

Committee of Permanent Representatives
Subcommittee meeting
Nairobi, 21 May 2025
9:00 – 10:30 (GMT+3)
Hybrid meeting
Conference Room 2 (in person)
and Microsoft Teams (online)

Agenda Item 2: Briefing on the 2025 World Environment Day campaign.

This background document has been developed by the Secretariat to inform the Committee about the World Environment Day 2025, which will be hosted by the Republic of Korea on 5 June 2025.

Following the presentation, the Committee is invited to take note of the briefing and engage in an exchange of views with Committee members and the Secretariat.

UNEP World Environment Day 2025 Briefing for CPR

Background:

On 15 December 1972, the UN General Assembly designated 5 June as World Environment Day. Led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) countries across the globe participate in this UN international day, with millions of people in government, business, civil society, schools and celebrities engaging online and in-person to raise awareness and influence environmental action. World Environment Day in 2025 will focus on ending global plastic pollution. The Republic of Korea will host the global celebrations.

Together, we can #BeatPlasticPollution:

Plastic pollution permeates every corner of the planet—even in our bodies in the form of microplastics. World Environment Day 2025 calls for collective action to tackle plastic pollution. By drawing inspiration from nature and showcasing real-world solutions, the campaign will encourage individuals, organizations, industries, and governments to adopt sustainable practices that drive systemic change.

This year's World Environment Day observance comes as countries make progress towards securing a [global treaty](#) to end plastic pollution, including in the marine environment. In November 2024, the Republic of Korea hosted the [fifth session](#) of negotiations to develop a plastic pollution treaty. The [second part of the session](#) will take place from 5 to 14 August in Geneva, Switzerland.