

Committee of Permanent Representatives

Bureau meeting

25 June 2026

10:00 – 12:00 (GMT +3)

Microsoft Teams (online)

Draft summary

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.

1. His Excellency Sultan Hajiyevev, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) and Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Kenya and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), opened and chaired the meeting.
2. Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP, delivered her opening remarks.
3. The [agenda](#) was adopted.

Agenda item 2: Preparations for the 13th annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

4. The Executive Director informed the Bureau on the preparations for the [13th annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives](#), to be held from 7 to 11 September 2026. She highlighted that the meeting would consider the [Programme Performance Report for 2024–2025](#), with a view to strengthening implementation of the new Medium-Term Strategy and Programme of Work, as well as UNEP's management, administration and financial sustainability, the funding base and implementation of the updated Resource Mobilization Strategy. The meeting would also review progress on the One Impact Framework, discuss the integration of regional priorities identified through the regional forums of ministers of the environment into UNEP's programme of work, receive updates on the Conference of Parties of the three Rio Conventions and the Environment Management Group (EMG), and consider UN80 initiative, including [Work Package 27](#).
5. The Secretariat presented [the draft provisional agenda](#) and [the proposed structure of the 13th annual subcommittee meeting](#), outlining the substantive agenda items, the proposed allocation of time over the five-day meeting, arrangements for hybrid participation, preparations for the Chair's summary, and logistical arrangements, including documentation and side events.
6. Bureau members made the following comments:
 - a. Noted the proposed agenda and expressed appreciation for the Secretariat's preparations for the annual subcommittee meeting.
 - b. Welcomed the inclusion of dedicated agenda items on the [UN80 initiative and Work Package 27](#), while seeking clarification on how Member States participating from Nairobi would contribute to these discussions and how the outcomes of the annual subcommittee would feed into the broader United Nations reform discussions in New York.
 - c. Emphasized the importance of allocating sufficient time for discussions under the agenda item on management and administration, noting its importance to the Committee's oversight responsibilities.
 - d. Observed that major oversight reports, such as MOPAN assessment, reports of the Office of Internal Oversight and the Board of Auditors, were not reflected in the proposed agenda and requested that audits and evaluations receive adequate consideration.
 - e. Highlighted the importance of ensuring that the Chair's summary, while neither a negotiated document nor a verbatim record, provides a balanced and fair reflection of the discussions.
 - f. Noted the inclusion of agenda items on the One Impact Framework, the Environment Management Group, the funding base of UNEP and the three Rio Conventions and underscored

the importance of considering broader United Nations system issues, including resource mobilization, equitable geographical representation, and the implementation of relevant UNEA resolutions.

7. In response, the Executive Director:
 - a. Explained that the agenda items on the Programme Performance Report and on management and administration are distinct and complementary, with the later covering budgetary, human resources, audits, organizational readiness, resource mobilization, risk management and related administrative matters, and [the Programme Performance Report](#) serves as the principal oversight item on the implementation of UNEP's programme of work during the previous biennium.
 - b. Also explained that, while the key findings and recommendations of audits and evaluations would be integrated into the relevant substantive agenda items of the annual subcommittee, several major audit and evaluation reports would not be available in time for consideration at the annual subcommittee. Accordingly, these reports would be considered at dedicated CPR subcommittee meetings later in 2026,¹ once they had been issued and sufficient time had been provided for Member States to review the reports and to engage in focused discussions with the relevant oversight bodies and the Secretariat.
 - c. Further noted that related reports, including the MOPAN assessment and the biennial evaluation synthesis report, would be considered together to facilitate a more coherent discussion of their findings and recommendations.
8. The members of the Bureau:
 - a. Agreed to encourage Member States, through their regional and political groups, to deliver group statements during the opening of the annual subcommittee meeting and consider reserving detailed national interventions for the relevant substantive agenda items throughout the week.
 - b. Requested the Secretariat to allocate more time for the consideration of the agenda item on the management and administration of UNEP and for audits and evaluations.
 - c. Requested the Secretariat to ensure that all meeting documentation is made available in advance of the meeting.

Agenda item 3: Other matters.

1. The Executive Director informed the Bureau that the Secretariat has circulated background documentation related to recommendation 1 of the [2025 report of the Joint Inspection Unit \(JIU\)](#) on the review of management and administration in UNEP and UNEA decision 7/7, including information on the CPR-based review process, the frequency and cost implications of CPR meetings, relevant decisions, and a proposed timeline and talking points to support regional consultations. She noted that the next step would be for the Bureau members to consult their respective regional groups and that the Secretariat remained available to support those consultations and respond to any questions. She encouraged the Bureau members to build on previous work undertaken through the CPR-based review while avoiding duplication of earlier discussions.
2. During the discussion, the Bureau members:
 - a. Sought clarification on the purpose of the guiding question circulated by the Secretariat and supported the development of a common set of guiding questions to facilitate regional consultations.
 - b. Supported the proposal for the Deputy Permanent Representatives of Bureau Member States to prepare draft guiding questions, emphasizing that the process should remain transparent, inclusive, and open to all regional groups.
3. The Secretariat clarified that the guiding question circulated to Bureau members was intended to

¹ 8 October subcommittee meeting to consider jointly the biennial evaluation synthesis report 2024-2025 and the MOPAN assessment of UNEP; 15 October subcommittee meeting to consider progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the 2025 report of the JIU on the review of management and administration in UNEP and the completed audits of the Office of Internal Oversight Services; and 3 November subcommittee meeting to consider the 2025 report of the Board of Auditors.

provide an initial basis for the regional consultations, and that the Bureau members may wish to develop additional questions.

4. The Executive Director welcomed the proposal by the Bureau for the Deputy Permanent Representatives of Bureau Member States to prepare draft guiding questions, noting that a Member State-led process would help ensure meaningful consultations while building on the previous CPR-based review.
5. The Chair concluded the discussion on recommendation 1 of the 2025 JIU report emphasizing the importance of continued consideration of the matter in the Bureau, including at a Bureau meeting in September, taking into account the work to be done by the Deputy Permanent Representatives of Bureau Member States on the guiding questions and the subsequent regional consultations.
6. The Secretariat informed the Bureau that, from September 2026 onwards, the CPR Bureau meetings would, where possible, be scheduled in the afternoon to facilitate the participation of the Presidency of UNEA as an ex officio member of the Bureau.
7. The Rapporteur of the Committee and Permanent Representative of Australia to UNEP, Her Excellency Jenny Da Rin, informed the Bureau that this would be her final Bureau meeting.
8. The Vice-Chair of the Committee and Permanent Representative of Peru to UNEP, Her Excellency Romy Tincopa, also informed the Bureau that, in accordance with the agreed arrangement within the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, she would conclude her term on the Bureau, with the Permanent Representative of Mexico to UNEP assuming the seat for the remainder of her term.
9. The Bureau members and the Executive Director expressed their appreciation to Ambassadors Jenny Da Rin and Romy Tincopa for their valuable contributions to the work of the Committee and the Bureau and wished them every success in her future endeavours.

Agenda item 4: Closing of the meeting.

10. The meeting closed at 11:23 (GMT+3).

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Annex: List of Participants

Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau Members:

H. E. Mr. Sultan Hajiyeu, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Kenya, and Permanent Representative to UNEP.

H. E. Ms. Marie Charlotte G. Tang, Vice-Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of the Philippines to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP.

H. E. Mr. Anouar Ben Youssef, Vice Chair of the Committee, Ambassador of Tunisia to Kenya, and Permanent Representative to UNEP.

H. E. Mrs. Romy Sonia Tincopa Grados, Vice Chair, Ambassador of Peru to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP.

H. E. Ms. Jenny Da Rin, Rapporteur of the Committee and High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Australia to UNEP.

The UN Environment Program Secretariat was represented by:

Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director.

Ms. Elisabeth Mrema, Deputy Executive Director

Mr. Nicolas Bertrand, Chief of Staff.

Ms. Radhika Ochalik, Secretary of Governing Bodies.

Mr. Stadler Trengove, Principal Legal Advisor.