

Implementation of UNEA resolutions: UNEA resolution 5/5: Nature-based Solutions for supporting Sustainable Development

Agenda Item 5 (c)

159th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives
to the United Nations Environment Programme

Request to Executive Director of UNEP

5. Subject to the *availability of resources* and to further support the implementation of nature-based solutions, as defined by the present resolution, to convene *intergovernmental consultations in a transparent, inclusive, regionally balanced manner*, striving for gender balance, in order to undertake the following:



Request to Executive Director of UNEP:

- a) Compile examples of best practice in **nature-based solutions**, building on the numerous case studies already available
- b) Assess **existing** and discuss **potential new proposals**, criteria, standards and guidelines to achieve a common understanding among Member States for the implementation of nature-based solutions,
- c) Identify **options for supporting sustainable investment** in nature-based solutions

Role of Co-Chairs

- To **convene and lead the intergovernmental consultations**, with the support of a dedicated team under the UNEP Secretariat working on Nature based Solutions (NbS), to:
- **Determine the most appropriate modality** for the consultation process, ie. remote or in person, at global level only, or also at regional level;
- **Ensure the broadest possible ownership and participation** by all interested Member States and Stakeholders in the consultations;
- Ensure the consultations **successfully address the relevant tasks** set out in the resolution and are completed within an agreed timeframe;
- **Address any challenges and opportunities** that may arise in the consultation process.



Proposed Timeline (TBC)

October 2022 – February 2023:
3 Background Papers
Objective summaries of the current state of play with regard to:



First half of 2023:
Regional Consultations



Second half of 2023:
Global consultations



December 2023- January 2024:
Report to UNEA 6



February / March 2024:
Submission of final report to UNEA 6

- a) best practices in NbS
- b) existing criteria, standards & guidelines
- c) sources of finance to enable developing countries to implement NbS

Budget required

- We cannot implement this Resolution without funding.
- Currently exploring funding opportunities, but no funding is confirmed.
- Process estimated at USD1.5 to USD2 million, to develop the background papers, and to convene and facilitate the consultations.
- Member States who are interested in considering this request should contact my office.



Co-leading UNEP's support to the intergovernmental process:



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Thank you



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