

Guidance note for the UNEA-7 Leadership Dialogues

The seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7), to be held from 8 to 12 December 2025, will feature three leadership dialogues aligned with the UNEA-7 theme of “Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet”.

The three leadership dialogues are:

1. [Leadership Dialogue 1: An Ounce of Prevention Beats a Tonne of Cure: Why addressing environmental crises is essential for human health](#); Thursday, 11 December 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EAT
2. [Leadership Dialogue 2: Round and Round: Why circularity and sustainability are critical to the future of global industry](#); Friday, 12 December 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. EAT
3. [Leadership Dialogue 3: The Bottom Line: Why tackling environmental degradation is critical to the future of the global financial system](#); Friday, 12 December 2025, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. EAT

The concept note for each leadership dialogue is available on the [official website](#) of the seventh session.

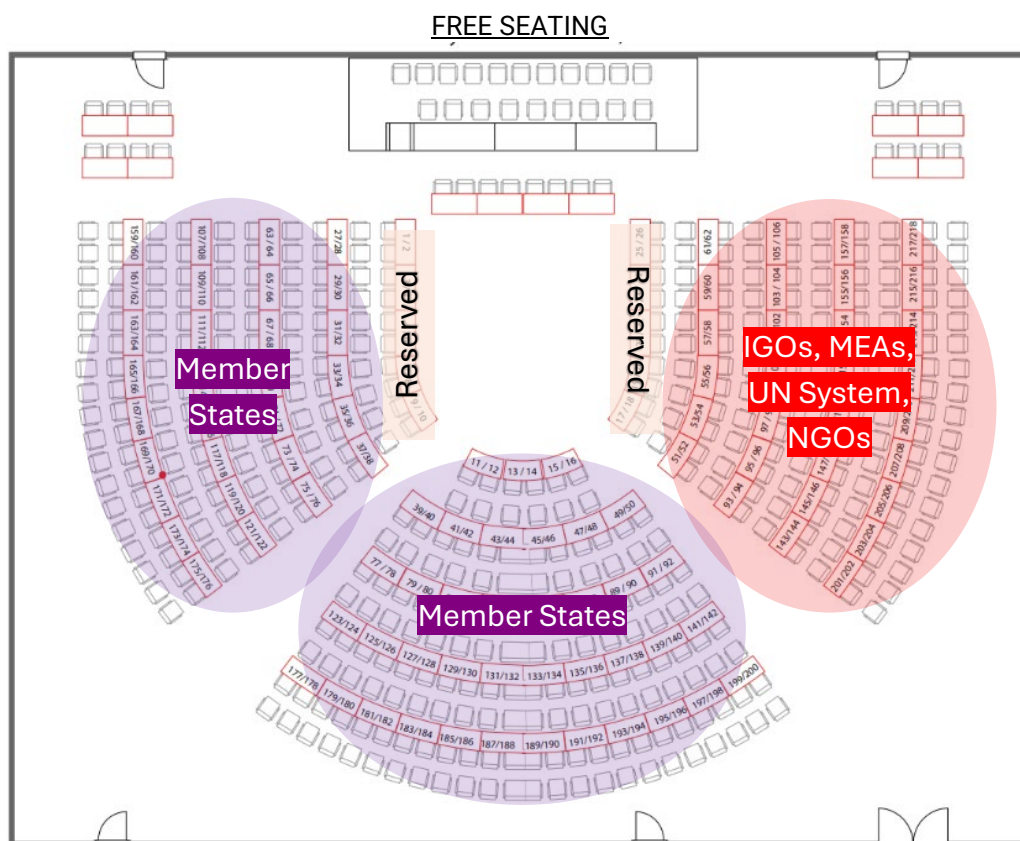
Each dialogue will last about 90 minutes and will be held fully in person as a high-level, interactive moderated session. The leadership dialogues will be open to all participants accredited to the seventh session of the Assembly. The dialogues will be held with interpretation in all six official languages and live streamed via [United Nations Web TV](#).

Choreography

The guest speakers will be seated at their assigned seat on the stage in the Leadership Dialogue Room (Conference Room 1). The moderator will introduce the guest speakers who will remain at the stage for the entire duration of the Leadership Dialogue.

1. There will be no pre-established list of speakers for the dialogues. Delegations will be invited to raise their name plates to indicate their wish to speak when the floor is opened for interventions. Each dialogue will be facilitated by a moderator to ensure an interactive discussion. Guiding questions are provided in the [concept notes](#) to guide the preparation of interventions. The moderator will address follow-up questions to the guest speakers as needed.
2. In determining the order of speakers, priority will be given to speakers at the level of Head of State or Government or the ministerial level, followed by high-level representatives and other stakeholders. Efforts will be made to ensure that participation in the leadership dialogue is interactive and balanced among speakers from participating Member States, observers, and major groups and stakeholders. It is envisaged that up to 15 Member States; three intergovernmental organizations, specialized agencies, and other United Nations system entities; and three major groups and stakeholders may be able to speak during the interactive discussion.
3. To ensure maximum participation, interventions should be made from the floor and should adhere strictly to the time limit of 2 minutes. After the interactive discussion, the moderator will invite the guest speakers to make brief concluding remarks.
4. A timer will be displayed on the main screen to show the time limit of two minutes. Microphone will not be cut off though.
5. A summary of each dialogue will be prepared by the secretariat and presented orally by the respective moderator at the closing plenary meeting of UNEA-7, to be held on Friday, 12 December, at 3:00 p.m., and will be included in the final report of the session.

Seating plan for the Leadership Dialogues in Dialogue Hall (Conference Room 1)



Contact

Each Leadership Dialogue is supported by focal points from UNEP. Any questions regarding the organization of the leadership dialogues can be addressed to Marlene Nilsson (marlene.nilsson@un.org).