

Preparations towards UNEA-7

Brief for Africa Regional Consultative Meeting

**Ahead of the 20th Ordinary Session of the African Ministerial Conference on
the Environment (AMCEN) #AMCENat40**

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Nairobi National Park, Kenya



Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet

8 – 12 December 2025
UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya

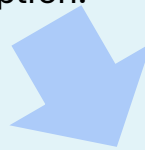


Structure of decision-making at UNEA



Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR) – 1 – 5 December 2025

- Takes place **before UNEA** to **review and negotiate draft resolutions**.
- Prepares recommendations for UNEA's formal adoption.
- Includes **all UN member states** and **observers**



Committee of the Whole (CoW) – UNEA week – 8-12 December 2025

- **Technical negotiating body** responsible for **discussing and finalizing draft resolutions**.
- Member states refine the text of resolutions before forwarding them to the **plenary for final adoption**.
- Ensures consensus-based decision-making.



UNEA Plenary Sessions - 8.-12. December 2025

- **The main decision-making platform** where all 193 UN member states and observers meet.
- Includes **opening and closing sessions** as well as general policy debates, with opportunities for observers to make statements
- **Adopts resolutions, decisions, and declarations** that set global environmental policy

Your Way to UNEA-7



Regional Consultative Meetings

- Regional preparatory meeting for civil society for the regional ministerial forum and UNEA-7
- Define **regional priorities**
- Outcome document: regional statement delivered at UNEA-7 and regional ministerial forum and submitted as an INF doc
- Capacity building and networking opportunities
- Open to non-accredited organizations



Regional Consultative Meetings

Africa Regional Consultative Meeting (**10 -13 July 2025,Nairobi, Kenya**)

Asia Pacific Regional Consultative Meeting (**27 August 2025, Nadi, Fiji**)

Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Consultative Meeting (**29 September 2025, Lima, Peru**)

Europe Regional Consultative Meeting (**TBC, Berlin, Germany**)

North America Regional Consultative Meeting (**TBC**)

West Asia Regional Consultative Meeting (**10-11 September, online**)



Civil Society Engagement

- Global Virtual Consultations (online)

October 2025 (Date TBC)

- Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum

6-7 December 2025

- Green Room Events

6-12 December 2025

- Global Youth Environment Assembly

29-30 November and 7 December 2025

- Multistakeholder Dialogue during UNEA

11 December 2025



Consultations on Ministerial Declaration



- Ministerial Declaration = Political outcome document of UNEA
- Stakes out the environmental priorities, political commitments and the strategic direction of environmental governance
- Major Groups and Stakeholders may participate in the consultations with the right for oral and written contributions
- A coordinated approach among each constituency is encouraged
 - Consider what political commitments are missing in environmental governance
 - Communicate your positions in a concise manner
 - Avoid repetition of previous points, rather communicate your alignment
 - Focus on max. three priorities



When	Milestones
Mid-2025	15 April: first intergovernmental consultations on the zero draft ministerial declaration 16 June: second intergovernmental consultations on the first draft ministerial declaration 19-20 June: MGS consultations (online) 30 June: Deadline for submission of written inputs to the first draft ministerial declaration. 3 July: UNEA & CPR Bureau meeting online
Late 2025	29 Aug: Revised first draft circulated, feedback requested (Deadline: 30 Sept) 17 Sept: Third intergovernmental consultations on the revised first draft ministerial declaration (hybrid) 15 Oct: Final draft reviewed in joint UNEA-CPR Bureau meeting 17 Oct: Final draft circulated; feedback requested (Deadline: 7 Nov) 5 Nov: Fourth intergovernmental consultations on the final draft ministerial declaration (hybrid) 27 Nov: Revised final draft reviewed in joint UNEA-CPR Bureau meeting
December 2025	1-5 Dec: Last consultations at OECPR-7 7 Dec: Final draft reviewed in joint UNEA-CPR Bureau meeting 12 Dec: Ministerial Declaration formally adopted at UNEA-7 High-Level Segment

Annual Subcommittee Meeting

1 – 5 September 2025

- Meet for 5 days (Hybrid)
- Review Medium-Term Strategy, Programme of Work & budget, to be endorsed by CPR & for UNEA's approval
- Initiate preparations for UNEA-7
 - Discuss and refine agenda for UNEA-7
 - Member States encouraged to **table their draft resolutions**- deadline 29th of September
- Oversee implementation & accountability of Secretariat
- Conduct its meetings in English only



Participation in consultations and negotiations resolutions



- MGS encouraged to nominate **resolution focal points** from each Major Group to represent the views and follow negotiations
 - This can be done for regions too where there is interest
- MGS can submit **written inputs on the draft resolutions**
 - Shared and uploaded with Member States inputs
- MGS can make oral interventions in consultations / negotiations, these will be reflected if supported by a Member State
- **Interventions on behalf of a constituency** (Major Group or region), or individual organization
 - A coordinated approach is encouraged through the nominated focal points
- Engage early in the process – consultations in October and November with online participation possible
- Negotiations in OECPR & UNEA – in person participation only
- Use informal avenues – connect with likeminded Member States and find your partners

Group of Friends

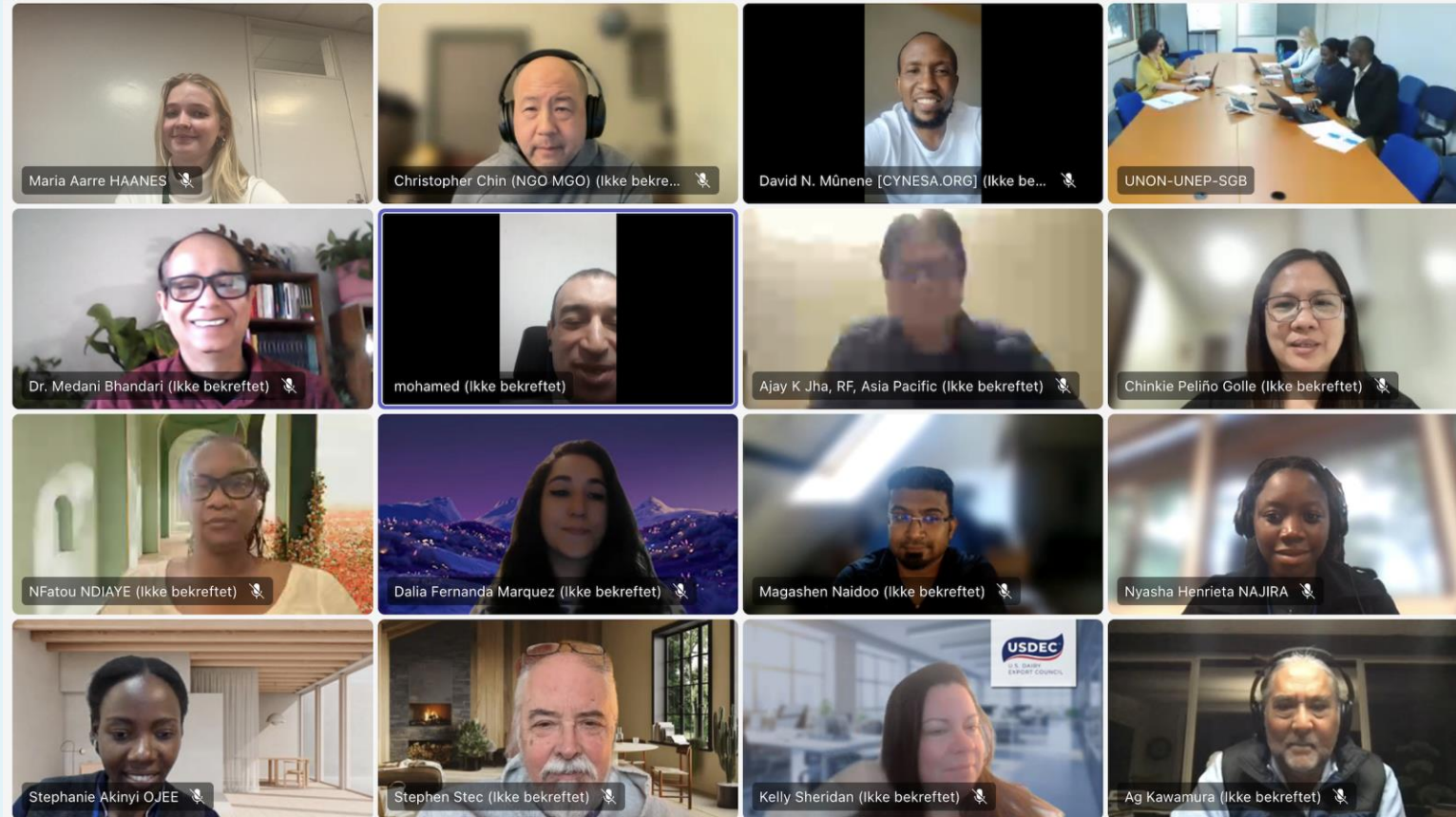
- Group of Friends for enhanced civil society participation in UNEP led events
- Used as informal platform of exchange between MGS and Member States
- A platform to share your position on resolutions, decisions and ministerial declaration
 - Topics for resolutions
- Find partners and avenues for collaboration
 - Side events
 - Advance positions
- **3 nominated representatives** per constituency – channel your inputs through them



Online Global Consultations



- MGS have an opportunity to submit and present a joint statement at opening plenary of UNEA-7
- To prepare this, online global consultations will be organized prior to GMGSF.
- Open to non-accredited NGOs
- Aim is to develop a **joint statement** and prepare for GMGSF and UNEA-7



Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum

6 – 7 December 2025



Civil Society's preparatory meeting for UNEA-7

- **Inform and update** MGS about status of negotiations and their opportunities to engage with the inter-governmental decision-making process
- Allow MGS to **coordinate** their inputs into UNEA-7, to prioritize, strategize and to develop their positions and statements
- Draft joint statement while preserving diversity of views
- **Prepare** UNEA newcomers
- **Dialogue** with UNEP ED and possibly UNEA-7 President
- **Collectively address** and find innovative solutions to environmental challenges
- Network, forge and consolidate **multi-stakeholder partnerships**
- **Open to non-accredited NGOs**

Regions and Cities Summit – Friday, 5 December



- Brings together local and regional leaders to address pressing environmental challenges
- Explore strategies to enhance cooperation among national, regional, & local governments for effective environmental governance
- **Outcomes:** Insights and recommendations from summit presented during UNEA-7 plenary sessions
- Open to UNEP MGS



Global Youth Environment Assembly

29 – 30 November and 7 December 2025

- **Self-organized** by CYMG with support from CSU, Member States and other UNEP Teams
- Platform to gather **young environmental leaders, enthusiasts and policy advocates**
- **Aim:** engage in policy discussion, knowledge-sharing and UNEA-7 preparations
- **Outcome document:** Global Youth Declaration on the Environment presented to UNEA during High-Level segment on 7 December 2025.
- **YEA 2** ahead of UNEA 6 gathered **450** young people from around the world with a call to institutionalize YEA amongst Member States
- **YEA 3** will precede UNEA 7



Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue

11 December 2025



- Resilience through inclusive partnerships: Catalyzing solutions across sectors
- **Thursday, 11 December 2025, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. - Conference Room 1**
- The dialogue will be facilitated by a moderator, and it will be designed to foster inclusive, interactive and solution-oriented exchange among participants through a fire side chat, a panel discussion and an open floor dialogue.
- The moderator will present a summary of the multistakeholder dialogue at the closing plenary meeting of UNEA-7.

Modalities for participation in UNEA-7



Reserved seats for the 9 Major Groups

- **Opening plenary**
 - General statements from MGS
 - Regional statements as prepared in the RCMs
- **Committee of the Whole**
 - Concise statements after member states
- **Working Groups**
 - Concrete proposals on resolutions working with member states
 - Intervention by individual organization on behalf of MG
 - NB: Interventions carry more weight when supported by a larger group of MGS
- **High-Level Segment - Multistakeholder Dialogue**
 - By and for MGS

Green Room

- Dedicated space for MGS
- Morning briefings
- Bilateral meetings
- Caucus meetings
- Apply to organize a side event
 - Deadline: 30 October 2025



How to meaningfully engage



General advice on interventions

- General advice on interventions:
 - Concise, constructive interventions that add value and enrich discussions without complaining
 - Do not repeat previous points but rather mention that you align yourself with those points by other speakers
 - Create cohesion between MGS
 - Find supportive Member States
 - MGS should strive to demonstrate good results and valuable inputs which may attract future engagement and funding opportunities

How to prepare inputs on resolutions

- Prepare concise suggestions to the sponsoring Member State
 - Change of words, add sentences, delete sentences, include your perspective to enrich the resolution.
 - Consider how MGS can contribute to the implementation of the resolution.
- Coordinate positions also among Major Groups where possible.
- What NOT to do
 - Send a long statement that does not directly relate to the resolution text
 - Have an uncoordinated approach

What NOT to do during UNEA-7 meetings

- Do not go up to a member state's delegate when they are speaking
- Do not sit in a member state seat – unless you are on that member state's delegation
- Do not interrupt the meeting
- Do not target a member state in your intervention
- Do not do a demonstration inside the venue
- Do not take a member state's flag/name
- Do not deviate from your message when you are speaking as a representative of the Major Groups

Thank you!

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