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MGFC Monthly Meeting/Elections	CPR Annual Subcommittee meetings	Regional Consultative Meeting/CSU Related Meetings	Group of Friends/Capacity Building Workshops	UNEA/OECPR meetings & processes emanating from UNEA	Other meetings/ official holidays

Meeting Dates	Agenda Items	Other Relevant Meetings
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January 2025		
29 January – MGFC Induction call	1. Welcoming Remarks and Introductions 2. Roles and Responsibilities of MGFC members 3. MGFC's Functions in the Regions 4. Effective engagement with UNEP and Member States 5. MGFC's Role at UNEA and Subsidiary Meetings 6. Coordination and Communication Tools 7. Open Exchange 8. Closing and Next Steps	**1 January –** New Year's Day (UN official holiday) **7 January –** Orthodox Christmas (floating holiday) **20-24 January –** World Economic Forum Annual Meeting **2025 -** Davos, Switzerland **26 January –** International Day of Clean Energy **29 January –** Lunar New Year (floating holiday)
30 January – Fifth meeting of Group of Friends	**1. Opening of the meeting** Opening of the meeting by the two Co-Chairs of the group, and a short recap of the outcomes of the fourth meeting held on 21st of November 2024. **2. Discussion on theme for UNEA-7 "Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet"** Interactive dialogue on the announced theme for UNEA-7: "Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet". Major Groups and	

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	Stakeholders and Member States will be given the opportunity to exchange views on key issues and expectations for UNEA-7 outcomes. **3. Any other business** Participants will be invited to consider any other business related to its work.	
February 2025		
03 February - MGFC Monthly Meeting	**Agenda** 1. Timing for the monthly call (CSU) 2. Task Force to establish a small committee to develop and implement a mechanism for addressing issues such as harassment (Dalia) 3. Update about the INC 5.2 4. Update about the OEWG 3.2 5. Proposal for a Major Groups engagement modalities in OEWG 3.2 Webinar. 6. GoF Updates 7. AOB	**2 February –** World Wetlands Day **3-8 February –** 78th meeting of the CITES Standing Committee - Geneva, Switzerland **24-28 February (TBC) –** 62nd session of the IPCC - Hangzhou, China (TBC) **25-27 February –** Second Resumed session of the UN CBD COP (COP 16) - Rome, Italy **25-28 February** – Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development - Bangkok, Thailand
19 February - Sixth meeting of Group of Friends	**Agenda** 1. Opening of the meeting 2. Discussion on Ministerial Declaration for UNEA-7 3. Any other business	
March 2025		

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3 March – MGFC Monthly Meeting	**Agenda** 1. Letter to the INC Chair on behalf of the MGFC regarding the Observer's participation during INC. 2. Update about the OEWG 3.2 3. Update on the Proposal for a Major Groups engagement modalities in SPP chemicals.. Webinar. 4. Updates on INC plastic (All) 5. Co-chairs Major Groups annual report. 6. Election updates 7. GoF Updates **8.** AOB	**1 March** – World Seagrass Day **3 March** – World Wildlife Day **5-7 March** – World Sustainable Development Summit - New Delhi, India **11-14 March** - Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) Global Forum 2024 – Bridgetown, Barbados **17-28 March**- 30th Session of the International Seabed Authority Assembly and Council (Part I) - Kingston, Jamaica 20 March – Nowruz (floating holiday) **22 March** – World Water Day **25-27 March** - 2025 first session of the UN-HABITAT Executive Board **25-27 March** - Second Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health -Cartagena de Indias, Bolivar, Colombia **25-28 March** – Arab Regional Forum on Sustainable Development **30 March** – International Day of Zero Waste 31 March - Eid al-Fitr (UN official holiday) **31 March – 4 April** - 13th Meeting of the ITPGRFA Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the ML
20 March – 169th meeting of the CPR (10:00 – 13:00 and 15:00 - 18:00), **hybrid** Additional information **here**	**Preliminary Agenda (TBC)** - Report of the ED - Development of a medium-term strategy for the period 2026-2029 and a draft programme of work and budget for the period 2026-2027 - Consideration of relevant evaluation reports and audits. - Preparation of UNEA-7. - Report of the Subcommittee	
April 2025		
7 April - MGFC Monthly Meeting	**Agenda TBC** 1. Update about the OEWG 3.2 (UNEP)	**2-3 April** – UNCEC Regional Forum on Sustainable Development - Geneva, Switzerland

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	2. Update on the Webinar for a Major Groups engagement modalities in SPP chemicals (Mohamed) 3. Updates on INC plastic (All) 4. Election updates (B&I, Women, S&T, NGO, Farmers, Local Authorities…etc) 5. GoF Updates 6. SRM Consultative Workshop & Science-Policy Dialogue- extended deadline to register and nominate by 8th April 2025 - Laetitia **7.** AOB	**9-11 April** – Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development - Kampala, Uganda **14-25 April** - BBNJ PrepCom I – UNHQ, New York, USA [TBC] **18 April** – Good Friday/Orthodox Good Friday (UN official holiday) **21 April** - Easter Monday (UN official holiday) **22 April** – International Mother Earth Day **25-28 April** – Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Forum on Sustainable Development **28 April - 9 May** - Basel Convention COP17, Rotterdam Convention COP12, and Stockholm Convention COP12 - Geneva, Switzerland
09 April - Seventh meeting of Group of Friends	**Agenda TBC** 1. Opening of the meeting 2. Review of Key Priorities for Each Constituency 3. Discussion on Ministerial Declaration for UNEA-7 4. Meeting of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions **5.** Any other business	
May 2025		
5 May - MGFC Monthly Meeting	**Agenda** 1. Update about the OEWG 3.2 (UNEP)	**1 May** – Labour Day (UN official holiday) **5-9 May** - 20th session of the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF 20) - UNHQ, New York, USA

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	2. Feedback from MGF Webinar for a Major Groups engagement modalities in SPP chemicals (All) 3. Updates on INC plastic (All) 4. Election updates 5. GoF Updates 6. SRM Consultative Workshop & Science-Policy Dialogue- extended deadline to register and nominate by 8th April 2025 - Laetitia 7. Annual reports from Co-chairs - reminder. 8. Potential high-level youth segment (YEA) to be held over the weekend of the GMGSF. 9. AOB	**7-8 May** - UN Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology, and Innovation for the SDGs (STI Forum) - UNHQ, New York, USA **11 May** – World Migratory Bord Day **12 May** – Day of Vesak (floating holiday) **20 May** – World Bee Day **22 May** - International Day for Biological Diversity 2025 **29-30 May** – Resumed 2nd session of UN-Habitat Assembly - UNON, Nairobi, Kenya
June 2025		
2 June - MGFC Monthly Meeting	**Agenda** 1. Nomination of the MGFC representatives to 12th ASC - CSU 2. Planning and organizing of the GMGSF - CSU + Cochairs 3. Joint Bureaux retreat (July 2025) (UNEP) 4. Update about the OEWG 3.2 (UNEP) 5. Updates on INC plastic (All) 6. Election updates - Isaiah 7. Introduction of newly elected members - Isaiah 8. GoF Updates 9. AOB	**2 June** - Madaraka day (Floating holiday, in lieu of Sunday, 1 June) **2-6 June -** 69th meeting of the GEF Council-Washington DC, USA **2-6 June** – 8th session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction - Geneva, Switzerland **5 June** - World Environment Day 2025 **6 June** – Eid al-Adha (UN official holiday) **7 June** - Ocean Rise and Coastal Resilience Coalition SummitNice, France **9-13 June** - Third UN Ocean Conference - Nice, ProvenceAlpes-Cote D'Azur, France

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5 June - Eighth meeting of Group of Friends	**Agenda** 1. Opening of the meeting 2. Opening of the meeting by the two Co-Chairs of the group, and a short recap of the outcomes of the seventh meeting held on 9 April 2025. 3. Discussion on the 12th Annual Subcommittee Meeting - Major Groups and Stakeholders and Member States will be given the opportunity to exchange views on key topics and issues to be considered during the 12th annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives. 4. Confirmation of new co-chairs - The Group will confirm one Member State representative and one Major Groups and Stakeholder representative to assume the co-chairmanship of the Group of Friends from June 2025 to June 2026. 5. Any other business - Participants will be invited to consider any other business related to its work.	**9-13 June** - CIF Trust Fund Committee Meetings, Washington D.C, USA **10-14 June** - 14th Meeting of the ITPGRFA Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the MLS - Peru **16-26 June** - 62nd Sessions of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies – Bonn, Germany **21-27 June** - OEWG and first Conference of the Global Framework for Chemicals – UNON, Nairobi, Kenya **30 June – 3 July** – Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development - Spain
14 – 20 June – resumed third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group on a science-policy panel on chemicals, waste and pollution prevention Additional information available **here**	**Agenda TBC**	

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23 June – 170th meeting of the CPR (10:00 – 13:00 & 15:00 – 18:00), **hybrid** Additional information available here	**Preliminary Agenda (TBC)** - Report of the Executive Director to the 170th meeting of the CPR - Presentation of first drafts of the MTS for 2026-2029 and PoW for 2026-2027 - Update on the preparations for UNEA-7 - Report of the Subcommittee - Election of officers to the CPR Bureau 2025-2027	
July 2025		
2-3 July – Joint Bureaux Retreat		
7 July - MGFC Monthly Meeting	**Agenda TBC**	**7-11 July** - 47th Meeting of the Montreal Protocol OEWG **7-25 July** - 30th Session of the International Seabed Authority Assembly and Council (Part II) - Kingston, Jamaica **14-23 July 2025** - High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2025 UNHQ, New York, USA **23-31 July** - 15th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (COP15) - Victoria Falls, Matabeleland North, Zimbabwe **29-30 July** -July 2025 ECOSOC Management Segment – UNHQ, New York, USA
10-13 July – Africa Regional Consultative Meeting	**AGENDA TBC**	
14-18 July – African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN-20)	**AGENDA TBC**	
28-30 July – 9th Animal Welfare Conference (hybrid)	**Sub Themes**	

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	• Climate Change and Animal Welfare: Exploring the impact of climate change on animal populations and ecosystems. • Biodiversity and Habitat Conservation: Strategies for protecting endangered species and restoring natural habitats. • Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems: Ethical livestock production, plant-based alternatives, and responsible consumption. • Legislative and Policy Frameworks: Strengthening legal instruments to enhance animal welfare and environmental protection. • Community-Based Conservation: Case studies on local and indigenous approaches to sustainability.	
August 2025		
4 – August - MGFC Monthly Meeting	**Agenda TBC**	**18-29 August** - BBNJ PrepCom II - UNHQ, New York, USA **26-30 August** - 6 th Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific, Fiji **28 August-5 September** - Thirty Second Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), Apia, Samoa
5-14 August – INC 5.2		
26-29 August – 6th Forum of Ministers of Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific	**Agenda TBC**	
September 2025		
1 September - MGFC Monthly Meeting	**Agenda TBC**	**9 September** - start of the 80th Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 80) - UNHQ, New York, USA
1-5 September - 12th CPR annual subcommittee meeting **hybrid**	**Preliminary Agenda (TBC)**	

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TBC September - Nineth meeting of Group of Friends	**Agenda TBC**	
30 September – 2 October – Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean	**Agenda TBC**	
October 2025		
6 October- MGFC Monthly Meeting	**Agenda TBC**	**2 October** - Yom Kippur (Floating holiday) **9-15 October** - IUCN World Conservation Congress - Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates **12 October** – World Migratory Bord Day **17-19 October** - 2025 World Bank Group/International Monetary Fund Annual Meetings - Washington D.C., US **20 October** - Mashujaa Day (UN official holiday) **21 October** – Diwali (floating holiday)
9 October – Meeting of the Subcommittee of the CPR (9:00-12:00 and 13:00-16:00), **hybrid** Additional information available here	**Preliminary Agenda (TBC)** - Introduction and presentation of UNEA draft resolutions and decisions, followed by Q&As	
14 October – Meeting of the Subcommittee of the CPR (9:00-12:00 and 13:00-16:00), **hybrid** Additional information available here	**Preliminary Agenda (TBC)** - Introduction and presentation of UNEA draft resolutions and decisions, followed by Q&As	
27-31 October – The Seventh Edition of the Global Environment Outlook (GEO-7) Summary for Policymakers Review and Approval Meeting	**Agenda TBC**	
TBC October - Tenth meeting of Group of Friends	**Agenda TBC**	

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November 2025		
3 November - MGFC Monthly Meeting	**Agenda TBC**	**3-7 November** - Minamata Convention COP6 – Geneva, Switzerland **5 November** – Gurpurab (floating holiday) **4-6 November** – Second World Summit on Social Development (Qatar) **10-21 November** - 2025 UN Climate Change Conference Belem, Brazil **24-29 November** – 11th session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture **24 November-5 December** – CITES CoP20 Samarkand, Uzbekistan
TBC November - Twelfth meeting of Group of Friends	**Agenda TBC**	
29-30 November – Youth Environment Assembly	**Agenda TBC**	
December 2025		
1 December - MGFC Monthly Meeting	**Agenda TBC**	**1-5 December** – XIX World Water Congress - Marrakech, Morocco **12 December** - Jamhuri day (UN official holiday) **25 December** - Christmas day (UN official holiday)
1 - 5 December – 7th meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives, Nairobi	**Preliminary Agenda (TBC)** - Organization of work - Budget and programme performance, including implementation of previously adopted UNEA resolutions and decisions. - Administrative and budgetary matters. - Contribution of UNEA to the meeting of the HLPF - Preparation of UNEA-7 outcomes - Consideration of a draft Chair´s summary	
6-7 December – 21st Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum **hybrid**	**Preliminary Agenda (TBC)**	

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8 –12 December 2025 – 7th Session of the UN Environment Assembly, Nairobi	**Preliminary Agenda (TBC)**	