



CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH

We, Members, Thematic Expert Work Groups, Research Forum/Associates and Volunteers of the Centre for Human Rights and Climate Change Research and the International Alliance for Multilateral Agreements welcomes the theme of UNEA-7, “Advancing Sustainable Solutions for a Resilient Planet” as being very ambitious and an opportunity for proactive resolutions and decision at UNEA7 that will be forward looking, promote resilience and make the planet more liveable. We thank Member States for the opportunity to make this input to the Zero Draft of UNEA7 and count on your commitment to consider all inputs received in the development of the Zero Draft of UNEA7. **We align with the input of the UNEP Africa Major Group** and submit this additional input.

Deeply concerned about the root causes and interlinkages among multiple existing and emerging environmental problems currently threatening the world including pollution, unsustainable waste management, climate change, biodiversity loss/extinction, ecosystem destruction, land degradation and food and water insecurities driven by unsustainable production, consumption and use of natural resources, fossil fuel dependency among others resulting in resource depletion, conflicts, poverty and inability to achieve sustainable development.

We call on member States to make a commitment to addressing the root causes of unsustainable practices through enhanced engagement patterns and increased investments in assessment approaches that are people centered.

We call for a commitment in increasing investment in engaging member state, observers and other stakeholder in conceptualizing ‘sustainable’ and ‘unsustainable’ solutions, promoting environmental research, knowledge sharing, environmental education and awareness-raising in the framework of sustainable development.

We call on member States to make a commitment to addressing multiple and emerging crisis through an integrated and multidimensional approach that leverages on the development of innovative and greener sustainable solutions and up scales existing sustainable solutions.

We call on Member State to adequately conceptualize sustainable solutions through a clear set of criteria and indicators which would include the integration of the pillars of sustainability and their interlinkages with poverty eradication and accelerating the achievement of the sustainable development goals,

We call on member States to in the zero draft give UNEP the opportunity to facilitate Member States, Observers including Major Groups and other Stakeholders to undertake national, regional and global audit of unsustainable solutions in key areas affected by environmental degradation and pollution in land, air or/and sea; in the same light to identify existing sustainable solutions that can aid transition and that can be up scaled; and new and emerging solutions being developed by member states, partners and individual researchers which can be supported to among other goals deal with most pressing environmental problems accelerate sustainable renewable energy transition plans and models, accelerate sustainable business and technology solutions/practices including decisions, models and strategies that support transition from unsustainable to sustainable solutions and approaches.

We call for a commitment by Member States to revolutionizing urban cities by promoting and encouraging the design and building of 100 percent friendly infrastructure, featuring green buildings, sustainable transportation systems, and climate resilient urban planning setting a standard for environmental conscious development.

Realizing that the choices we make today can jeopardize the existence of this generation and future generations to come, shaping the trajectory of our planet and the well-being of all its inhabitants. We call for a commitment to embracing and fostering a culture of stewardship for all by increasing investment to lifelong environmental learning, promoting innovation and knowledge sharing and developing content and capacity including developing national lifelong learning content warehouse.

We call for a commitment in the zero draft to promote opportunity to unlock new funds needed to finance integrated, innovative and coherent sustainable solutions that will promote resilience and reduce poverty

We call on Member States to in the zero draft promote and enhance investments in the development, up scaling and implementation of policies and that tackles the issues of unsustainable food systems including unsustainable food storage, processing and distribution by encouraging the implementation of sustainable and resilient agricultural practices, improving value generation, and significantly reducing waste and energy use along the food supply chain to help ensure food security and ecosystem functions and services.

Recognizing that sustainability cannot be achieved without the inputs of local stakeholders and the integration of their expertise, We call on Member States to commit to promoting synergy and collaboration, innovation, and collective action and partnerships among governments, private sector, civil society, local stakeholders including whole communities.

We call on Member States to make commitments in the zero draft to reviewing and development of legal frameworks and practices that will enhance the sustainable and transparent governance of natural resources and the implementation of MEAs including harnessing of existing and innovative indigenous practices that leverages on integration of indigenous knowledge and citizen science.

We call for a commitment by Member States to undertake action that will provide sustainable solutions to restoration of all types of ecosystem, management of metals, management of chemicals and reduces the unsustainable use and disposal of plastic products in the zero draft.

We call on Member States to ensure commitment in the zero draft to promote and support the active participation of civil society, citizens, indigenous peoples and local communities, the private sector, academia and other relevant stakeholders in achieving selecting criteria for assessment of sustainable solutions, sustainable solutions indicators for monitoring and for promoting their effective engagement in monitoring of sustainable solution diffusion.

We call for a commitment by Member States in the zero draft to ensuring transparency, accountability, and data sovereignty and good governance and good ethics models that will support and solidify the transitioning from unsustainable to sustainable solutions.

We call for a commitment by Member States in the zero draft to invest in investigation of safety, human rights implication of how integration of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence could be explored without further environmental damage and creation of false solutions.

We call for a commitment by Member States in the zero draft to establishing a global partnership named
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sustainable solutions watch.

Finally, we call on Member State to enhance its commitment to support and investment in unlocking the Potential of Nature-Based Solutions for Climate Resilience as a sustainable solution.