



Resilience through inclusive partnerships: Catalyzing solutions across sectors

Multistakeholder Dialogue

Thursday, 11 December 2025, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. – Conference Room 1

A. Introduction

The Governing Council, through its decision 27/2¹, decided that the high-level segment of the United Nations Environment Assembly should organize a multi-stakeholder dialogue. Pursuant to this decision, the multistakeholder dialogue will be held on Thursday, 11 December 2025, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., during the high-level segment of the seventh session of the Environment Assembly (UNEA-7). The dialogue will provide an opportunity for an interactive high-level discussion between Major Groups and Stakeholders, Member States, and international organizations.

The UNEA-7 theme, “Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet,” emphasizes the need to accelerate sustainable solutions and effective responses for a safer and more resilient planet. The multi-stakeholder dialogue to be held under the theme “Resilience through inclusive partnerships: Catalyzing solutions across sectors” will aim to explore how inclusive, cross-sectoral partnerships can drive multisectoral solutions, resilience and sustainability in support of the overall theme of UNEA-7.

B. Scope and interlinkage

Today’s biggest challenges of climate change, pollution, biodiversity loss, desertification and land degradation, which are interconnected and threaten the well-being of humanity and planet are too complex for any one actor to solve alone. Accelerating sustainable solutions and effective responses for a safer and more resilient planet and catalyzing the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals requires all hands-on deck. It requires different sectors and actors to work together in an integrated manner.

In this regard, multistakeholder partnerships are not optional but essential for addressing today’s urgent and interlinked environmental challenges. Cross-sector collaboration is therefore crucial for tackling environmental challenges by aligning goals across sectors, sharing knowledge, expertise, technologies, coalescing of local needs and interests, and pooling resources. The dialogue will explore how inclusive partnerships can address the root cause of environmental challenges, create innovative, sustainable, and equitable solutions, and deliver transformation at scale while creating impact for further improving people’s well-being.

Bringing together diverse perspectives, combining different viewpoints, skills, and knowledge can lead to more innovative, creative, and sustainable solutions. This dialogue will focus on how inclusive partnerships — across sectors and from the grassroots level — can drive practical solutions to address environmental challenges.

It will consider how local/regional actions can be scaled up as well as provide an opportunity for Major Groups and Stakeholders to share good practices and practical sustainable solutions and how these can influence policy and strengthen accountability, with the goal of contributing towards a resilient planet.

¹ Find at the paragraph 5 of UNEP Governing Council [decision 27/2: Implementation of paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development](#)

C. Format

The dialogue will be facilitated by Mr. Felix Dodds, Adjunct Professor, Water Institute University, North Carolina, and Associate Fellow, Tellus Institute, Boston.

The dialogue will follow a structured, yet dynamic, and engaging format to encourage broad participation and focused discussion. It will be designed to foster inclusive, interactive, and solution-oriented exchange among the participants through introductory interventions, a panel discussion, and an open floor dialogue.

1. Welcome and opening remarks

The moderator will introduce the session, outline objectives, and expected outcomes for an inclusive and action-oriented dialogue.

The moderator will then invite the Executive Director of UNEP and a high-level invited guest to set the stage for the dialogue through short introductory interventions. The introductory interventions will provide context on the UNEA-7 theme and the importance of partnerships in catalyzing solutions.

2. Panel discussion

After the opening, the moderator will lead a brief panel discussion with 1-2 interventions each from five diverse panelists representing five different Major Groups and Stakeholders, who will share their insights, best practices and concrete proposals on how inclusive partnerships can drive resilience and catalyze solutions.

3. Interventions by Member States and international organizations

After the panel discussion, the moderator will invite selected representatives of Member States and international organizations to reflect on the messages shared during the opening and the panel discussion and offer reflections, experiences, and recommendations. The moderator will then open the floor for any other participants in the audience to contribute to the dialogue.

4. Closing remarks

The moderator will summarize the key messages and provide short closing remarks.

D. Guiding questions

- How can local/regional best practices and successful actions by the Major Groups and other Stakeholders be harnessed and scaled up to enhance resilience?
- How can inclusive, cross-sectoral partnerships, particularly those involving the Major Groups and Stakeholders, be designed and scaled to enhance resilience and accelerate sustainable solutions?
- What strategic roles can the Major Groups and Stakeholders play in fostering synergies and enhancing cooperation for the effective implementation of multilateral environmental agreements, the 2030 Agenda, UNEA resolutions and other relevant environmental instruments?

E. Expected outcomes and call for action

The dialogue is expected to come up with actionable recommendations, including practical proposals to scale up and catalyze solutions, through inclusive and cross-sectoral partnerships. A summary of the dialogue will be presented by the moderator at the closing plenary of the Environment Assembly and will be reflected in the UNEA-7 final report.

F. Contact details

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