

Roadmap for the preparation of the draft ministerial declaration of the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7)

Timeframe	Action ¹
11 December 2024	Agreement on the theme for UNEA-7 and consideration at the joint UNEA and CPR Bureaux meeting of a draft roadmap to ensure an iterative, open, transparent, participatory and inclusive consultation towards an agreement on a draft ministerial declaration.
17 December 2024	Presentation of the draft roadmap by the UNEA Presidency at the 168th meeting of the CPR.
Early January 2025	- Finalization of the roadmap by the UNEA Presidency based on the guidance provided by the UNEA and CPR Bureaux and considering feedback provided at the 168th CPR meeting. - Circulation of a letter from the UNEA President informing of the roadmap and inviting Member States and observers, including the major groups and stakeholders, to identify key elements and issues to be included in the draft ministerial declaration, as well as key messages from ministers to be reflected in the draft addressing the theme of UNEA-7 with a deadline of 21 February 2025. - Inputs submitted in writing will be made available on a dedicated website.
21 February 2025	Deadline for the submission of written inputs.
25 March 2025	UNEA Bureau meeting - preliminary discussion at the UNEA Bureau meeting on the zero draft ministerial declaration and additional elements to be included.
1 April 2025	- Circulation of the zero draft ministerial declaration through a letter from the UNEA President, inviting Member States and observers, including the major groups and stakeholders, to provide written inputs on the zero draft ministerial declaration, with a deadline of 30 April 2025. The President will also invite Member States and observers, including the major groups and stakeholders, to the first informal consultation on the zero draft ministerial declaration scheduled for mid-April 2025. - Inputs submitted in writing will be made available on a dedicated website.
15 April 2025	First intergovernmental consultations [hybrid] with Member States² and observers, including the major groups and stakeholders, on the zero draft ministerial declaration.
30 April 2025	Deadline for submission of written inputs to the zero draft ministerial declaration.
28 May 2025	Joint UNEA and CPR Bureaux meeting - preliminary discussion at the Joint Bureaux meeting on the first draft ministerial declaration and additional elements to be included.
30 May 2025	- Circulation of a letter from the President of UNEA transmitting the first draft ministerial declaration and inviting Member States and observers, including the major groups and stakeholders, to provide written inputs and comments on the first draft with a deadline to provide inputs by 30 June 2025. - Inputs submitted in writing will be made available on a dedicated website.
16 June 2025	Second intergovernmental consultations [hybrid] with Member States² and observers, including the major groups and stakeholders, on the first draft ministerial declaration.
30 June 2025	Deadline for submission of written inputs to the first draft ministerial declaration.
3 July 2025	Joint UNEA and CPR Bureaux meeting- Further consideration of the first draft ministerial declaration, considering inputs and contributions received from Member States and observers, including the major groups and stakeholders, during the second informal

¹ Consultations also to be held by the President of UNEA through/in the margins of the regional ministerial environmental forums and in the margins of other intergovernmental meetings, as needed. Also, consultations may be held by the UNEA Presidency with the regional groups in Nairobi. Furthermore, additional intergovernmental consultations maybe convened as needed.

² UNEA focal points, particularly from those Member States not represented in Nairobi, are expected to participate online.

	consultations, with the objective to provide further guidance to the Presidency on the first draft.
29 August 2025	• Circulation of a letter from the UNEA President transmitting the revised first draft of the ministerial declaration based on inputs and contributions received from Member States and observers, including the major groups and stakeholders, with a deadline of 30 September 2025. • Inputs submitted in writing will be made available on a dedicated website.
10 September TBC	• Joint UNEA and CPR Bureaux meeting– Preparations for UNEA-7
17 September 2025	• Third intergovernmental consultations [hybrid] with Member States² and observers, including the major groups and stakeholders, on the revised first draft ministerial declaration.
30 September 2025	• Deadline for submission of written inputs to the revised first draft ministerial declaration.
15 October 2025	• Joint UNEA and CPR Bureaux meeting – consideration of the final draft of the ministerial declaration.
17 October 2025	• Circulation of a letter from the President of UNEA transmitting the final draft ministerial declaration and inviting Member States and observers, including the major groups and stakeholders, to provide written inputs and comments by 7 November 2025. • Inputs submitted in writing will be made available on a dedicated website.
5 November 2025	• Fourth intergovernmental consultations [hybrid] with Member States² and observers, including the major groups and stakeholders, on the final draft of the ministerial declaration.
7 November 2025	• Deadline for submission of written inputs to the final draft ministerial declaration.
27 November 2025	• Joint UNEA and CPR Bureaux meeting – consideration of the revised final draft ministerial declaration.
27 Nov 2025	• Circulation of a letter from the President of UNEA transmitting the revised final draft declaration for consideration at the 7th meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR-7).
1-5 December 2025	• Intergovernmental consultations as needed [in-person] with Member States and observers, including the major groups and stakeholders, on the revised final draft during the OECPR-7 led by the UNEA Presidency.
7 December 2025	• Joint UNEA and CPR Bureaux meeting - The President of UNEA will brief the Bureaux on the status of the final draft ministerial declaration.
12 December 2025	• Adoption by consensus of the draft ministerial declaration during the high-level segment of UNEA-7.