Guidance note on agenda item 10: Cooperation with Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs Day)

Wednesday, 10 December 2025
Dialogue Hall (Conference Room1)
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The seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) to be held from 8 to 12 December 2025 at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, will devote Wednesday, 10 December to highlight the importance of cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements under agenda item 10 entitled "Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements", celebrating success stories, championing integrated solutions, and inspiring greater collective environmental action. The MEAs Day will include four segments focusing on the UNEA-7 theme of "Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet".

All segments of the MEAs Day, are official elements of UNEA-7 and will be held in Conference Room 1. They will be open to all participants accredited to the seventh session of the Assembly. They will be held with interpretation in all UN official languages and live streamed via United Nations Web TV.

The opening plenary of the consideration of the agenda item (10 to 10.30 a.m.) will be followed by two high-level dialogues, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. The day will conclude with a moderated high-level plenary discussion from 5 to 6 p.m. highlighting the conclusions and key outcomes of the day.

- **High-Level Dialogue** 1: "Signed, Sealed, Delivered? - Turbocharging MEAs implementation through whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches", Wednesday, 10 December, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **High-Level Dialogue 2**: "Keeping the Promise - Boosting SDGs implementation through the MEAs", Wednesday, 10 December, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- **High-Level Discussion on the Conclusions of the MEAs Day**, Wednesday, 10 December, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The two high-level dialogues and moderated high-level discussion on the conclusions will be held fully in person as high-level, interactive moderated sessions.

Choreography

1. There will be no pre-established list of speakers from the floor for the two high-level dialogues and moderated high-level discussion on the conclusions. **Participants will be invited to raise their name plates to indicate their wish to speak when the floor is open 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 from the participants. If time allows, the moderator may address follow-up questions to the speakers.

2. The structure of the two high-level dialogues will be as follows: after explaining the modalities of participation, the moderator will open the floor for an interactive discussion totalling 110 minutes, during which representatives of Member States and observers, including intergovernmental organizations, secretariats of MEAs, relevant United Nations entities and

specialized agencies as well as accredited major groups and stakeholders participating in UNEA-7, will be invited to share their perspectives, reflections and experiences. **To ensure maximum participation, interventions will be made from the floor and should adhere strictly to the time limit of two minutes. A countdown timer will be displayed on the screens in the room to show the time limit.**

3. 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 observers. Efforts will be made to ensure that participation in the two high-level dialogue is interactive and balanced among speakers from participating Member States and observers, including intergovernmental organizations, secretariats of MEAs, relevant United Nations entities and specialized agencies, as well as accredited major groups and stakeholders. It is envisaged that for each of the high-level dialogues, representatives of up to 12 Member States; representatives (executive secretaries and heads) of the secretariats of multilateral environmental agreements; up to three entities chosen from among intergovernmental organizations, specialized agencies, and other United Nations system entities; and up to three major groups and stakeholders may be able to speak during the interactive discussion. The moderator will end each of the high-level dialogues with brief closing remarks.

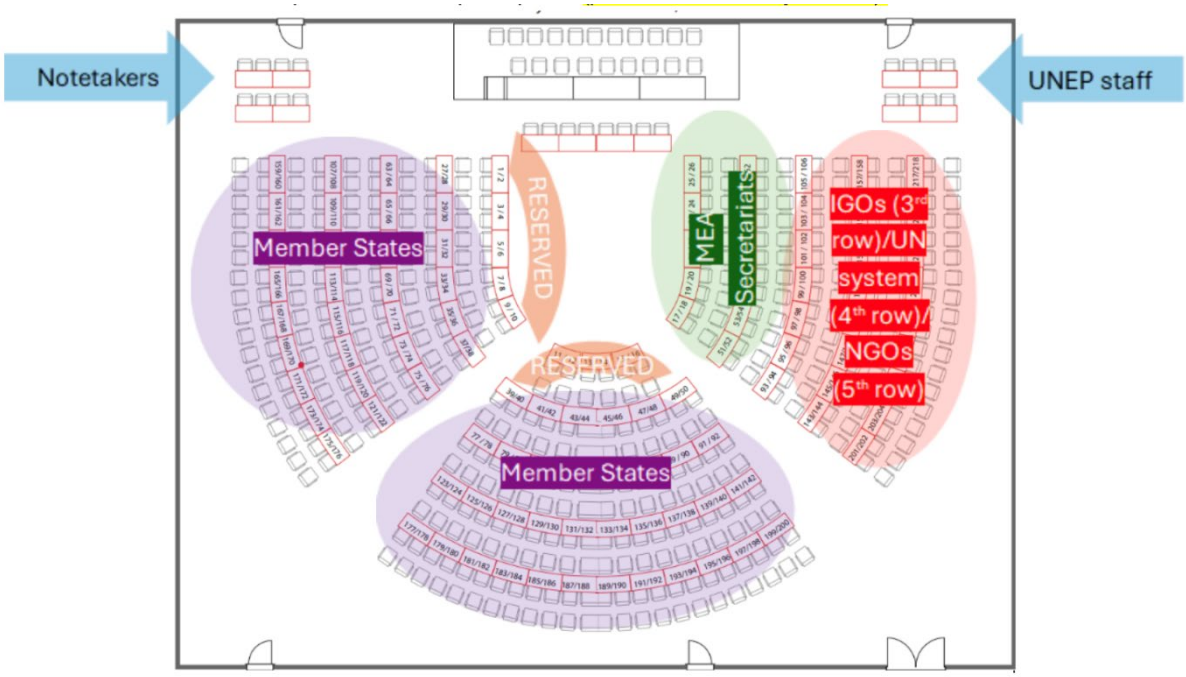
4. The structure of the moderated high-level discussion on the conclusions of "MEAs Day" will be as follows: after explaining the modalities of participation, the moderator will invite the panel speakers to deliver their interventions for a total of three minutes each. Following the panel speakers' interventions, the moderator will open the floor for any additional interventions from the room for a total of thirty (30) minutes. For the participation from the floor, efforts will be made to ensure interaction and balance among speakers from participating Member States, intergovernmental organizations, secretariats of multilateral agreements, specialized sgencies and other United Nations entities, as well as accredited major groups and stakeholders. **To ensure maximum participation, interventions from the floor should adhere strictly to the time limit of two minutes. A countdown timer will be displayed in the room screens to show the time limit.**

5. The moderator will end the high-level discussion on the conclusions with brief closing remarks.

6. The Environment Assembly will resume its consideration of agenda item 10 on Friday, 12 December, during the closing plenary meeting, for the presentation of the summaries of the two high-level dialogues and the moderated high-level discussion on the conclusions. The Assembly will be invited to take note of the outcomes of the dialogues, which will be included in the proceedings of the session.

7. A dedicated background document (UNEP/EA.7/INF.6) to support the consideration of agenda item 10, including concept notes for each dialogue, is available on the official website.

Seating plan for the high-level dialogues and moderated high-level discussion on the conclusions (Conference Room 1)



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