

UNEA-7 Regional Preparatory Meeting for West Asia

Concept Note

23-24 September 2025

Muscat, The Sultanate of Oman – The Diplomatic Club

Background and Objective

The seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) will take place from 8 to 12 December 2025 at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, on the theme “*Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet*”.

UNEA-7 will be preceded by the seventh meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR-7) which will be held from 1 to 5 December 2025.

In this regard, the United Nations Environment Programme, Regional Office for West Asia (UNEP ROWA), generously hosted by the Environment Authority of the Sultanate of Oman, is organizing a preparatory meeting for the upcoming UNEA-7, in Muscat, on 23-24 September 2025. The objective of this meeting is to introduce UNEA-7 and its themes, as well as its draft resolutions and discussion topics. It will also provide a platform for exchanging information and views on the agenda and consolidating regional priorities.

The meeting will be facilitated by the Environment Authority of the Sultanate of Oman and the United Nations Environment Programme, Regional Office for West Asia, and a brief report including key recommendations will be issued after the event.

Agenda

Day 1: Tuesday 23 September 2025		
Time	Activity	Speaker/ Presenter
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00 – 09:10	Welcoming Remarks - Environment Authority of The Sultanate of Oman - United Nations Environment Programme, Regional Office for West Asia	H.E. Dr. Abdullah Bin Ali Al Amri, President of the Environment Authority of Oman Mr. Sami Dimassi, UNEP Representative and Regional Director for West Asia
09:10 – 09:15	Overview of Meeting Objectives and Agenda	Dr. Abdul-Majeid Haddad, UNEP Deputy Regional Director for West Asia
09:15 – 09:45	Session 1: Overview of UNEA-7 Discuss UNEA-7 logistical arrangements, including: - General updates on preparations - Brief overview of side events	Aline Nsengimana Umutoni, Special Assistant, Political Affairs, Secretariat of Governing Bodies and Stakeholders, UNEP HQ
09:45 – 10:15	Q&A Session	
10:15 – 10:35	Session 2: Outcomes of the Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment (CAMRE) meeting and other regional processes Summarize the outcomes of regional meetings and their linkages with UNEA-7	Nair Alaaeldin, Environment Officer, Department of Environmental and Meteorological Affairs (EMA), League of Arab States
10:35 – 10:45	Reading of the Statement of Major Groups and Stakeholders	
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 11:30	Session 3: Medium-Term Strategy / Programme of Work (MTS/PoW) Review and discuss the outcomes of the MTS/PoW for West Asia (2026-2027).	Sharmaarke Abdullahi, Programme Management Officer, Strategic Planning, Policy Programme Division, UNEP HQ

11:30 – 12:00	Session 4: Review of Key Outcomes from Previous UNEA Sessions Discuss main outcomes and resolutions from previous UNEA sessions and their relevance to the region.	Miraq Aljubouri, Regional Coordinator for Environmental Governance, UNEP ROWA
12:00 – 12:30	Prayer and Coffee Break	
12:30 – 13:00	Session 5: Draft Resolutions & UNEA Negotiation and Preparatory Bodies Briefly introduce the following: - Guidelines for the submission of draft resolutions - Work of the OECPR and Committee of the Whole - Intersessional period	Aline Nsengimana Umutoni, Special Assistant, Political Affairs, Secretariat of Governing Bodies and Stakeholders, UNEP HQ
13:00 – 13:30	Open Discussion and Concluding Remarks for Day 1	Environment Authority of Oman
13:30	Lunch	

Day 2: Wednesday 24 September 2025

Time	Activity	Speaker/ Presenter
09:00 – 09:15	Overview of Day 2 Objectives and Summary of Key Outcomes from Day 1	Miraq Aljubouri, Regional Coordinator for Environmental Governance, UNEP ROWA
09:15 – 09:45	Session 6: UNEA-7 Presidency Priorities, Key Achievements & Issues and Updates of the Ministerial Declaration	Technical Team of the UNEA-7 Presidency, Environment Authority of Oman
09:45 – 10:15	Open Discussion	Environment Authority of Oman
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee Break	
10:30 – 11:00	Session 7: Key Regional Priorities and Draft Resolutions from West Asia - Focus on key regional priorities - Discuss the draft resolutions submitted by countries of the West Asia region	Miraq Aljubouri, Regional Coordinator for Environmental Governance, UNEP ROWA
11:00 – 12:00	Closed Session 1	West Asia Member States Representatives



12:00 – 12:30	Prayer and Coffee Break	
12:30 – 13:15	Closed Session 2	West Asia Member States Representatives
13:15 – 13:30	Recommendations and Concluding Remarks	Dr. Abdul-Majeid Haddad, UNEP Deputy Regional Director for West Asia
13:30	Lunch	

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