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Microsoft Teams (online)

Item 6 of the provisional agenda

Concept note for a panel discussion with Chairs of the Regional Forums of Ministers of the Environment and Environment Authorities

This concept note has been prepared by the Secretariat to guide the discussions at the 12th annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, under agenda item 6, namely "Contribution of the regional forums of ministers of the environment and environment authorities to the UNEP Medium-term Strategy and Programme of Work".

This high-level dialogue convenes Chairs of the Regional Forums of the Environment Ministers and Environment Authorities to discuss how to strengthen regional contributions to UNEP's Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) and Programme of Work (PoW). As the seventh session of the United Nations Environmental Assembly (UNEA-7) focuses on advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet, the session aims to showcase regional leadership, foster coherence, and generate recommendations for impactful collaboration.

Time	Description
4:10 PM	Panelists and Regional Coordinators join the meeting link
4:30 PM	The Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR), **H.E. Mr. Sultan Hajiyev**, will invite **Ms. Rose Mwebaza, Director and Regional Representative, UNEP Africa Office,** to introduce the agenda item through a PowerPoint presentation.
4:45 PM	After the presentation, the Chair of the CPR will invite the **Deputy Executive Director of UNEP, Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema (DED)**, to moderate the discussion with the representatives of the Chairs of the Regional Forums of the Environment Ministers and Environment Authorities.
4:50 PM	**The DED** will introduce the three representatives of the Chairs of the Regional Forums of the Environment Ministers and Environment Authorities and will present guiding questions.
Question: W*hat are the key contributions that regional forums bring to environmental governance in your regions? What makes them impactful? And how can they evolve to better support UNEP's MTS and global environmental outcomes?*	
4:55 PM	Answers by the three representatives of the Chairs. • Africa Ministerial Conference of the Environment (AMCEN) - H.E Mr. Ibrahim Al-Arabi Munir, President of AMCEN, Tripoli, Libya (10 mns) • Asia-Pacific Ministerial Forum on the Environment - H.E Mr. Sivendra Michael, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Fiji (10 mns) • Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean - H.E Ms. Raquel Torres, Vice-Minister for the Strategic Development of Natural Resources, Peru (10 mns)
5:25 PM	**The DED** will open the floor for delegations to provide their views on how to strengthen the role of regional forums of environment ministers and environment authorities and UNEP regional offices in achieving multilateral cooperation in tackling environmental challenges.
5:55 PM	**The DED** will summarize the discussion and hand it over to the Chair of the CPR.
6:00 PM	The Chair of the CPR will thank the DED and close the session.