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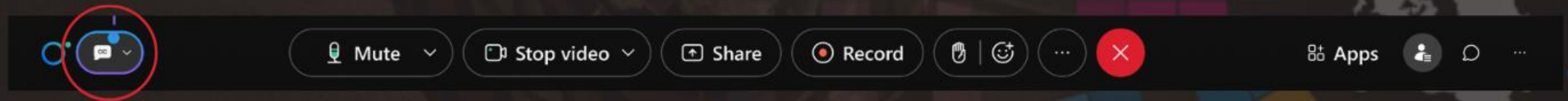
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By order of intervention.



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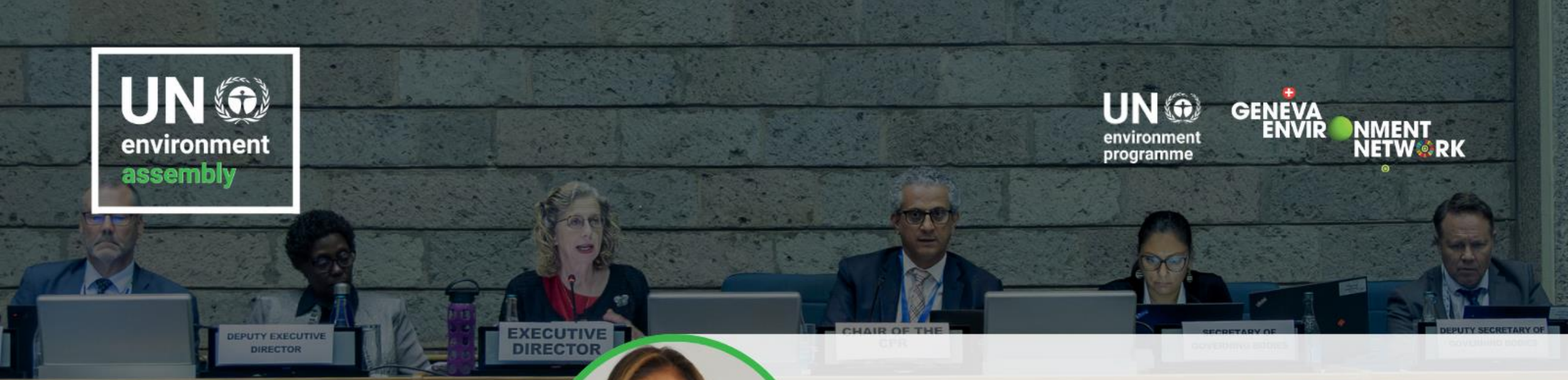




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The sixth session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-6)

Briefing to Member States in Geneva
6 February 2024

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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

UNEP/EA.6/2 - Executive Director's report to the sixth session of the UN Environment Assembly - *to be issued* [\[advance unedited version\]](#)

Sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6)



Monday, 26 Feb

- UNEA- 6 Opening plenary
- Committee of the Whole: opening plenary and contact groups

Tuesday, 27 Feb

- Committee of the Whole

Structure of UNEA-6 [\[link\]](#)

Wednesday, 28 Feb

- Committee of the Whole and contact groups
- High-level dialogues on Cooperation with MEAs
- Committee of the Whole: closing plenary

Thursday, 29 Feb

- UNEA-6 High-level segment: Opening plenary
- Plenary national statements
- Leadership dialogue
- Multistakeholder dialogue

Friday, 1 Mar

- Plenary national statements
- Leadership dialogues
- UNEA-6 Closing Plenary

WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 09 A.M.– 10 P.M. - CONFERENCE ROOM 1

Second plenary meeting

Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements



[MEA Dialogue 1:](#) Strengthening the science policy interface for effective implementation of environmental commitments.

[MEA Dialogue 2:](#) Strengthening cooperation between UNEA, UNEP and MEAs to enhance effective implementation at the national level, including through means of implementation.

Interactive moderated discussion

Interventions from the floor not exceeding three minutes, adhere strictly to the time limit

No pre-established list of speakers.

Delegations to indicate their wish to speak when the floor is open for interventions

Detailed background note on the MEA item will be available (UNEP/EA.6/INF/6)

[List of MEA side events](#)

28 February – 1 March 2024

Tents

[List of exhibitions related to MEAs](#)

26 February – 1 March

Leadership Dialogues



Leadership Dialogue 1: Super-highway or still in slow-motion: are science, data and digitalization really speeding our transition to a sustainable future?

Thursday, 29 February 2024, 15:00 to 16:30 EAT. Conference Room 1

Leadership Dialogue 2: Show me the money: can the global financial system really tackle climate change, nature loss and pollution? on Friday, 1 March 2024,

10:00 to 11:30 EAT. Conference Room 1

Leadership Dialogue 3: Alive and kicking: environmental multilateralism is a beacon of hope but is it delivering fast enough? on Friday, 1 March 2024, 11:30 to

13:00 EAT. Conference Room 1

Interactive moderated discussion

Interventions from the floor not exceeding two minutes, adhere strictly to the time limit

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Official side events

26 February – 1 March

In-person and online

Lunch and evening times

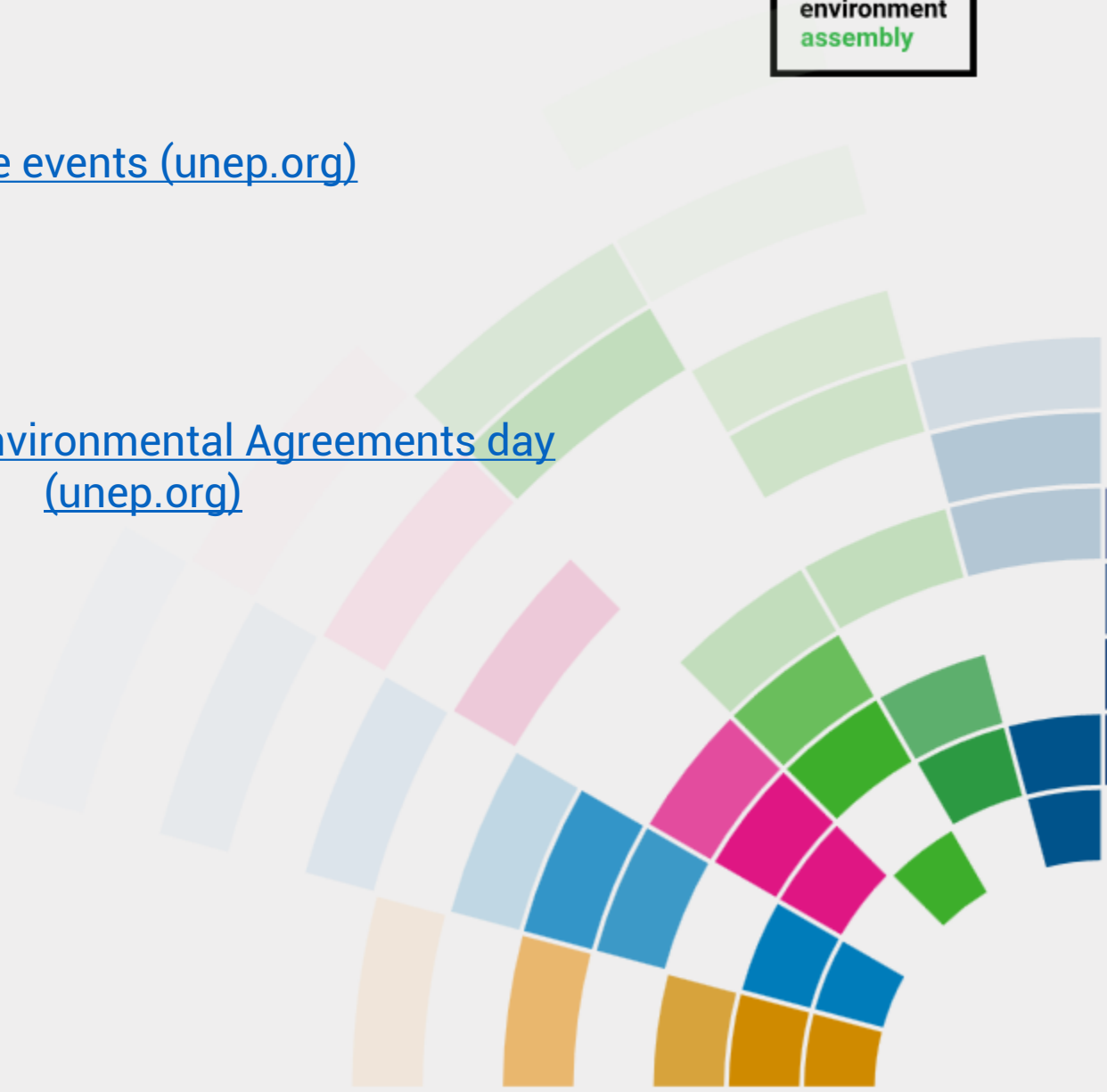
[Side events \(unep.org\)](https://www.unep.org)

MEA side events

28 February – 1 March

All day parallel events

[Multilateral Environmental Agreements day \(unep.org\)](https://www.unep.org)



UNEA-6 Ministerial Declaration



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- A **roadmap** for the consultation on the UNEA-6 ministerial declaration was shared in April 2023
- A "**zero draft**" was made available to all delegations and stakeholder in May 2023, with an invitation to provide inputs in writing
- **First informal consultations** was held in June 2023
- A **first full draft** of ministerial declaration was shared in August, based on the written inputs on the zero draft and at the first informal consultation
- **Second informal consultations** was held in September 2023

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- A **second draft of the ministerial declaration** was circulated in October 2023
- **Paragraph-by-paragraph reading** of the second draft was held in November and December 2023.
- **A final draft** was circulated end of December 2023.
- The PR of Morocco in Nairobi is holding bilateral consultations.
- Additional informal consultations might be held.
- Final consultations, led by the President of UNEA, is scheduled for Thursday, 22 February.

Overview of the resolutions / decisions status

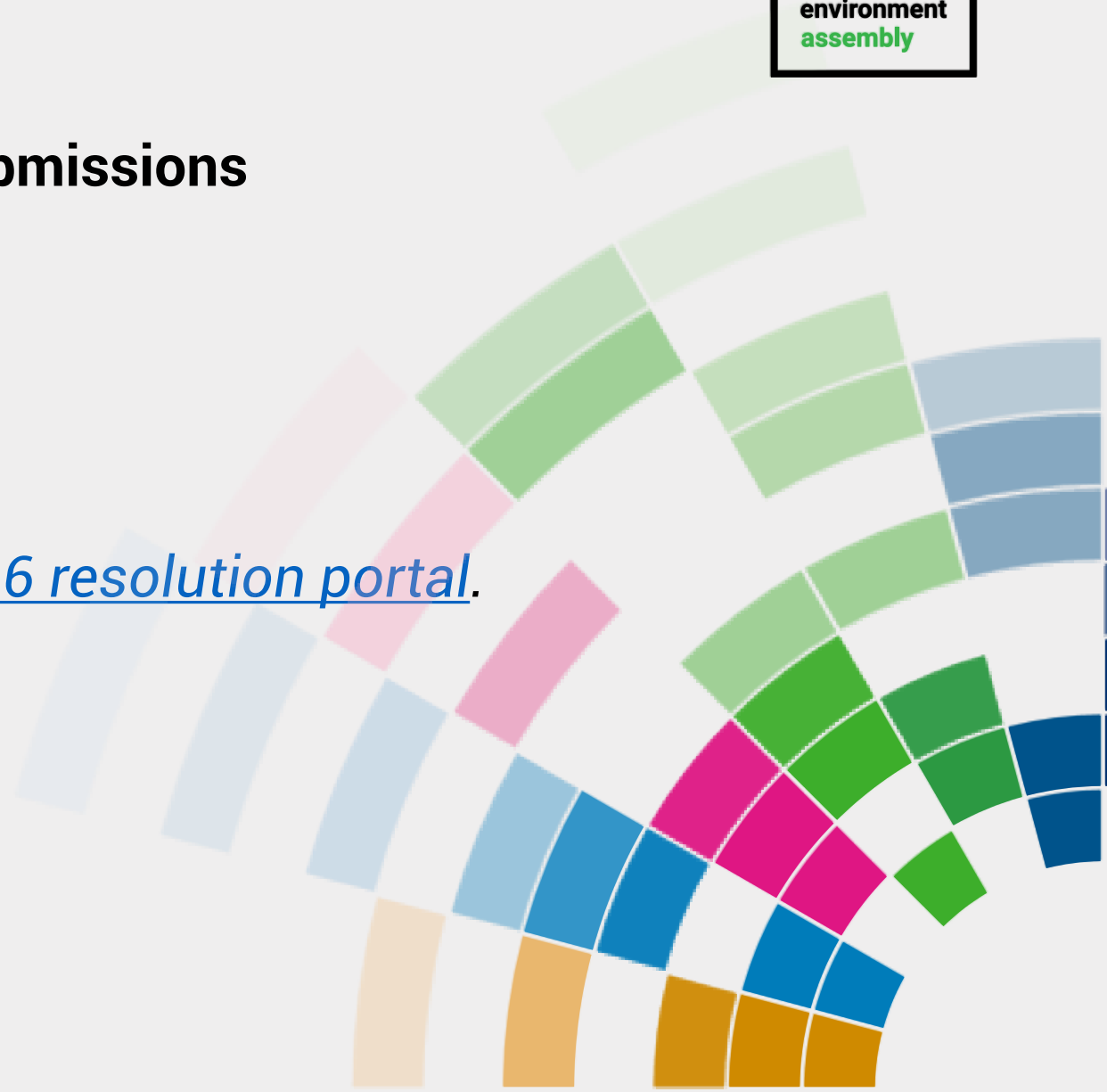


As of 22 December 2023, total of 22 submissions

including:

- 20 draft resolutions
- 2 draft decisions

All drafts can be accessed on the [UNEA-6 resolution portal](#).



Draft resolutions/decisions combined in 5 clusters

Cluster A Japan African States	Cluster B India Netherlands	Cluster C Sweden Chile	Cluster D Canada Tanzania	Cluster E Kenya Jordan
Highly Hazardous Pesticides	Effective and inclusive solutions to strengthen water policies for sustainable development in the context of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution	Fostering national action to address global environmental challenges through increased cooperation between UNEA, UNEP and MEAs	Stepping up efforts for enhancing the circular economy transition domestically, regionally and globally	Amendments to the instrument for the establishment of the restructured Global Environment Facility
Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste	Strengthening international efforts to halt land degradation, restore degraded lands and increase ecosystem and communities drought resilience	Enhancing the role and viability of regional environment ministerial forums and regional offices in achieving multilateral cooperation in tackling environmental challenges	Environmental aspects of metals and minerals	Provisional agenda, date and venue of the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly
Promoting regional cooperation to improve air quality globally	Criteria, norms, standards and guidelines for the implementation of nature-based solutions for supporting sustainable development	Promoting synergistic approaches to address the interlinked global crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution and support sustainable development	Environmental assistance and recovery in areas affected by armed conflicts	Management of trust funds and earmarked contributions
Combating sand and dust storms	Management of Cascade Systems	Effective, Inclusive and Sustainable Multilateral Actions towards Climate Justice	Sustainable Lifestyles	
Solar Radiation Modification (SRM)	Strengthening ocean and seas governance to tackle climate change, marine biodiversity loss		Circularity of a resilient and low-carbon sugar cane agroindustry	



ENGAGEMENT

Major Groups and Stakeholders

Youth Environment Assembly on 17 and 18 February at UNON

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

Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on 29 February

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.

[Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum \(unep.org\)](https://unep.org/gmgsf21)

[Green Room \(unep.org\)](https://unep.org/greenroom)



19 FEBRUARY – 1 MARCH

Associated events

31st meeting of the International Resource Panel [19 – 23 February]

Climate and Clean Air Conference [21 – 23 February]

Cities and Regions Summit [23 February]

Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum [23 and 24 February]

10 YFP Board Meeting [24 February]

Special session of the UN Science Policy Business Forum [27 February]

Launch of the Young Champions of the Earth and the new UN World

Restoration Flagships [27 February]

[Associated events \(unep.org\)](https://www.unep.org)

19 FEBRUARY – 1 MARCH

Associated events

4th Ministerial meeting of the High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Pollution [28 February]

Canada's Ministerial event on the international instrument to end plastic pollution leading INC-4 [28 February]

Business and Industry Major Groups HL Dinner [28 February]

Second Quadripartite Annual Executive Meeting [29 February]

Host Country Reception [29 February]

EU Ministerial Breakfast [1 March]

[Associated events \(unep.org\)](https://www.unep.org/associated-events)

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Key documentation

Availability of:

Pre-session documents

Agenda

Report of the Executive Director

Progress reports

Information documents

Scenario Note for the 6th Session of the UN Environment Assembly

Information note for the 6th Session of the UN Environment Assembly

UNEA Delegates handbook

[Documents | Environment Assembly \(unep.org\)](https://www.unep.org/documents/assembly)

[Practical information \(unep.org\)](https://www.unep.org/practical-information)



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Documents

Featured updates: Registration is now open[About UNEA-6](#)[Official meetings](#)[Participate](#)[Events](#)[Documents and resources](#)[Programme](#)

Notification by the Executive Director

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Pre-session documents

Official working documents

- [UNEP/EA.6/1](#) - Provisional agenda
- [UNEP/EA.6/1/Add.1](#) - Annotated provisional agenda
- [UNEP/EA.6/2](#) - Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution - Report of the Executive Director
- [UNEP/EA.6/3](#) - Progress in the implementation of resolution 4/3 on sustainable mobility - Report of the Executive Director
- [UNEP/EA.6/4](#) - Progress in the implementation of resolutions 4/14 and 5/2 on sustainable nitrogen management: Report of the Executive Director
- [UNEP/EA.6/5](#) - Progress in the implementation of resolution 5/1 on the animal welfare

WHEN: 26 Feb 2024 - 1 Mar 2024

WHERE: Nairobi, Kenya

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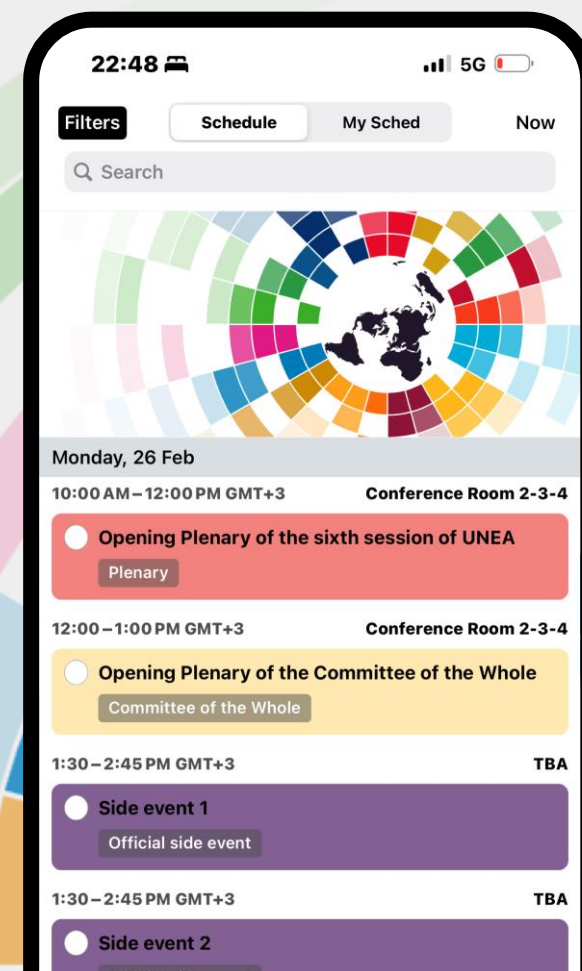
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Draft UNEA-6 Resolutions supported by Ecosystems Divisions

Title of Resolution	Proponent
Effective and inclusive solutions to strengthen water policies for sustainable development in the context of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution	EU
To be merged Sustainable management of cascade systems	Sri Lanka
Strengthening international efforts to halt land degradation, restore degraded lands and increase ecosystem and communities' resilience	Saudi Arabia
Criteria, norms and standards and guidelines for the implementation of nature-based solutions for supporting sustainable development	Cameroon and 17 other
Strengthening ocean and seas governance to tackle climate change, marine biodiversity loss and pollution	EU, Costa Rica, Barbados
Environmental assistance and recovery in areas affected by armed conflict	Ukraine

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