The sixth session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-6)
UNEAA was established in June 2012 as a result of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, also known as Rio+20. The outcome document, The Future We Want, called on the UN General Assembly to strengthen and upgrade UNEP. The UNGA then adopted resolution 67/213 on strengthening and upgrading UNEP and establishing universal membership of its Governing Council. In March 2013, the UNGA further adopted resolution 67/251, which changed the designation of the UNEP Governing Council to the UNEA.

Its five sessions have generated considerable political momentum, and yielded results, on a variety of critically important issues, including air pollution, biodiversity and health, financing for development, plastic pollution, marine litter, environmental education, water management, nature-based solutions, sustainable consumption and production, Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure, climate change, Science-Policy Panel for chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution the illegal wildlife trade and protecting the environment in areas affected by armed conflict and disasters, minerals and metals management, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, amongst many others.
UNEA-6 will seize the moment
26 February – 1 March 2024, Nairobi, Kenya

Theme:

Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution

UNEA-6 will set the scene and guide discussion towards environmental multilateralism and actions needed to accelerate the implementation of 2023 Agenda and key issues [GBF, Water, minerals & metals, climate-altering technologies, aligning the financial system for sustainability].
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 will be on 8 November
Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Credentials of representatives.
5. International environmental policy and governance issues.
6. Programme of work and budget, and other administrative and budgetary issues.
7. Stakeholder engagement.
8. Contributions to the meetings of the HLPF and implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda.
9. High-level segment.
11. Provisional agenda, date and venue of the seventh session of the Environment Assembly.
12. Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session.
14. Other matters.
15. Adoption of the report.
16. Closure of the session.
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**High-level segment**

- **UNEA-6 Closing Plenary [CR 2-3-4]**
  - High-level segment [item 9] – presentation of summaries
  - Cooperation with MEAs [item 10] – presentation of summaries
  - Credits of representatives [item 3]
  - Action on draft Ministerial Declaration [item 12]
  - Action on draft resolutions/decisions [items 5, 6, and 12]
  - Stakeholder engagement [item 7] – presentation of summary
  - Provisional agenda, date and venue of UNEA-7 [items 11 and 13]
  - Election of officers [item 13]
  - Other matters [item 14]
  - Adoption of the report [item 15]
  - Closure of the session [item 16]

**Leadership Dialogue [CR 1]** focusing on science, data, and digital solutions

**Plenary [CR 2-3-4]** National Statements [item 9] (List of speakers)

**Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue [CR 1]**

- Inclusive actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution

**Unea-6 Structure-17-July-2023.pdf**

*Each Leadership Dialogue will focus on different transformative, multi-stakeholder and multi-level actions and solutions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution*
Participation modalities

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.

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Supplementary Agenda Item: Cooperation with MEAs
28 February 2024

Objective: The UNEA-6 theme provides a structured entry point to highlight the importance of cooperation with MEAs.

- Strengthen the engagement of MEAs in UNEA-6 to promote coherence between UNEA resolutions and decisions of MEA governing bodies whilst fully respecting the autonomy of MEAs.

- Enhance UNEA's relationship with MEAs to contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Strengthening convergence of action and dialogue on common strategies and sharing of experiences while providing increased visibility to the decisions of MEAs governing bodies.
The MEAs high level dialogues will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> February from 10:00 am to 1:00pm and from 3:00pm to 6:00pm;

- **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.

**MEAs exhibitions and related events**

- Open to all UNEA participants.
- UNEP administered MEAs, UNCCD, UNFCCC, non-UNEP administered MEAs of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity related Conventions, as well as UNECE environmental conventions and others as appropriate.
- The panelists and introductory speakers will be determined later but several ministers who also serve as COP Presidents will play a role.
National statements
High-level segment: Thursday, 29 February and Friday, 1 March 2024

Statements by Member States
• All Member States will have to an opportunity to deliver one national statement during the high-level segment.
• National statements are expected to be delivered in-person.
• Exceptionally, pre-recorded video messages could be provided by Heads of State and Government who will not be able to attend in person. These pre-recorded video messages would be played in the plenary.
• Pre-recorded video messages at ministerial-level or below would be uploaded on the website but not played in the meeting room and not reflected in the meeting report.

Statements by observers: Time permitting, observers will be able to deliver statements in person.
Leadership Dialogues

Leadership Dialogue 1: Science, data, and digital solutions
Thursday 29 February 2024, 15:00 to 16:30 EAT.

Leadership Dialogue 2: Finance solutions
Friday 1 March 2024, 10:00 to 11:30 EAT.

Leadership Dialogue 3: Governance and advocacy solutions
Friday 1 March 2024, 11:30 to 13:00 EAT.

Concept notes will be shared in December and will include guiding questions to help prepare interventions.
Civil Society participation

European Major Groups and Stakeholder consultation (27-29 November 2023)

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.

unep-civilsociety@un.org

More information about the Green Room will be made available soon on the website Major Groups and Stakeholders (unep.org)
Preparatory process for draft resolutions/decisions

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

4th December
- Deadline to announce submission of proposals

December
- 11th December
  - Deadline to submit proposals
- 18th December
  - Final deadline to submit proposals
- 20th December
  - UNEA+CPR Joint Bureaux meeting

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

February
- 26th February – 1st March
  - UNEA
- 25th February
  - UNEA+CPR Joint Bureaux meeting
- 19-23 February
  - OECPR

Intersessional Period

- 20-24 November
  - 10th Annual Subcommittee Meeting
    - Half day
    - Announcement/Intro of draft proposals
- 20 December
  - UNEA+CPR Joint Bureaux meeting
- January/February
  - Additional Bureau meetings
- 19-23 February
  - OECPR
The sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6) will be held from 26 February to 1 March 2024 at the UNEP headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, under the theme: Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution.

The sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR) will take place from 19 to 23 February 2024.

All meetings in the UNEA-6 programme and OECPR will be conducted in-person with live interpretation and webcast available in all six UN languages. Informal consultations and working/ contact groups will be conducted in an English-only hybrid format (a combination of in-person and online participation).
Official side events Applications are open until 17 Nov

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 UN Environment Programme and its governing bodies. All interested parties are strongly encouraged to partner with others to organize an official side event.

Side events (UNEA-6 website)

Applications will be received through the online portal, to be screened and reviewed by UNEP and endorsement by the UNEA Bureau.

Registration 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 & Travel support (UNEA-6 website)
## Budget and funding gap

The total estimated budget is **USD 4.3 M**

Total secured funding is **USD 2.6 M**

Total funding gap is **USD 1.7 M**

Remaining funding gap is **USD 1.1 M**

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

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