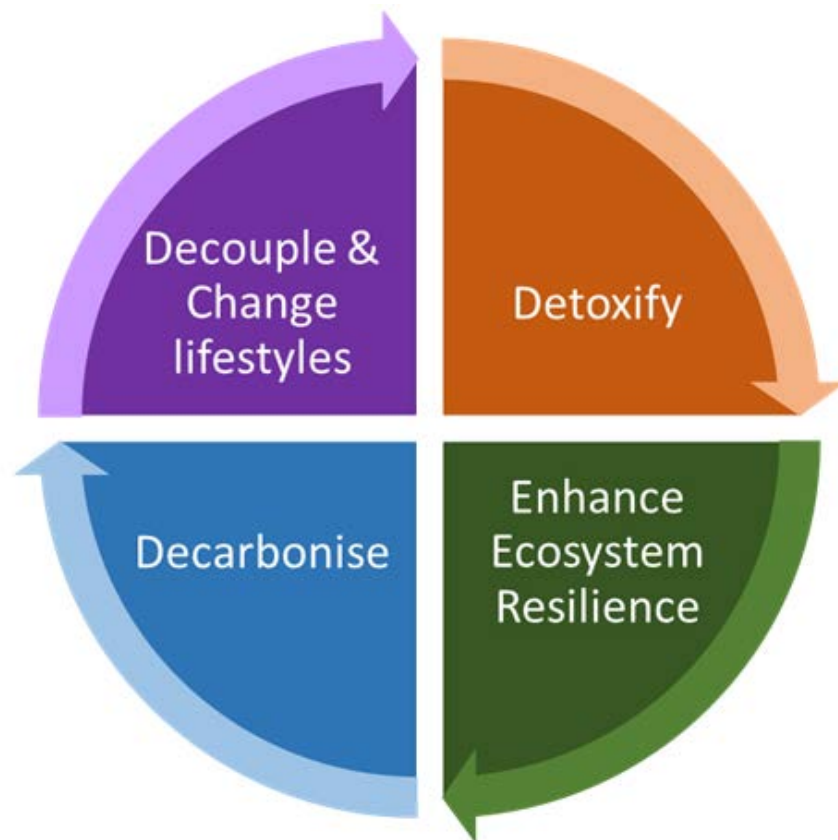
- (a) Fostering **partnerships** and other means of **cooperation** with other relevant United Nations bodies;
- (b) Engaging with **regional coordination mechanisms**, as appropriate;
- (c) Actively promoting the **integration** of the environmental dimension **into United Nations development assistance frameworks** at the country level;
- (d) Enhancing **institutional and human capacity building** at the national, regional and international levels;



Global thematic report on “Healthy environment, healthy people”

HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, HEALTHY PEOPLE

Thematic report
Ministerial policy review session
Second session of the United Nations Environment Assembly
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Next steps for UNEA in Geneva

- ✓ UNEP/ROE to intensify interaction with **Geneva missions** (some are already registered to CPR);
- ✓ We want to explore the setting up of a “**Group of Friends of UNEA in Geneva**”;
- ✓ **Continue partnership with UNECE and its CEP in engagement during UNEA intersessional period**
- ✓ **Moving towards UNEA-3 (4-6 December 2017)**



High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development New York, 11-20 July 2016

- **Reporting on UNEA2 outcomes;**
- **Interactive Panel Discussion on Integrated Approaches for the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda (13 July 18:15-19:30);**
- **High-level dialogue on the role of UNEP and the UN Environment Assembly in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development (18 July 18:15-19:30)**
- **A workshop on the linkages between UNEA and HLPF since Rio + 20 with a focus on strengthened IEG**



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- Subsidiary body to the Plenary
 - Chair: Norway
 - Rapporteur: Iraq
- 3 Drafting Groups
 - Co-chairs from Botswana, Brazil, Finland, Germany, Jordan, Mexico
- 25 resolutions finalized for adoption by the Plenary



Resolutions

Adopted Resolutions

2/1: Amendments to the rules of procedure;

2/2: Role and functions of the regional forums of ministers of environment and environment authorities;

2/3: Investing in human capacity for sustainable development through environmental education and training;

2/4: Role, functions and modalities for UNEP implementation of the SAMOA Pathway as a means of facilitating achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;

2/5: Delivering on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

2/6: Supporting the Paris Agreement

2/7: Sound management of chemicals and waste

2/8: Sustainable consumption and production



Resolutions

2/9: Prevention, reduction and reuse of food waste;

2/10: Oceans and seas;

2/11: Marine plastic litter and microplastics;

2/12: Sustainable coral reefs management;

2/13: Sustainable management of natural capital for sustainable development and poverty eradication;

2/14 : Illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products;

2/15: Protection of the environment in areas affected by armed conflict

2/16: Mainstreaming of biodiversity for well-being;

2/17: Enhancing the work of UNEP in facilitating cooperation, collaboration and synergies among biodiversity-related conventions;



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Resolutions

- 2/18: Relationship between UNEP and the multilateral environmental agreements for which it provides the secretariat;
- 2/19: Midterm review of the Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environment Law (Montevideo Programme IV);
- 2/20: Proposed medium-term strategy for 2018-2021 and programme of work and budget for 2018-2019;
- 2/21: Sand and dust storms;
- 2/22: Review of the cycle of sessions of UNEA of UNEP
- 2/23: Management of trust funds and earmarked contributions
- 2/24: Combating desertification, land degradation and drought and promoting sustainable pastoralism and rangelands
- 2/25: Application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development in the Latin America and Caribbean Region



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Highlights of selected resolutions

2/22: Review of the cycle of sessions of UNEA of UNEP

- Change of UNEA cycle from even to **odd years**
- **UNEA-3** to be held 4-6 December 2017 (back-to-back with OECPR, 3 days)

2/1: Amendments to the rules of procedure

- Election of UNEA Bureau members **of UNEA at the end** of a cycle

2/19: Medium Term Strategy 2018-21 and POW and budget for 2018-2019

- Approves MTS 2018-21
- Approves Environment Fund budget 2018-19: USD 271 million
- Results-based management POW and budget
- Encourages increase in voluntary contributions to the Environment Fund, including broadening of donor base



Selected Resolutions

2/5: Delivering on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- Commits UNEA and UNEP to SDG implementation, including HLPF input from UNEAs
- Promotes enhanced coordinated, coherent and integrated delivery on the environmental dimensions of SDGs
- Initiate new multi-stakeholder partnerships with private sector and CSOs
- Enhances science-policy interface on environmental dimension on SDGs

2/6: Supporting the Paris Agreement

- Requests UNEP to contribute to the pre-2020 efforts on climate change, including through education, training public awareness, public participation etc.
- Strengthen support to IPCC
- Strengthen support to global climate change related assessments



Selected Resolutions

2/7: Sound management of chemicals and waste

Preamble

- Sound management of chemicals and waste essential to sustainable development
- Welcomes coordination and cooperation in the chemicals and waste cluster
- Waste management is a serious challenge and a priority
- Concern about health and environment impact from lead-acid batteries

Meeting the 2020 goal and beyond

- Sound management of chemicals and waste should be a priority in national strategies
- UNEP to coordinate sound management of chemicals and waste for the achievement of the SDGs
- Issue by 2017 an Overview on policies and actions to reach the SDGs
- UNEP to continue work on lead and cadmium



Selected Resolutions

Waste

- Integrate environmentally sound management of waste into UNEP's strategies and policies
- Strengthen the IETC as a global center of excellence on waste management
- Issue by 2019 an update of the Global Waste Management Outlook
- Countries to enhance work on lead-acid batteries
- UNEP to assist countries on environmentally sound management of waste

Chemicals

- Stakeholders to submit information on sustainable chemistry by June 2017
- UNEP will prepare a report in Q1 2018 based on these submissions
- UNEP will work with WHO on environmentally persistent pharmaceutical pollutants
- Issue by end 2018 an update of the Global Chemicals Outlook



Selected Resolutions

2/8: Sustainable consumption and production

- Encourages achievement of SDG 12, improvement of global resource efficiency and decoupling of economic growth from environmental degradation
- Encourages the move towards SCP patterns, promotion of life-cycle approaches, integration of sustainability into each stage in product life cycles, and facilitation of markets for secondary materials
- Encourages the initiation of partnerships and alliances on resource efficiency
- UNEP to facilitate cooperation and information sharing on SCP

Chemicals-related resolutions:

- Oceans and seas
- Marine plastic litter and microplastics
- Sustainable coral reefs management
- Relationship between UNEP and the MEAs for which it provides secretariat



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