

UNEP New York Office

Orientation Sessions for Members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

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Overview of Functions

- Represent UNEP in different inter-governmental and UN inter-agency meetings, processes and diverse cooperation platforms in UN Headquarters, such as 2nd and 5th Committee, and at the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ).
- Advocate for UNEP's mandate, strategic programme priorities and orientations and acting as a clearinghouse for information of relevance to UNEP.
- Facilitate the integration/mainstream of key environmental issues in UN intergovernmental processes, UN system policies, programme and work to leverage and scale up action and investments.
- Provide regular updates relevant to UNEP's mandate and work to UNEP Headquarters and New York constituencies.
- Focus on stakeholder outreach to enhance the visibility of UNEP and UNEA in the region.

Intergovernmental work

Inform and influence: bring expertise and science to the larger UN agenda through intergovernmental processes to integrate the environmental dimension of sustainable development, including through substantively contributing to the preparation of meetings.

Enhance strategic engagement with Member States on specific agendas and provide **strategic and political analysis** to UNEP HQs, mainstreaming the environment in the intergovernmental discussions.

Contribute to UN reporting to Member States - coordinate UNEP's contribution to UN reporting (QPCR, SG reports)

Communicate and advocate: Roundtables and policy dialogues on environmental issues with Member States, and Major Groups and stakeholders on key priority areas.

Reporting and Support to the work of the UN General Assembly and ECOSOC

- UNEA reports to the UN GA through ECOSOC
- 10YFP reports to HLPF under the auspices of ECOSOC
- UNEP NYO provides secretariat to the GA resolution on UNEA report and GA resolution on ICZM (every 2 years)
- We support other secretariats in the consultations on GA resolutions that are relevant to UNEP's work
- Provide inputs to other SG reports including SCP
- In addition to the 2nd Committee, we support preparations for UN conferences and meetings such as the HLPF Stockholm+ 50, Ocean Conference, AMR, PPPR, SDG Summit, etc.
- UNEP NYO also support in the follow-up of the 5th Committee, including ACABQ



Support to the preparation of and engagement in UN intergovernmental processes and their follow-up

ECOSOC

- Partnerships Forum
- Coordination segment
- Youth Forum
- Multistakeholder Forum on STI
- High Level Political Forum
- Operational Activities segment
- UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- Financing for Development Forum
- High-Level Political Forum

General Assembly

- SDG Summit
- Meetings mandate by the GA, such as the Summit of the Future, UN Ocean Conference, High- level meetings (AMR, PPPR, etc.), LDC3, SIDS4, LLDC3
- In 2025: FfD4, World Social Summit, UN Ocean Conference, High-Level Meeting on Non-communicable diseases

Interagency work

Inform and influence relevant interagency processes to integrate the environmental dimension of sustainable development.

Communicate: bring UNEP's expertise and science in the larger UN agenda (sustainable development, extractives, plastics, biodiversity).

Enhance strategic engagement with UN agencies on specific agendas (fully aligned with corporate priorities and critical investment areas).

Improve coordination of UNEP's contribution in UN implementation, monitoring and reporting of common approaches, strategies and mandates given by Member States.

Support EMG and SUN to provide guidance and tools to the UN system, UNEP Regional Offices and DCO to advance environmental sustainability at regional and country level.

Partnerships and Network - assist partnerships with other UN entities.

The Environment Management Group (EMG)



- ❑ A UN system-wide coordination body on environment and human settlements.
- ❑ Established in 2001 as a response to the General Assembly **resolution 53/242** in July 1999. The resolution supported the proposal of the Secretary-General to establish an environmental management group contained in his report on the [Environment and Human Settlements \(A/53/463\)](#).
- ❑ Has a membership of 52 UN entities and 3 observing bodies.
- ❑ Identifies issues on the international environmental agenda that warrant UN system-wide collaboration and finds ways to engage its collective capacity to create holistic responses to those issues.
- ❑ Operates through leading a variety of technical meetings, Issue Management Groups and task forces. Additionally, the EMG assists UN entities in addressing environmental issues through articulation and implementation of Common Approaches.

The Sustainable UN Facility (SUN)

- ❑ Since 2008, the facility has assisted the UN system in integrating environmental considerations in managing UN System facilities and operations.
- ❑ Provides methodologies, tools and technical assistance via the “Greening the Blue” initiative
- ❑ The SUN facility works via a network of appointed “Sustainability focal points’ in close to 60 Un entities
- ❑ SUN publishes annual progress on the implementation of the Chief Executives Board’s *Strategy for Sustainability Management in the United Nations System 2020-2030, Phase I: Environmental Sustainability in the Area of Management* via the Greening the Blue report
- ❑ Responds to the 2020 and 2024 QCPR calls to UN entities “to reduce their climate and environmental footprint” and reports about it



Thank you



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