

The Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) to UNEP
Subcommittee Meeting

PROPOSED MODALITIES FOR THE MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE

TO BE HELD DURING THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT OF UNEA-2

Background

Decision 27/2 (paragraph 5 e), spells out that “each session of the governing body of UNEP will conclude with a two-day high level segment as an integral part of the governing body of UNEP, which will take strategic decisions and provide political guidance and will perform, inter alia, the following functions: (e) organizing a multi-stakeholder dialogue; (f) fostering partnerships for achieving environmental goals and resource mobilization.¹

On 30 June 2015 during a subcommittee meeting convened by the CPR, Member states reached consensus on the overarching theme of the Environment Assembly’s high-level segment and other related issues.² The CPR at its 132 meeting also endorsed the theme of the high-level segment and the organization of a multi-stakeholder dialogues during UNEA-2.

Objective

The multi-stakeholder dialogue will have for objective to allow participants to underscore the role of multi-stakeholder partnership approaches in the implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

Multi-stakeholder partnerships at the national, local, regional and international levels, that are solution-oriented and inclusive of all groups, including women, indigenous peoples and minorities, will be crucial to realizing these joint aspirations and will be a key element of the 2030 Agenda and SDG implementation. Successful examples of such partnerships already exist. However, UNEA can play a role in bringing together, in a flexible setting, relevant actors to address key challenges including:

- How can new partnerships for implementing the SDGs can bridge the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development?
- How can UNEA contribute to promote effective multi-stakeholder partnerships which have demonstrated their capacity to deliver significant sustainable development outcomes, while mobilizing also new partnership initiatives to meet the challenge of accelerating the transition to sustainable and climate-resilient development pathways?

¹ UNEP/GC.27/17

² Chair’s note on the high-level segment of the second session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-2) of the UNEP

- How can UNEA contribute to increase the effectiveness of such partnerships and build strong links to local, national and regional actors and initiatives while ensuring transparency and progress?

Format, modalities and outcome

The multi-stakeholder dialogue will be held on Friday 27 May 2016 from 12:30 hrs to 14.00 hrs. It will be open to all interested delegations and will be organized as a moderated, interactive dialogue session.

The proposed theme for the dialogue is: **“Restoring and sustaining healthy ecosystems for people and planet: partnerships to jointly deliver on the environmental dimension of Agenda 2030”**.

The session will include a limited number of accredited organizations nominated by the Major Groups and Stakeholders, together with leaders of recognized international organizations, heads of the UN system entities, heads of Secretariats of Multilateral Environmental Agreements and invited business leaders.

The outcome of the dialogue will be a chairperson summary, reflecting the different views of participants.

To facilitate the dialogue, the president will appoint a moderator. Interested Member States representatives and other participants may be invited to initiate the dialogue as key-note discussants.

The Secretariat will circulate to Member States by early April 2016 the the list of accredited organizations representing Major Groups and Stakeholders that will participate in the dialogue as well as other special guests. The Secretariat will also circulate a discussion note based on the guiding questions outlined in this note.