

European Regional Major Groups and Stakeholders Consultation Meeting (RCM 2025)

in preparations for the seventh session of
the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7)
“Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet”

3 October + 6 October 2025 online

Video conference link: Zoom link will be shared with all registered participants

Time zone: Central European Summer Time (UCT+1)

Conference language: English (no interpretation)

Shared Document for the [Draft Joint Regional Statement](#)

AGENDA

Friday, 3 October 2025 09:00-12:30 CEST

09:00 – 09:30

1) Formal opening of the Regional Consultation Meeting (RCM)

Patrizia Heidegger and Oksana Volosko-Demkiv, Regional Facilitators Europe

Peter Maddens, Vice President of UNEA and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belgium to UNEP

Arnold Kreilhuber, Regional Director, UN Environment Europe Office

09:30 – 09:40

2) Organisation of work & adoption of agenda

Patrizia Heidegger, Regional Facilitator Europe

09:40 – 10:10

3) Preparations for UNEA 7 and stakeholder engagement

Short presentation by Carlota Estalella Alba, UNEA Coordinator, UNEP, on the preparations and the UNEA7 programme

Short presentation by Laetitia Zobel, Civil Society Unit, UNEP on stakeholder engagement opportunities

Facilitation of Q&A: Oksana Volosko-Demkiv, Regional Facilitator

10:10 – 10:35

4) Update on the implementation of UNEA resolutions + follow ups

Facilitation: Patrizia Heidegger, Regional Facilitator

- Science Policy Panel on Chemicals and Waste + Global Framework for Chemicals: **Camilla Alexander-White**, Royal Society of Chemistry
- Mining and raw materials: **Robin Roels**, Raw Material Coalition
- Conflict & Environment: **Doug Weir**, CEOBS
- Solar Radiation Modification: **Mary Church**, CIEL
- Plastics Treaty: **Patrizia Heidegger**, EEB

10:35 – 10:45

Break

10:45 – 11:30

5) Draft UNEA 7 Resolutions and Decisions

Overview of draft resolution: Patrizia Heidegger, Regional Facilitator

Intervention from Marijana MANCE, Team Leader Multilateral Relations, DG Environment, European Commission, on UNEA 7 ambitions

Facilitation of Q&A: Oksana Volosko-Demkiv, Regional Facilitator

11:30 – 12:15

6) Framing of the draft Joint Regional Statement

Presentation of general part of Joint Regional Statement: Patrizia Heidegger, Regional Facilitator

Facilitation of discussion: Oksana Volosko-Demkiv, Regional Facilitator

12:15 – 12:30

7) Closure of the day

Summary + programme 6 October

Oksana Volosko-Demkiv, Regional Facilitator

MONDAY, 6 October 2025 09:00-12:00 CEST

09:00 – 09:10

8) Opening and recap of Day 1

Patrizia Heidegger and Oksana Volosko-Demkiv, Regional Facilitators Europe

09:10 – 09:20

9) Icebreaker

Sascha Gabizon, Women Major Group

09:20 – 09:35

10) Report from the European Youth Days ([agenda](#))

Report from Mascha Samkova and Stephanny Ulivieri, Children and Youth Major Group

Facilitation of Q&A: Oksana Volosko-Demkiv, Regional Facilitator Europe

09:35 – 09:45

11) Explanation of the breakout sessions

Patrizia Heidegger, Regional Facilitator

09:45 – 10:45

12) Breakout groups for input on draft resolutions

Breakout 1: Chemicals, waste and pollution:

Facilitator: Sherika Whitelocke-Ballingsingh, Caribbean Poison Information Network

- Switzerland: Chemicals and waste
- Kenya: Environmental dimensions of antimicrobial pollution

Breakout 2: Artificial intelligence

Facilitator: Tanya Baycheva-Merger, ICLEI

- Kenya: Safe, responsible and sustainable Artificial Intelligence for people and planet.

Breakout 3: Sustainable Management of Metals and Minerals

Facilitator: Johanna Sydow, Heinrich-Boell Foundation

- Colombia: Advancing an International Instrument for the Environmentally Sustainable Management of Minerals and Metals, through Lifecycle and Due Diligence Approaches
- Oman: Management of mine tailing to enable circular recovery
- South Korea: Enhancing international environmental cooperation based on Needs Assessment for the transition to a circular economy

Breakout 4: Nature, biodiversity, geodiversity

Facilitator: Teshome Hunduma Mulesa, Norwegian Forum for Development and Environment

- India: Strengthening global response on management of wildfires.
- Indonesia: Protection and sustainable management of Karst ecosystem.
- Tajikistan: Resolution on the preservation of glaciers and the broader cryosphere

Breakout 5: Ocean protection and ocean environment

Facilitator: Coraina de la Plaza, Home Alliance

- Vanuatu: Active Protection of Deep Sea Ecosystems
- Dominican Republic: Strengthening Global response on the massive influx of sargassum seaweed blooms in the Greater Caribbean region.
- Fiji: Coral Reefs

Breakout 6: Environmental crimes, ecocide and implementation

Facilitator: Patrizia Heidegger, European Environmental Bureau

- Peru and Kenya: Enhancing the international response to address crimes that affect the environment.
- Vanuatu: Recognizing the Crime of Ecocide to Address Environmental Destruction and Climate Harm

- Japan: Promoting Synergies, Cooperation or Collaboration for National Implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements and Other Relevant Environmental Instruments

Breakout 7: Stakeholders and Earthcentric Actions

Facilitator: Mascha Samkova, Children and Youth Major Group

- Sri Lanka: Enhancing the meaningful participation of children and youth in environmental and climate change action.
- Kenya: Promoting sustainable solutions through sport for a resilient planet.
- Bolivia (Plurinational State of): Living Well in Balance and Harmony with Mother Earth and Mother EarthCentric Actions.

10:45 - 11:00

Break – transition to plenary

11:00 – 12:00

13) Plenary debate on input to draft resolutions

Facilitation: Patrizia Heidegger and Oksana Volosko-Demkiv, Regional Facilitators Europe

Reports back from the breakout

Agreement on key input per resolution / cluster

12:00 – 12:15

14) Summary, next steps and closure of the RCM

Patrizia Heidegger and Oksana Volosko-Demkiv, Regional Facilitators Europe