

UNEA Bureau Meeting
Wednesday, 10 December 2025
09:00 – 10:00 (GMT+3)
In person – Conference Room 10

Agenda Item 2. Update on the preparations for the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

This draft report on credentials for the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly has been prepared by the Secretariat for the UNEA Bureau's information.

The draft will be considered by UNEA at its 4th plenary meeting scheduled for Thursday, 11 December 2025, under agenda item 3, "Credentials of representatives".

Report on Credentials to the Bureau

Credentials of representatives to the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7)

Nairobi, 9 December 2025

1. Rules 16 and 17 of the Rules of Procedure of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEA-RoP)¹ provide as follows:

Rule 16

Each member of the United Nations Environment Assembly shall be represented by an accredited representative who may be accompanied by such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required;

Rule 7³

7; The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Executive Director before the first meeting which the representatives are to attend;

8; The Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the United Nations Environment Assembly; This rule shall not however prevent a member from changing its representative, alternate representatives or advisers subsequently subject to proper submission and examination of credentials where needed;

2. As of 9 December 2025, 16.54 (EAT), formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, have been submitted to the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in respect of their representatives to the Assembly, by the following 64 Member States: Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bhutan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, Eswatini, Finland, France, Gambia (Republic of The), Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Monaco, Nepal, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zambia.

¹ UNEP/EA.3/3.

3. As of 9 December 2025, 16.54 (EAT), information concerning the appointment of their representatives to the Assembly has been communicated to the Executive Director of UNEP, by means of a scanned copy in electronic form of formal credentials signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a scanned copy of a letter or note verbale including from the Permanent Mission concerned or by means of another form of communication, by the following 89 Member States: Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Czechia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Suriname, Tajikistan, Tonga, Türkiye, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

4. Of the Member States not already mentioned in paragraphs 2 or 3 above, the following 40 Member States had not, as of 09 December 2025, 16.54 (EAT), communicated to the Executive Director of UNEP any information regarding their representatives to the Assembly or sent a communication to the effect that they would not be attending the session: Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Bahamas (The), Belize, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Dominica, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Malta, Marshall Islands, Montenegro, Myanmar, North Macedonia, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Republic of Moldova, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, São Tomé and Príncipe, Solomon Islands, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.

The Bureau recommends that all Member States that have communicated formally to the Executive Director of UNEP their list of delegations to the Assembly be allowed to participate.