

“Agenda Item 5: Implementation of the outcomes of UNEA in the context of the Programme of work and budget 2022-2023 of UNEP”

- EU + MS thank UNEP Secretariat for sharing information on implementation of the outcomes of UNEA through the UNEA Monitoring and Reporting Portal, which reflects detailed updates on the implementation of UNEA resolutions.
- We draw the attention that currently the portal is very difficult to access, and a number of colleagues in Nairobi and in Capitals are not able to reach the information available on the portal. We ask the Secretariat to provide an easily accessible link to the Portal and request to assist Member States by solving accessibility problems.
- EU+MS appreciate that the Secretariat offered an opportunity to receive some detailed information on implementation of some UNEA-5.2 resolutions at the meetings of CPR and its subcommittee during July – October 2022 that allowed member states already comment on the progress achieved on individual pieces of resolutions.
- We expected however to receive a brief presentation by the Secretariat, by highlighting the links between the UNEA 5 resolutions and the sub-programmes of the Programme of Work for 2022-2023.
- The EU+MS welcome new information on implementation of the resolutions 5/1 entitled “Animal welfare-environment-sustainable development nexus”, 5/4 “Sustainable Lake Management”, 5/6 “Biodiversity and health”, 5/7 “Sound management of chemicals and waste”, 5/9 “Sustainable and resilient infrastructure” and 5/10 “The environmental dimension of a sustainable, resilient and inclusive post COVID-19 recovery”. We hope that progress in implementation of these resolutions will contribute to the successful delivery of the results at UNEA-6 and at related global and regional processes.
- EU+MS would like commend positively the efforts of the UNEP Secretariat and member states to start comprehensive implementation the resolutions 5/2 “Sustainable nitrogen management”, 5/3 “Future of the Global Environment Outlook”, 5/5 “Nature-based solutions for supporting sustainable development”, 5/8 “Science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution”, 5/11 “Enhancing circular economy as a contribution to achieving sustainable consumption and production” and 5/12 “Environmental aspects of minerals and metal management”.
- We ecco other Member States, saying that all resolutions deserve the equal treatment and balanced attention by the Secretariat and the Member States, but it is also correct, that these resolutions are very different in nature and they require different timelines and resources for implementation.
- The EU and its MS hear the concern on the lack of funding for the implementation of the resolutions. We continue to encourage all MS to contribute to the implementation of all resolutions, based on their capacities. But we can only support questions from Switzerland who request to clarify, how UNEP calculates the gap of funding for new resolutions. We would appreciate more explanation on this.
- Several MS intervened seeking to understand how the new resolutions fit with the PoW for 2022-2023 and the MTS and its Sub-programmes. This is important to understand in order to increase efficiency of implementation of the PoW and the resolutions. We recommend the Secretariat to put more efforts in identifying those links.

- The EU and its 27 Member States wish to offer some recommendations how to address it in preparing for and implementing future UNEA-6 resolutions. The preparation for negotiations should offer:
 - a) an update on the state of play on existing Resolutions: which previous resolutions are obsolete and which are replaced by new ones;
 - b) preliminary implementation plans for new resolutions. These plans should indicate, how new resolutions with link with the PoW, and they should be accompanied by resource mobilization plan including which financial and human resources are expected and are available.
 - d) what are the expected partners in implementation, that could contribute on substance but also financially.
- This will allow UNEP member states to assess, during negotiations on resolutions, the potential to get involved in their implementation. This should also help secretariat to better plan the budget for the implementation, relying on Environment Fund, GEF, voluntary earmarked and non-earmarked funding etc.
- We trust this will also lead to adoption to most relevant and impactful resolutions.
- The successful implementation of UNEA-5 resolutions can prove that UNEP is reliable, knowledgeable a forward-looking provider of services to the member states but also strong, strategic partner of other UN entities and other institutions when delivering environmental part of the Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals at global, regional and national levels.
- EU and its MS wish also to point that substantial progress achieved in implementation of UNEA-5 resolutions might bring inspirational impetus into the UN Water Conference in 2023, SDGs Summit at 78th UNGA 2023, to the COPs and Strategic Plans of the Rio Conventions as well as other MEAs and major events processes (e.g., ICCM5) in the forthcoming years. The progress and expected outcomes can also have positive impact on the discussion on the theme of UNEA-6 and its potential deliberations.
- EU and its MS consider as important to apply integrated and synergistic approach when implementing the resolutions where appropriate to ensure effective use of financial resources and staff and to bring multiple benefits. The managers of the sub-programme/themes should avoid duplications in potential implementation projects at regional and country levels and try better reflecting specifics of regions.