21st Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF)

in preparation the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7)

Solidarity Year 2025:
Inclusive and Sustainable Actions for a Resilient Planet

Date: 6 + 7 December 2025
Venue: UNON Nairobi - Conference Room 1 + online

AGENDA

Day 1 – Saturday, 6 December 2025

09:00 – 09:10 **Getting to know each other**
Facilitated by Women MG

09:10 – 09:30 **Welcome & Opening**

- Welcome messages from Dalia Márquez and Frankie Orona, MGFC co-chairs
- Welcome message from Inger Andersen, Executive Director, UNEP

09:30 – 09:40 **Organisation of work**
Facilitator: Patrizia Heidegger, Regional Facilitator Europe

- Rules of engagement (offline/online)
- Organisation of work
- Adoption of agenda

09:40 – 10:30 **Linking UNEA to international fora and processes**
Facilitator: David Munene, Regional Facilitator Africa

Short reports of 3 min per speaker:

- UNEP workshops on geo-engineering and Solar Radiation Modification (SRM): Stephen Stec (Science & Technology) & Mary Church (NGOs)
- Global Youth Environment Assembly: Clive Donnley (Children and Youth)
- Women Environment Assembly: Teresia Gitau & Rabeb Aloui (Women)
- UNFCCC COP 30: Bert de Wel (Workers & Trade Unions) & Ajay Jah (RF Asia)
- INC 5.2 (Plastics Treaty): Prem Singh Tharu (Indigenous Peoples) & Christopher Chin (NGOs)
- Cities Summit: Carlos Mascarell Vilar (Local Authorities)

10:30 – 11:00	***Coffee break + poster creation for photo moment***
11:00 – 11:30	**Resolution Cluster A** *Facilitators: A.G. Kawamura (Farmers)* Interventions from draft resolution contact points
11:30 – 12:00	**Resolution Cluster B** *Facilitators: Carlos Mascarell Vilar* (Local Authorities) *& Patrizia Heidegger (NGOs)* Interventions from draft resolution contact points
12:00 – 12:30	**Resolution Cluster C** *Facilitators: John Lindberg (Business & Industry) & Anna Odur (NGOs)* Interventions from draft resolution contact points
12:30 – 12:45	**Resolution Cluster D** *Facilitators: Frankie Orona (Indigenous Peoples)* Interventions from draft resolution contact points
12:45 – 14:00	***GMGSF photo moment on the flight of stairs outside*** ***Lunch break***
14:00 – 14:45	**Civic space & action to protect public participation** *Facilitator: Manuel Abreu (NGOs)* Testimonies from Major Groups - max. 3-4 min each: - *Citizen science:* Martin Brocklehurst, Global Citizen Science Community (S&T MG) - *Civic space in Asia Pacific:* Wali Haider, Roots for Equity, Pakistan - *Effective collaboration in advancing MEAs at the national level:* Chinkie Peliño-Golle (RF Asia Pacific) - *Upholding UNDRIP:* Juressa Lee (Indigenous Peoples) - *Public participation at local level:* Meritxell Budó, Mayor of La Garriga and President of the Catalan Association of Municipalities (Local Authorities MG) - *Challenges and Opportunities for Civic Space in the Middle East:* Mohamed Alzuhairi (RF West Asia) - *Championing women's participation:* Sascha Gabizon, Women MG

Response from Member State Representative:
European Commission (TBC)
Shariar Hossain, Bangladesh

14:45 – 15:30 **Engaging with the Intergovernmental Science Policy Panel on chemicals, waste and pollution (ISP-CWP)**
Facilitator: Camilla Alexander-White, Science & Technology MG

What is the ISP-CWP?
Tessa Goverse, Head of the Interim Secretariat of the ISP-CWP, UNEP

Discussion around guiding questions:
- What do Major Groups and Stakeholders expect from the ISP-CWP?
- Which thematic issues need to be taken up by the Panel?
- How does the work of the Panel relate to other processes, such as the Plastics Treaty process or the Global Framework on Chemicals?
- How can we ensure strong representation of Major Groups and Stakeholders throughout its work?

15:30 – 16:00 **Adoption of the Joint Global Statement**
Facilitators: Dalia Márquez and Frankie Orona, MGFC co-chairs

16:00 – 16:30 ***Coffee break***

16:30 – 17:00 **Solidarity with environmentalists making a difference during armed conflict and occupation**
Facilitator: Oksana Volosko-Demkiv (NGO MG/RF Europe)

- Palestine: Gabriella Neubert, Arab Group for the Protection of Nature
- Ukraine: Oksana Volosko-Demkiv, National Ecological Centre of Ukraine
- Sudan: Alaaeldein Yousif, Deriba Center for Environmental Studies

17:00 – 17:30 **Looking ahead at the UNEA 7 week**
Facilitators: Dalia Márquez and Frankie Orona, MGFC co-chairs

- Presentation of Morning Meeting
- Green Room events
- Clarification of speaking roles for MGs during UNEA week

17:45 – 18:00 **Closing of Day 1, outlook Day 2**
Facilitators: Dalia Márquez and Frankie Orona, MGFC co-chairs

Day 2 – Sunday 7 December

09:00 – 09:30 **Opening and welcome**
Facilitators: Dalia Márquez and Frankie Orona, MGFC co-chairs

Activity to get to know each other

- Short welcome from Dalia Márquez and Frankie Orona, MGFC co-chairs
- Short presentation of the day's agenda: Patrizia Heidegger

09:30 – 09:45 **Update on Stakeholder Forum initiatives**
Facilitator: Patrizia Heidegger (RF Europe)

Short presentation by Felix Dodds & Louis Meuleman, Stakeholder Forum
- Pocket Guide on Sustainable Development Governance
- Clustering of MEAs

09:45 – 10:15 **Driving Sustainable Transformation Across Sectors: From Voluntary Commitments to Certified and Assured Action**
Co-Chair: Faisal Alfadl, Saudi Green Building Forum, Co-Facilitator of Business and Industry Major Group and Stakeholders

Open Questions:

1. How can stakeholders advance from voluntary sustainability commitments to certified and assured action, as encouraged by UNEA resolutions on strengthened implementation and accountability?

3 min interventions:
- Brian Lindsay, Global Dairy Platform
- Ahmed Fathy, YLE Foundation

2. What UNEA-supported mechanisms—such as transparent monitoring systems, quality environmental data, and internationally recognized accreditation—are essential to drive measurable impact across sectors?

3 min interventions:
- Alaaeldein Abdelrahman Yousif, Deriba Center for Environmental Studies
- TBC

3. How can digital platforms, AI, and real-time data systems enhance synergy across sectors and accelerate the shift toward assured environmental performance, particularly in developing and fast-growing Economies?

3 min interventions:

- Camilla Alexander-White, Royal Society of Chemistry
- Faith Munyalo, Don Bosco Tech Africa

10:15 – 11:00 **Final information regarding UNEA 7 week and MG participation**
Facilitation: Musa Mussa (NGOs)

- Presentation by David Ombisi, Governance Affairs Office, UNEP
- Questions from the floor & answers

11:00 – 11:15 ***Coffee break***

11:15 – 12:30 **Exchange with UN Special Rapporteur on toxics and human rights Marcos A Orellana**
Facilitator: Chinkie Peliño-Golle (RF Asia Pacific)

- Presentation by the Special Rapporteur on his current priorities
- Open exchange and discussion with Major Groups and Stakeholders

12:30 – 13:30 ***Lunch break***

13:30 – 14:20 **Global Environmental Outlook 7 - knowledge for a sustainable future**
Facilitator: Ndeye Fatou Ndiaye (RF Africa)

The session will introduce GEO7 and encourage reflections about the process, GEO's role and challenges to knowledge-based policy making.

5 minute interventions:

What is the Global Environmental Outlook (GEO)?
Nick King, Environmental Futurist, South Africa, Multidisciplinary Expert Scientific Advisory Group (MESAG) Co-chair

How to ensure a whole-of-society approach to knowledge-based policy-making?
Arthur Eijs, Formerly, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water management, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Intergovernmental and Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group (IMAG) Co-chair

What challenges for knowledge-based decision-making?
Ruth Spencer, Advisory Board Member UN Women's Civil Society Advisory Group for the Caribbean, Intergovernmental and Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group (IMAG)

How does GEO7 embrace Indigenous Peoples Knowledge?
Yolanda Lopez-Maldonado, Earth Systems Scientist, Founder and CEO Indigenous Science

What role for Children and Youth and the development of GEO7?

Shaneica Lester, Environmental Geographer,The University of the West Indies, GEO-7 Fellow

Questions and reflections from the floor & discussion

14:20 – 14:30 ***Short break and final prep for following high-level meeting***

14:30 – 15:30 **Exchange with UNEA President and UNEP Executive Director**

Facilitators: Dalia Márquez and Frankie Orona, MGFC co-chairs

Key note by the UNEA President, His Excellency Abdullah Bin Ali Al-Amri, President of the Environment Authority of Oman

Key note by Inger Andersen, Executive Director, UNEP

Questions and reflections per Major Group and Region

15:20 Photo moment with UNEA President and UNEP ED

15:30 – 15:45 ***Coffee break***

15:45 – 16:40 **Informal Dialogue between Member States (MS) and Major Groups and Stakeholders (MGS) - Group of Friends**
Facilitators: Clive Donnley (Children & Youth) and Joost van den Broek, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to UNEP - Co-Chairs of the Group of Friends

Reflections on the Group of Friends from UNEA 6 to UNEA7 and ideas for the future

16:40 – 16:50 **Formal Closing of GMGSF**
Facilitators: Dalia Márquez & Frankie Orona, MGFC co-chairs

Following the GMGSF Programme:

17:00 – 18:00 **High-level Segment of the Youth Environment Assembly (YEA)**

18:00 **Intergenerational get-together in the Fountain Area (outside CR 1)**