2021 Joint Preparatory Retreat of the Bureaus of the UN Environment Assembly and of the Committee of Permanent Representatives for UNEA-5.2

Online meeting

SESSION I: Informal dialogue session between the UNEA and CPR Bureaus and Representatives from Major Groups and Stakeholders

THURSDAY 24 JUNE 2020, 14:00 – 15:30 (GMT+3)

The dialogue session will be an opportunity for Members of the two Bureaus in an exchange of views with representatives of Major Groups and Stakeholders (MGS) on the topics of the retreat agenda.

The session will be co-facilitated by a Vice President of the UNEA Bureau and a Vice Chair from the CPR Chair, and two co-facilitators from Major Groups and Stakeholders.

The dialogue will be held as a closed meeting with the following invited participants:

- Interested members of the UNEA & CPR Bureaux
- 2 representatives per Major Group (18) and 2 MGS representatives per region
- Representatives from the UNEP Secretariat
- Chairpersons of Regional & Political Groups based in Nairobi

14:00 – 14:10	Introductory remarks by the co-facilitators and by the UNEP Executive Director Inger Andersen.
14:10 – 14:20	Presentation of main outcomes of MGS consultation on preparations for the resumed meeting of the fifth session of UNEA.
14:20 – 15:20	Exchange of views between the two Bureaus and Major Groups and Stakeholders on the topics of the preparatory retreat agenda.
15:20 – 15:30	Closing remarks from the UNEP Executive Director, the CPR Chair and the UNEA President.

SESSION II: Joint Preparatory Retreat

THURSDAY 24 JUNE 2020, 16:00 – 19:00 (GMT+3)

The Joint Preparatory Retreat will be an opportunity for Members of the two Bureaus of the UN Environment Assembly and of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to engage in an exchange of views and provide guidance on next steps on the follow-up of the online meeting of UNEA-5 held on 22-23 February 2021 (UNEA-5.1) and on the preparations for the resumed session of the Assembly scheduled for 28 February – 2 March 2022 and for the UNEA Special Session to be held on 3-4 March 2022, and related matters.

The session will be co-facilitated by the President of UNEA and the Chair of the CPR.

Invited participants:
- Current Members of the UNEA and CPR Bureaus
- If relevant, nominated Members of the CPR Bureau
- Representatives from the UNEP Secretariat

DRAFT AGENDA

1. **Opening of the Joint Preparatory Retreat.**
   Opening remarks by President of the UN Environment Assembly, the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and the Executive Director of UNEP.

2. **Assessment of the online UNEA-5 (UNEA-5.1).**
   The Secretariat will present a revised draft evaluation and lessons learned from UNEA-5.1, also taking into account the guidance provided at the 154th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives held on 20 May 2021, followed by an exchange of views with the Members of the two Bureaus.

Expected outcome: Guidance provided to the Secretariat on the finalisation of the UNEA 5.1 evaluation document, as a basis for preparations for UNEA-5.2.

3. **Preparations for the resumed meeting of the fifth session of UNEA (UNEA-5.2)**

   3.1. Structure and format.
   Bureau Members and the Chairs of Regional and Political Groups will be invited to provide guidance on the possible structure and format of UNEA-5.2 and related events, including side events, and on the preparation of draft resolutions, on the basis of a background document from the Secretariat.

Expected outcome: Guidance provided to the Secretariat and to Member States on the preferred structure and format for UNEA-5.2 and related meetings, including with regard to the preparation of draft resolutions and on whether to hold side events online to reduce pressure on the campus and facilitate planning in view of possible covid-related restrictions.

   3.2. Preparations for the UNEA-5 Ministerial Declaration
   The UNEA President will provide an update on the preparations for the UNEA-5 Ministerial Declaration, followed by an exchange of views with Members of the two Bureaus.

Expected outcome: Guidance provided to the UNEA Presidency on how to move forward with consultations and preparations for the adoption of a Ministerial Declaration at UNEA-5.

4. **Outcome of the consultation on General Assembly resolution 73/333.**
The Co-Facilitators of the consultations on the follow-up to General Assembly resolution 73/333 will be invited to provide an update on the outcome of the consultation meeting held on 15-17 June 2021. The update will be followed by an exchange of views with Bureaus Members.

Expected outcome: Guidance provided to the Co-Facilitators and to Member States on how to move forward with further consultations under the UN General Assembly resolution 73/333, taking into account paragraph 5 of UNEA Decision 5/3, whereby UNEA-5.1 decided to finalize, at the resumed meeting of its fifth session, implementation of the mandate entrusted to it by General Assembly resolution 73/333 of 30 August 2019, and to invite the General Assembly to consider the appropriate event for the adoption of a declaration.

5. **Preparations for the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP@50).**
The Secretariat will provide an update on the preparations for the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP@50) to be held on 3 - 4 March 2022 in Nairobi as mandated in paragraph 10 of UNEA Decision 5/3, by an exchange of views with Bureaus Members.

Expected outcome: Guidance to the Secretariat and to Member States on the next steps in preparations for the UNEP@50 commemoration.

6. **Closing of the Joint Preparatory Retreat.**
Closing remarks by President of the UN Environment Assembly, the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, and the UNEP Executive Director.

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