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06 December 2023 – Geneva Environment Network briefing

The sixth session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-6)

Radhika Ochalik, Secretary of the Governing Bodies

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Theme, session structure and events
Theme:
Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution [UNEA-6 theme]

UNEA-6 (26 February – 1 March 2024) will be preceded by the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR-6) from 19 to 23 February 2024
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*Each Leadership Dialogue will focus on different transformative, multi-stakeholder and multi-level actions and solutions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.*
Supplementary item entitled “Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements”
28 February 2023

Opening session from 9 to 10 am followed by two 3-hour Leadership Dialogues

- **Dialogue 1**: Strengthening science-policy interface for effective implementation of environmental commitments.
- **Dialogue 2**: Strengthening cooperation between UNEA, UNEP and MEAs to enhance effective implementation at the national level including through means of implementation.

Concept notes will be made available on the [dedicated page](#).
High-level segment: Leadership Dialogues, National Statements, Multistakeholder Dialogue

Opening of the UNEA-6 High-level segment will be on Thursday, 29 February, and will be followed by National Statements and three **high-level leadership dialogues** and a **Multistakeholder Dialogue** on Thursday, 29 February and Friday, 1 March 2023:

- **Leadership Dialogue 1**: Science, data, and digitalisation for effective and inclusive multilateralism in addressing the **three planetary environmental crises** on Thursday, 29 February 2024, 15:00 to 16:30 EAT.
- **Leadership Dialogue 2**: Aligning finance with global goals on Friday, 1 March 2024, 10:00 to 11:30 EAT.
- **Leadership Dialogue 3**: The future of environmental multilateralism – how can it be more effective, inclusive and sustainable? on Friday, 1 March 2024, 11:30 to 13:00 EAT.

- **Multistakeholder Dialogue** on the theme of UNEA-6 on Thursday 29 February from 16:30 to 18:00 EAT

**Leadership Dialogues concept notes** will be shared in December and will include guiding questions to help prepare interventions. More information is available on the [dedicated page](#).

Find more information on **National Statements** on the [dedicated page](#).
Major Groups and Stakeholders participation

Youth Environment Assembly on 17 and 18 February at UNON

Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum (GMGSF 21) on 24 and 25 February 2024 at UNON

Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on 29 February 2024

Green Room reserved primarily for the participating Major Groups and Stakeholders of civil society for morning and evening briefings, ad-hoc meetings, events and bilateral meetings.
30+ official side events and associated events

Official side events can be organized by UN Member States, intergovernmental organizations, including the Secretariats of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements, specialized agencies and UN system entities and major groups and stakeholders accredited to the UNEP and its governing bodies.

Applications closed on 30 November and the final list of side events will be announced on 22 December 2023.

Associated events:

- 31\textsuperscript{st} meeting of the International Resource Panel
- 10 YFP Board Meeting
- Annual Climate and Clean Air conference
- Cities and Regions Summit
- Science Policy Business Forum

and more
### Participation modalities

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**UNEA-6 meetings will be held fully in-person.**

Video messages can be provided by Heads of State and Government who will not be able to participate in-person.
Negotiated outcomes
Ministerial Declaration

Consultations are held under the leadership of the UNEA-6 Presidency

The roadmap for the consultation on the UNEA-6 ministerial declaration was shared in April 2023. The “zero draft” was circulated on 5 May.

The first informal consultations on the zero draft was held 20 June.

The "first draft" was circulated on 17 August, with an invitation for written input by 29 September.

The second informal consultations was held on 26 September.

The “second draft” of the ministerial declaration will be circulated at the end of October.

The Third informal consultations was held on 8 November and a fourth consultation will be held on 7 December.

Visit the page Inputs to the Ministerial Declaration for more details.
Announcement of draft resolutions at the 10th Annual Subcommittee meeting of the CPR

1. United States of America: Promoting regional cooperation to improve air quality globally.
2. Saudi Arabia: Strengthening international efforts to halt land degradation, restore degraded lands and increase ecosystem and communities’ resilience to drought.
3. Japan: Promoting synergistic approach to address the triple crisis on climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution and support sustainable development.
4. European Union, on behalf of the EU and its Member States: Stepping up efforts for enhancing the circular economy transition domestically, regionally, and globally.
5. European Union, on behalf of the EU and its Member States: Effective and inclusive solutions to strengthen water policies for sustainable development in the context of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.
6. Malawi: Enhancing the role and viability of regional forums for environmental ministers and environmental authorities and regional offices in achieving multilateral cooperation to tackle environmental challenges.
7. Malawi and Morocco: Fostering national action to address environmental challenges through increased cooperation between UNEA, UNEP, and MEAs.
8. Ukraine: Environmental assistance and recovery in areas affected by armed conflicts.
9. Senegal and Switzerland: Follow-up to UNEA resolution 5/12 on the environmental aspects of minerals and metals management.
10. Ethiopia: Global alliance on highly hazardous pesticides.
11. Switzerland: Sound management of chemicals and waste.
14. Cameroon, on behalf of several States: Standards, norms and criteria for the implementation of Nature-based Solutions for supporting sustainable development.
15. Sri Lanka: Effective, Inclusive and Sustainable Multilateral Actions towards Climate Justice
16. Sri Lanka: Sustainable management of Cascade System
17. India: Sustainable lifestyles
Draft proposals on administrative and organizational related matters (decisions)

The Secretariat informed of its intention to submit two draft proposals as follows:

a. Amendments to the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility, as contained in the report of the Executive Director (UNEP/EA.6/12).

b. Management of trust funds and earmarked contributions.

c. Provisional agenda, date and venue of UNEA-7
Procedure for the submission of draft resolutions and decisions

Submitted draft resolutions/decisions will be made available on the Resolutions portal.

**Draft Submission**
1. Sent by email by main sponsor
2. With note verbale
3. In Word
4. Indicating main sponsor and co-sponsors

**Concept note**
1. Rational and concept
2. Relation to UNEA-6 theme.
3. Relation to UNEP 23/25 programme of work
4. SDGs
5. Emerging global issues
6. Relation to previous UNEA resolutions and decisions
7. Financial requirements
8. Main stakeholders for implementation
Preparatory process for draft resolutions/decisions

November
- Advance version of ED’s reports on progress made on previous UNEA resolutions available

11th December
- Deadline to submit proposals

18th December
- Final deadline to submit proposals

20th December
- UNEA+CPR Joint Bureaux meeting

20-24 November
- 10th Annual Subcommittee Meeting
  - Half day
  - Announcement/Intro of draft proposals

4th December
- Deadline to announce submission of proposals

January
- Announcement/Intro of draft proposals
- Additional Bureau meetings

January/February
- Appointment of Co-facilitators
- Informal consultations, under the auspices of the CPR.

25th February
- UNEA+CPR Joint Bureaux meeting

26th February – 1st March
- UNEA

19-23 February
- OECPR
Practical information
Registrations and travel support

Registrations

- Opened on 13 September 2023
- Close on 9 February 2024
- Invitation letters issued
- Additional information will be made available on logistical arrangements.

Travel support

- Maximum of two (2) delegates from developing countries
- Deadline to apply is 20 December 2023

Registration (unep.org)
## Budget and funding gap

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Appeal for funds ongoing to support effective participation of developing countries with priority given to LDCs and SIDS.

Visit the webpage on extrabudgetary contributions to UNEA-6.
Visit the UNEA-6 website for more information on registrations, events, FAQs, event app and more.
Thank you

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