

Towards UNEA-7

International Consultation for Major Groups and Stakeholders
from the 6 UNEP regions

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First online session: Wednesday 22 October 2025, 13:00 -16:15 EAT (GMT+3)

Second online session: Thursday 23 October 2025, 13:00 -17:00 EAT (GMT+3)

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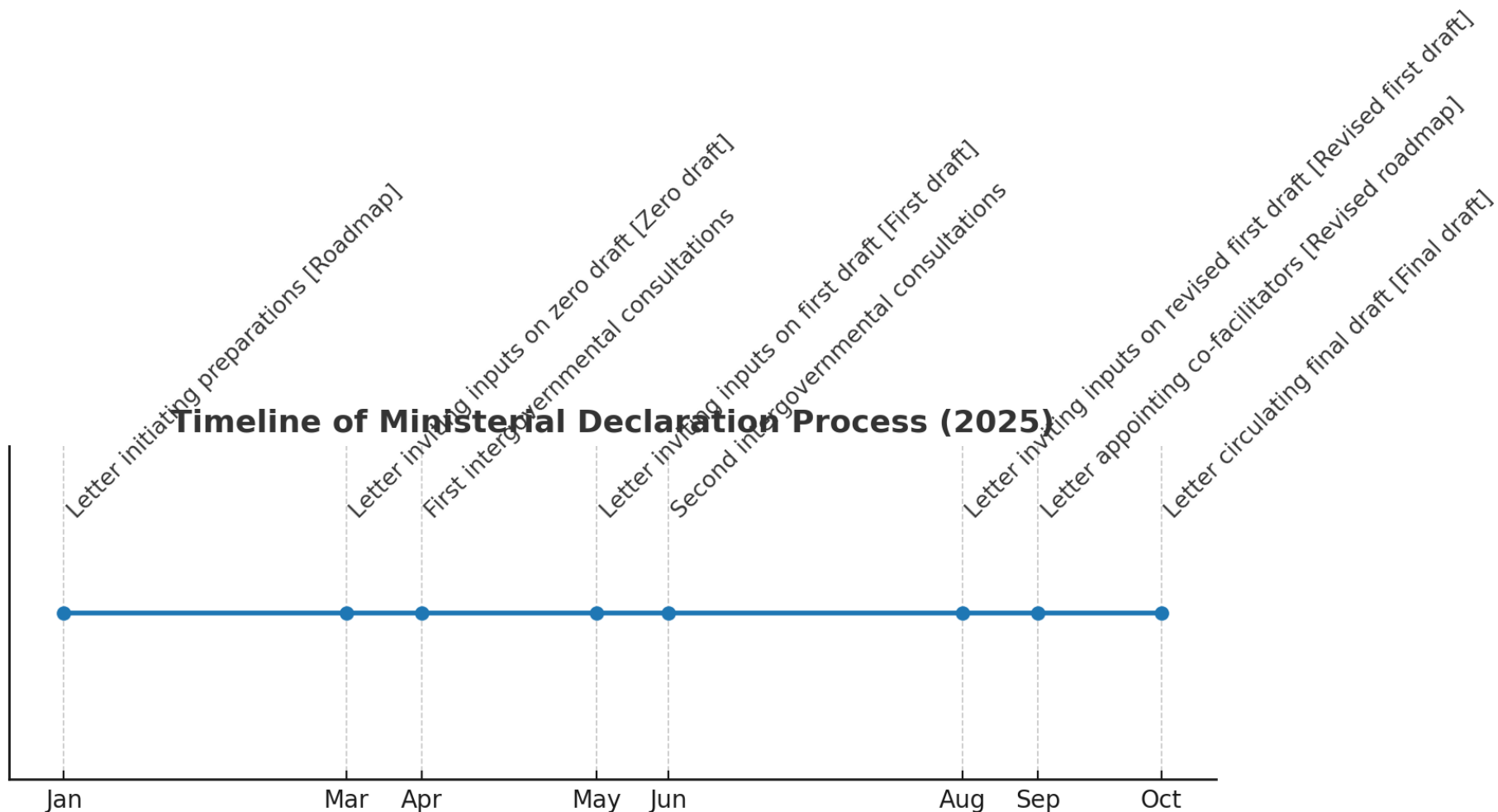
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The **Ministerial Declaration** adopted by the **United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)** is a high-level political statement agreed upon by environment ministers and heads of delegation.

It is not legally binding; however, it sets out the shared **vision, priorities, and commitments** of UN Member States on key environmental issues and provides **political guidance** for global environmental action and UNEA's future work.



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Co-Facilitators:

- Peter Maddens, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belgium to UNEP
- Romy Tincopa, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Peru to UNEP

4th Intergovernmental Negotiation: 5 November 2025 14:00 to 17:00 (GMT+3) at the United Nations Office at Nairobi + online

No more written submissions.

MG can intervene during the **4th Intergovernmental Negotiations** – recommendation to focus on a very limited number of key messages, no long wish lists at this late stage.



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- UNEA 7 **urgent aim** of advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet
- Evoke **common but differentiated responsibilities**
- Placeholder re **Global Youth Environment Assembly**
- Placeholder re **Global Environmental Outlook 2025** and its findings
- Refers to **Pact for the Future** findings of the **Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem (IPBES) Assessment Report** on the Interlinkages Among Biodiversity, Water, Food and Health
- “We recognize that the interconnected nature of the global environmental challenges and crises, including climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, as well as desertification, land and soil degradation, drought and deforestation, requires urgent and collective responses from the international community”



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Action 1: bold actions that drive sustainable solutions to address the global environmental challenges **strengthen international cooperation** to advance sustainable, equitable and integrated solutions

- **prevent and reduce pollution**, accountability systems, evidence-based science-driven approach.
- advance **circular economy approaches** and policy, resource efficiency, sustainable consumption and production, waste minimization, prevention and minimization of exposures to hazardous chemicals, reduction of air, soil, land and water pollution, design of products, life-cycle assessments, innovation and systemic shifts in high impact sectors
- accelerate the shift towards **sustainable food systems** and strengthen collaboration for access to affordable, diversified, safe and healthy diets, end hunger, address water scarcity
- **sustainable economies**, leave no one behind, **renewable, low-emission efficient energy**, equity, responsibility in value chains, education, skills development & public awareness, just transition and vulnerable groups
- **Water cycle**, ecosystem-based approaches, access to safe and clean water, financial resources
- **One Health**
- **ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)**, National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), at least USD **300 billion** per year by 2035 for climate action
- coordination, coherence **warning systems and disaster risk reduction systems**
- Trustworthy sustainable **use of AI**



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Action 2: We will implement multilateral environmental agreements

- swift implementation of the **Global Framework on Chemicals**
- establishment of the Intergovernmental **Science-Policy Panel** on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution and commit to advancing a strong science-policy interface
- work of the **Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee** to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, reaffirm our shared commitment to continue engaging constructively and actively, taking into account national circumstances
- ratifying, approving or accepting the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (**BBNJ Agreement**)
- full and effective **implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework** through ambitious National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)
- **identify and reduce harmful incentives for biodiversity by at least 500 billion USD** per year by 2030, close the biodiversity funding gap by mobilising at least 200 billion USD annually by 2030
- **achievement of the Land Degradation Neutrality** targets of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification through the implementation of effective National Action Programmes and mobilizing financial resources



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Action 3: equity, inclusive societal participation and accessible means of implementation for the benefit of present and future generations.

- **adequate, predictable and timely means of implementation for developing countries** to enable them to tackle the global environmental challenges and to pursue their sustainable development pathways, transfer of technology on voluntary and mutually agreed terms.
- reform the **international financial architecture** and the **financing for development system**
- gender equality and enhance the **engagement of women and girls, children and youth, the elderly, persons with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples, and local communities, human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.**
- cooperation and collaboration with **Indigenous Peoples**, and local communities to incorporate **indigenous, traditional and local knowledge** and practices in environmental decision-making, while further emphasizing the importance of **localized and culturally sensitive approaches**



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Action 4: **effective coherent international environmental governance, rules of international law**

- **synergies, cooperation, and collaboration** in the national implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and other internationally agreed frameworks, **integrated approaches**
- effectiveness of **environmental assistance and recovery** in areas affected by **armed conflict, adhere to the rules of international law**, including the Charter of the United Nations, human rights law and international humanitarian law, protection of the environment in areas affected by armed conflict.
- **crimes that affect the environment are a serious threat**, strengthen legislation, improve international cooperation, data collection and enforcement capacity

UNEA 7 – Draft resolutions

European RCM 3 October 2025 - Patrizia Heidegger, EEB



Resolutions

- Resolutions are posted on the new **e-link portal**; the UNEA Resolutions Portal does not exist anymore; for now only MGFC members have access but resolutions cannot yet be downloaded.
- Deadline for states to submit draft resolutions: **29 Septmeber**. New drafts can still be proposed, drafts can be merged or withdrawn.
- **21 draft resolutions submitted so far; 18 on specific environmental policy issues**; 1 on the UNEP Medium Term Strategy and budget; and one each on the Management of trust funds and earmarked contributions and the Provisional agenda, dates and venue of the eighth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.
- **High number of resolutions**; some states proposed several resolutions; difficult to manage; mergers and withdrawals to be expected.
- Not yet thematically clustered.



Chemicals, waste and pollution

Switzerland: Chemicals and waste

Kenya: Environmental dimensions of antimicrobial pollution

- develop a science- and risk-based global surveillance system for antimicrobial residues and resistance in the environment, in close collaboration
- assist Member States particularly those in Low and Middle-Income countries to prevent and address the discharge of antimicrobials into the environment.
- to increase research and knowledge on the environmental dimensions of AMR and for catalyzing actions to address key sources of antimicrobial pollution
- to support technology transfer on voluntary and mutually agreed terms for controlling and preventing AMR in environment



Artificial intelligence

Kenya: Safe, responsible and sustainable Artificial Intelligence for people and planet.

- ensuring safe, responsible, and sustainable manner, taking into account environmental considerations across the AI lifecycle
- reducing AI's environmental footprint, enhancing transparency, and promoting resource-efficient AI systems
- research, development, and deployment of AI solutions that address environmental challenges, including climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, and desertification
- knowledge sharing, cooperation, and open AI
- Urgent implementation for the Global Environmental Data
- UNEP to develop voluntary guidelines and best practices for integrating environmental sustainability considerations into AI governance frameworks; facilitate knowledge exchange and pilot projects;
- UNEP to investigate methodologies for assessing and reducing the environmental footprint of AI systems, including through lifecycle assessments, energy efficiency measures, RE
- inclusive multi-stakeholder advisory group on AI and the environment
- prepare a Global Stock-take on Artificial Intelligence for the Environment





Sustainable management of metals and minerals

Colombia: Advancing an International Instrument for the Environmentally Sustainable Management of Minerals and Metals, through Lifecycle and Due Diligence Approaches

- Ad Hoc Open-Ended Expert Group (AHEG) to examine options for international instruments, including global and legally binding instruments, for the environmentally sound management of minerals and metals through full life-cycle and due diligence approaches, excluding mineral fuels and the marine environment
- 1 or 2 meetings before UNEA 8
- Means of implementation for different instruments

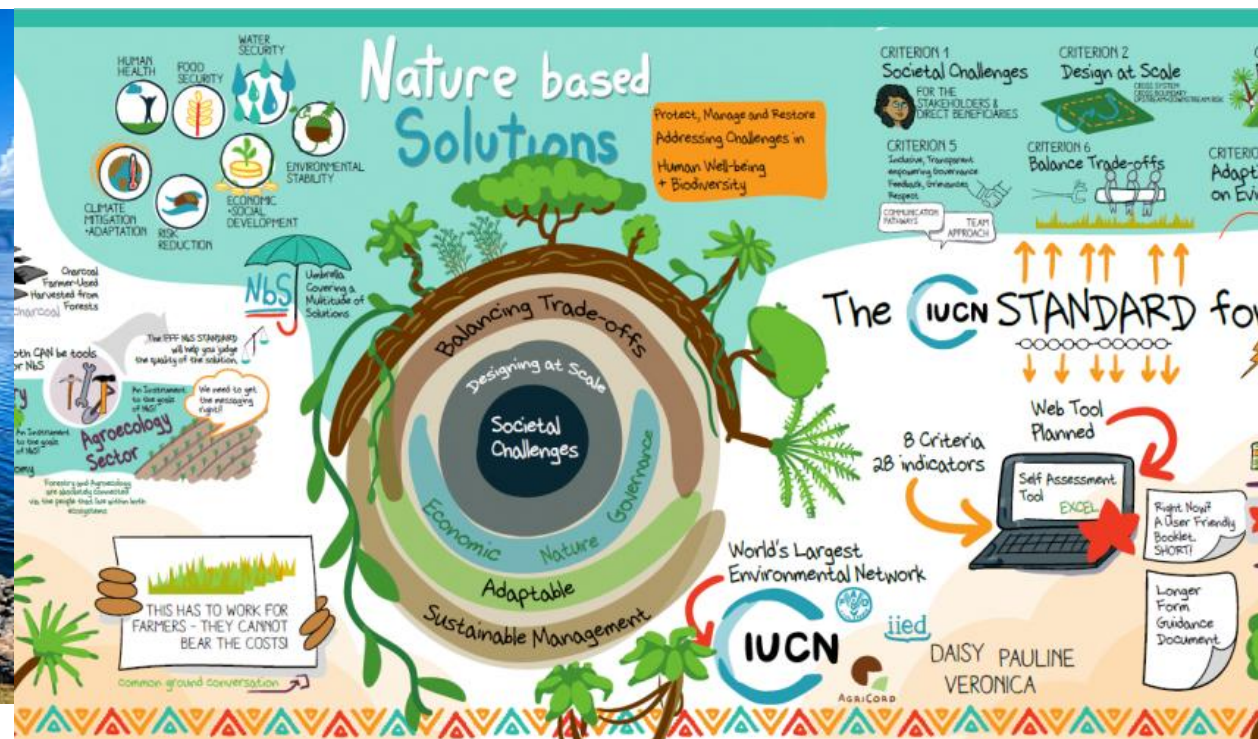
Oman: Management of mine tailing to enable circular recovery



Circular Economy

South Korea: Enhancing international environmental cooperation based on Needs Assessment for the transition to a circular economy

- **Establish** an expert group on Policy and Technical needs assessment for the transition to a circular economy, **develop** a framework for needs assessment in support of the transition to a circular economy, covering, **provide** opportunity for knowledge-sharing





Nature and climate adaptation

India: Strengthening global response on management of wildfires.

- Integrated whole of society approaches, climate strategies, cooperation
- Requests international financing institutions, GEF etc. to fund prevention and mitigation of wild fires

Indonesia: Protection and sustainable management of Karst ecosystem.

- affirming the importance of karst ecosystems
- UNEP to foster collaboration for karst ecosystem

Tajikistan: Resolution on the preservation of glaciers and the broader cryosphere

- integrate glaciers in UNEP reports
- high-level special session prior to UNEA8



Ocean environment

Vanuatu: Active Protection of Deep Sea Ecosystems

- UNEP to provide scientific assessments in collaboration re deep sea ecosystems
- Alternatives to deepsea mining including resource use reduction

Fiji: Accelerating global action to promote the climate resilience of coral reefs

- UNEP to support collaboration e.g. identifying reefs for protection
- financing mechanisms for coral reef protection

Dominican Republic: Strengthening Global response on the massive influx of sargassum seaweed blooms in the Greater Caribbean region.

- Establish open-ended working group
- UNEP assist affected states



Environmental crimes and implementation

Peru and Kenya: Enhancing the international response to address crimes that affect the environment.

- Give UNEP a clear authoritative mandate to address crimes that affect the environment.
- Request UNEP and UNODC to convene a joint programme

Vanuatu: Recognizing the Crime of Ecocide to Address Environmental Destruction and Climate Harm - WITHDRAWN

- States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to engage in dialogue and exchange of views on the clarification and development of international legal frameworks
- UNEP to convene a multi-stakeholder expert working group

Japan: Promoting Synergies, Cooperation or Collaboration for National Implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements and Other Relevant Environmental Instruments

- *Requests* the Executive Director of UNEP, subject to the availability of financial resources and upon request, to continue providing assistance to Member States to enhance synergies, cooperation or collaboration
- MEA Days as a part of UNEA



Stakeholders and Earthcentric Actions

Sri Lanka: Enhancing the meaningful participation of children and youth in environmental and. climate change action

- Calls on Member States to ensure participation, environmental and climate education
- UNEP to produce guidelines
- provide financial means

Kenya: Promoting sustainable solutions through sport for a resilient planet.

- *UNEP* to revise and update the *Long term strategy for sport and environment*
- To provide technical assistance to interested Member States,
- Develop a Global Framework on Sport and the Environment by 2026

Bolivia (Plurinational State of): Living Well in Balance and Harmony with Mother Earth and Mother EarthCentric Actions.

- non-commodification of the environmental functions of Mother Earth
- countries that recognize rights of nature and the rights of Mother Earth in the context of living well in balance and harmony with Mother Earth
- UNEP to ensure exchange on different value systems



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