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Scenario note for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme

Note by the secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The present note, prepared on the basis of guidance from the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme elected at the resumed fifth session of the Assembly, sets out the proposed plans and general expectations for the sixth session of the Assembly. The note is intended to assist representatives of Member States and observers in preparing for a successful session.
2. Pursuant to Environment Assembly [decision 5/4 of 2 March 2022](#), the sixth session of the Assembly will be held at the headquarters of UNEP in Nairobi from Monday, 26 February to Friday, 1 March 2024 under the theme “Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution” and will consist of an opening plenary, two high-level dialogues on cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements, a high-level segment opening plenary, plenary meetings with national statements, three high-level leadership dialogues, a multi-stakeholder dialogue and a closing plenary.
3. The session will be opened at 10 a.m.¹ on Monday, 26 February. The meeting is expected to conclude by 6 p.m. on Friday, 1 March.
4. The sixth session will be held in person, with interpretation provided in the six official languages of the United Nations.
5. The session of the Environment Assembly will be preceded by the [sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives](#), to be held from Monday, 19 February to Friday, 23 February, which will serve as the main preparatory meeting for the Assembly (see **part II** of the present note). The work of the Open-ended Committee will be conducted in plenary meetings, with informal working groups convened as necessary. Given the limited time availability and size of delegations, and as requested by Member States, no more than two working group meetings will be held at the same time. The meetings of the Open-ended Committee will be held in a hybrid format (in person and online). Following established practice, all the plenary meetings of the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee will be conducted in the six United Nations official languages, while working group meetings will be held in English only.

¹ All time references are to Nairobi time (UTC + 3).

6. The meetings of the Environment Assembly will be held in conference rooms 1 and 2. The seating arrangement in the meeting rooms will follow that of the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly. Therefore, North Macedonia will occupy the first desk on the meeting room floor from which the alphabetical seating order will begin.
7. An overview of the organization of work for the session is set out in annex II to the present note as well as [here](#).
8. The proceedings of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly will be live streamed via [United Nations Web TV](#) in all six official languages to make them accessible to the general public as well as to journalists and media representatives.
9. Journalists and media representatives will have a dedicated space at the United Nations Office at Nairobi in which to conduct interviews and other reporting activities. Journalists will be granted access to open meetings, including the high-level segment, the high-level and leadership dialogues, the multi-stakeholder dialogue and side events as well as the meetings of the Open-ended Committee.
10. The notification by the Executive Director and detailed information about registration for participants and about the process for the submission of credentials by Member States have been made available to Member States on the official [website of the sixth session](#).
11. All background [documentation](#) for the session (pre-session documents), as well as in-session and post-session documents, will be made available on the official [website](#).
12. Detailed information about the sixth session, including the calendar of meetings and events, is available on the official [website](#).
13. Requests for clarification about the information provided in the present note may be sent to the Secretariat of Governing Bodies and Stakeholders (unep-sgb@un.org).

II. Preparations for the session

14. Pursuant to Governing Council [decision 27/2 of 22 February 2013](#) and Environment Assembly [decision 5/4 of 2 March 2022](#), the Committee of Permanent Representatives is engaged in the preparatory work for the sixth session of the Environment Assembly, including through the tenth annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee, which was held from 20 to 24 November 2023, and the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee, which will take place from 19 to 23 February 2024.
15. Preparations for the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee are facilitated by the Bureau of the Committee, in consultation with the Bureau of the Environment Assembly, including through regular joint meetings of the two bureaux.
16. At the first plenary meeting of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly, on Monday, 26 February, the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives will report to the Assembly on the work of the Committee, including on the outcomes of the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Committee. All documentation pertaining to the meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives is available on the [Committee's webpage](#) and the [UNEP resolutions portal](#). Additional information about the [Open-ended Committee meeting](#) is available on the official [website of the sixth session of the Assembly](#).
17. Meeting rooms will be allocated, upon request, to regional and political groups to facilitate their consultations, as necessary, throughout the Open-ended Committee meeting, and on Saturday, 24 February and Sunday, 25 February, as well as outside the official hours of the plenary meetings of the Environment Assembly, which are generally held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. To book rooms, please contact ruiwen.zhang@un.org with a copy to nasrudin.hajinur@un.org.

III. Scenario for the session

A. Opening plenary meeting

18. The sixth session of the Environment Assembly will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 26 February by Leila Benali, Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of Morocco and President of the Assembly.
19. At the first plenary meeting, under agenda item 2 (Adoption of the agenda and organization of work), the Environment Assembly is expected to adopt the provisional agenda ([UNEP/EA.6/1](#)), which was approved by the Assembly at its resumed fifth session and which includes a supplementary item

in accordance with rule 11 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly. An annotated provisional agenda (UNEP/EA.6/1/Add.1) is available on the official [website of the sixth session](#).

20. Also under agenda item 2, the Assembly is expected to consider the organization of work for the session, on the basis of the annotated provisional agenda and the organization of work as outlined in annex II and provided [here](#). Pursuant to rule 61 of the rules of procedure, the Assembly may establish a committee of the whole. The Assembly may also elect the chair and rapporteur of the Committee of the Whole (**see part IV**). Furthermore, the Assembly may decide to allocate agenda items 5 (International environmental policy and governance issues), 6 (Programme of work and budget and other administrative and budgetary issues) and 11 (Provisional agenda, dates and venue of the seventh session of the Environment Assembly) to the committee of the whole and to consider the outcome of the committee's work at the closing plenary meeting of the sixth session.

21. At its first plenary meeting, under agenda item 1 (Opening of the session), the Assembly will hear opening statements by the Executive Director of UNEP, the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi, a high-level representative of the host country, Kenya, and the chairs of the regional and political groups.

22. Also at its first plenary meeting, the Assembly will hear opening statements from each of the nine major groups and stakeholders under agenda item 7 (Stakeholder engagement).

23. At its first plenary meeting, the Assembly is also expected to defer consideration of agenda item 3 (Credentials of representatives) to the plenary meeting on 29 February, in the afternoon. At that meeting, the Assembly will be invited to consider and approve the report of the Bureau on the credentials of representatives to the sixth session and then conclude its consideration of agenda item 3.

24. At its first plenary meeting, the Assembly is also expected to consider agenda item 4 (Report by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives) and may take early action on draft resolutions and decisions on the basis of the Committee's recommendations, as referred to in agenda item 12 (Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session).

25. Also at its first plenary meeting, the Assembly is expected to consider agenda item 8 (Contributions to the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development).

26. On 29 February and 1 March the Assembly will consider agenda item 9 (High-level segment), which encompasses an opening plenary meeting with statements by key dignitaries; national statements; three leadership dialogues; a multi-stakeholder dialogue; and a closing plenary meeting (**see part VI, VII and IX**).

27. The Assembly will consider agenda item 10 (Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements) on 28 February and is expected to resume consideration of the item during the closing plenary, taking into account the convening of two high-level dialogues also scheduled for 28 February (**see part VIII**).

28. The Assembly is expected to consider agenda items 12 (Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session), 13 (Election of officers), 14 (Other matters), 15 (Adoption of the report of the session) and 16 (Closure of the session) at its closing plenary on 1 March.

B. High-level dialogues on cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements

29. On 28 February, the Environment Assembly will highlight the importance of cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements in a plenary meeting fully devoted to the consideration of agenda item 10 (Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements) (**see part VIII**).

30. The opening of the consideration of the agenda item will be followed by two high-level dialogues, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

31. The Assembly will resume its consideration of agenda item 10 at its closing plenary meeting, on 1 March, for the presentation of summaries of the two dialogues.

C. High-level segment

32. Pursuant to paragraph 5 of Governing Council decision 27/2, and as is mentioned under item 9 of the agenda of the session, the Assembly will hold a high-level segment on 29 February and 1 March 2024 (**see parts VI, VII and IX**). The high-level segment will address the overarching theme

of the sixth session, “Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution”.

33. The high-level segment will be supported by a report by the Executive Director to the Assembly at its sixth session (UNEP/EA.6/2).

34. The segment will include an opening plenary, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. on 29 February, which is expected to consist of opening statements by high-level representatives and dignitaries, including the President of the Environment Assembly, the President of the General Assembly, the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Executive Director of UNEP, the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization, the President of the Republic of Kenya and other Heads of State and Government, followed by national statements from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

35. In the afternoon of 29 February, from 3 to 6 p.m., national statements will resume. If necessary, an additional plenary meeting will be held from 7.30 to 10.30 p.m. to provide sufficient time for the delivery of national statements. In parallel, a leadership dialogue will be held from 3 to 4.30 p.m. on the theme “Super-highway or still in slow motion: are science, data and digitalization really speeding our transition to a sustainable future?”. The leadership dialogue will be followed by a multi-stakeholder dialogue with representatives of major groups and stakeholders from 4.30 to 6 p.m. focusing on the theme “Partnering for the environment: inclusive multilateralism fit for purpose”.

36. The high-level segment will continue on 1 March with a plenary meeting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to conclude the delivery of national statements. In parallel, two consecutive leadership dialogues will be held – one from 10 to 11.30 a.m. on the theme “Show me the money: can the global financial system really tackle climate change, nature loss and pollution?” and a second from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the theme “Alive and kicking: environmental multilateralism is a beacon of hope, but is it delivering fast enough?”.

37. The outcomes of the leadership dialogues and the multi-stakeholder dialogue will be presented at the closing plenary meeting under agenda item 9.

D. Closing plenary meeting

38. The closing plenary meeting will be held on 1 March from 3 to 6 p.m.

39. At its closing plenary meeting, the Assembly is expected to conclude consideration of agenda item 9 (High-level segment), following the presentation of the outcomes of the three leadership dialogues and the multi-stakeholder dialogue.

40. The Assembly is also expected to consider agenda item 12 (Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session) and to take action on the draft ministerial declaration.

41. The Assembly is expected to resume and conclude its consideration of agenda item 10 (Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements), following the presentation of the outcomes of the two high-level dialogues on cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements.

42. In addition, the Assembly is expected to consider agenda items 5 (International environmental policy and governance issues) and 6 (Programme of work and budget and other administrative and budgetary issues) and to hear a statement by the Chair of the committee of the whole, who will present the report of the committee of the whole.

43. The Assembly is also expected to resume its consideration of agenda item 12 (Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session) and to take action on any pending draft resolutions or decisions.

44. Furthermore, the Assembly is expected to resume consideration of agenda item 7 (Stakeholder engagement) in order to hear a consolidated closing statement on behalf of all nine major groups and stakeholders.

45. Pursuant to rule 18 of the rules of procedure, under agenda item 13 (Election of officers), the Assembly will elect officers for its seventh session. Pursuant to paragraph 6 of Governing Council decision 27/2, the Bureau is “composed of 10 members to reflect the universality of the governing body, in accordance with equitable geographical distribution, and will perform the functions as set out in the rules of procedure of the governing body”. In accordance with Environment Assembly decision 1/1, “each of the five regions shall be represented by two members in the 10-member Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly”. In accordance with the principle of regional rotation, the Assembly will elect the following officers of the Bureau: a president to be nominated by the group of Asia-Pacific States; eight vice-presidents to be nominated as follows: two from the group of African States, one from the group of Asia-Pacific States, two from the group of Eastern European States, one

from the group of Latin American and Caribbean States, and two from the group of Western European and other States; and a rapporteur to be nominated by the group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

46. Also at its closing plenary meeting, the Assembly is expected to consider agenda item 11 (Provisional agenda, dates and venue of the seventh session of the Environment Assembly) and take action on a draft decision on the matter.

47. The Assembly will also consider agenda item 14 (Other matters).

48. Finally, under agenda item 15 (Adoption of the report of the session), the Assembly will be invited to consider and adopt the draft proceedings of the session. The closure of the session (agenda item 16) will include closing statements.

IV. Committee of the whole

49. A sessional committee of the whole is expected to conduct its work under agenda items 5 (International environmental policy and governance issues), 6 (Programme of work and budget and other administrative and budgetary issues) and 11 (Provisional agenda, dates and venue of the seventh session of the Environment Assembly), starting on the morning of Monday, 26 February, after the first plenary meeting of the Assembly, and concluding on Wednesday, 28 February. The committee of the whole is expected to report to the Assembly at its closing plenary meeting, on Friday, 1 March. The plenary meetings of the committee of the whole will be conducted with interpretation in all six official languages and live streamed via [United Nations Web TV](#).

50. Pursuant to rule 62 of its rules of procedure and on the basis of a recommendation by the bureaux of the Environment Assembly and the Committee of Permanent Representatives, the Assembly will elect a chair and a rapporteur of the committee of the whole.

51. To facilitate the work of the committee of the whole, the Chair may propose that Member States take note of the information provided by the Executive Director under agenda items 5, 6 and 11 of the provisional agenda. All relevant reports pertaining to these items are available on the official [website of the sixth session](#). Draft resolutions and draft decisions will be made available on the [resolutions portal for the sixth session](#).

52. To ensure timely delivery of its work, the committee of the whole may, if necessary, establish one or more informal working/contact groups with the aim of finalizing any pending draft resolutions and decisions. Following the recommendation from the bureaux of the Environment Assembly and the Committee of Permanent Representatives, such informal working/contact groups will hold their meetings both in person and online. Such meetings will be held only in English.

53. Pursuant to rule 70 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, major groups and stakeholders will be allocated seats to observe the proceedings of the committee of the whole, including those of the informal working/contact groups, and may be invited to make interventions as appropriate, at the discretion of the Chair of the Committee.

54. At its final plenary meeting, on 28 February, the committee of the whole is expected to consider the conclusions from the working/contact groups, and, where possible, approve draft resolutions or decisions for submission to the Assembly at its final plenary meeting, on 1 March.

V. Credentials Committee

55. In accordance with rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the Environment Assembly, each member of the Assembly shall be represented by an accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required. In accordance with rule 17, the credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to the Executive Director before the first meeting that representatives are to attend.

56. Member States should send an advance scanned copy of their credentials, signed by either the Head of State or Government or the minister for foreign affairs, as well as other formal communications containing the names of representatives to the Environment Assembly (such as letters and notes verbales from permanent missions or formal communications from government ministries) to unep.credentials@un.org.

57. The original hard copy of the credentials and other communications should be submitted to the Law Division of UNEP for the attention of the UNEP Principal Legal Adviser. During the session of

the Assembly, delegations may, alternatively, deposit original hard copies of credentials at the badging centre.

58. In accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the Assembly will be invited at its plenary meeting on 29 February, in the afternoon, to consider and approve the report of the Bureau on the credentials of representatives in attendance.

VI. National statements

59. National statements on the theme of the Assembly, “Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution”, will be delivered on Thursday, 29 February and Friday, 1 March, under agenda item 9 (High-level segment). Statements may be delivered by representatives of Member States and, time permitting, in accordance with rules 68, 69 and 70 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, by members of specialized agencies, the specialized agencies, United Nations bodies, accredited intergovernmental organizations, regional economic integration organizations, and major groups and stakeholders.

60. The list of speakers for national statements will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, with due regard to protocol and established practices. The secretariat has disseminated the [guidance note](#) on inscription on the list of speakers. The guidance note is also available on the [official website of the sixth session](#).

61. Heads of State and Government will have the opportunity to deliver national statements in person during the opening plenary meeting of the high-level segment, on 29 February. Delegations participating in the sixth session of the Assembly may, on an exceptional basis, provide pre-recorded video messages from their Heads of State and Government, which will be played in the conference room following an introduction by the President of the Environment Assembly. The secretariat has made available the guidance note for the [submission of pre-recorded video statements](#). Statements by other heads of delegations will be in person. Pre-recorded video messages from representatives at other levels, if provided, will not be played in the conference room or reflected in the report of the session; they may, however, be uploaded on the [official website](#).

62. Member States, observers and the European Union will be invited to inscribe themselves on the list of speakers in advance of the Assembly using the [e-Speakers module](#). In doing so, they will be invited to indicate the level of the speaker who will deliver the statement, the preferred day of delivery of the statement, and the mode of delivery (in-person or pre-recorded video). Specialized agencies, the United Nations bodies, and accredited intergovernmental organizations may contact the secretariat (unea-statements@un.org) to be inscribed on the list of speakers. Accredited major groups and stakeholders should contact unep-civilsociety@un.org to be inscribed on the list of speakers. The list will remain open for inscription until Wednesday, 28 February, and a provisional list will be made available to all delegations by 15 February. Member States inscribed at the same level may exchange places on the list by mutual agreement and should inform the secretariat of such exchanges at least three hours in advance of delivery (unea-statements@un.org).

63. In accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure, and to allow maximum participation by delegations, the President of the Assembly will establish a time limit of 3 minutes for statements by individual delegations and 5 minutes for statements made on behalf of groups of States, which will be strictly adhered to. Each delegation is to make no more than one statement on its own behalf. Those also delivering a statement on behalf of a group of States will be invited to deliver the individual and group statements one after the other, in a single intervention (totalling 8 minutes). Major groups and stakeholders will be given a time limit of 3 minutes, unless the statement is on behalf of all nine major groups, in which case the time limit will be 5 minutes. A countdown timer will operate in the conference room to guide speakers. Pre-recorded video statements will be stopped after 3 minutes.

64. Statements can be made in any of the six official languages of the United Nations. Delegations wishing to make a statement in a language other than one of the six official languages must provide interpretation from the non-official language into an official language. The interpretation by United Nations interpreters into the other official languages will be based on the interpretation into a United Nations language provided by the interpreter working from the non-official language. Delegations wishing to intervene in a language other than the official languages and to provide interpretation are requested to inform the Division of Conference Services on or before 16 February 2024, by email to nadya.omar@un.org and tirus.kariuki@un.org with a copy to the Chief Interpreter at pedro.espinosa@un.org, in order to receive further instructions.

65. Statements will be delivered from a lectern in conference room 2 and live streamed via [United Nations Web TV](#) in all six official languages.

VII. Leadership dialogues

66. Three leadership dialogues will be held, with the aim of promoting an interactive high-level discussion on the overarching theme “Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution”.
67. The first leadership dialogue, on the theme “Super-highway or still in slow motion: are science, data and digitalization really speeding our transition to a sustainable future?” will be held on Thursday, 29 February from 3 to 4.30 p.m. More information is available [here](#).
68. The second leadership dialogue, on the theme “Show me the money: can the global financial system really tackle climate change, nature loss and pollution?” will be held on Friday, 1 March from 10 to 11.30 a.m. More information is available [here](#).
69. The third leadership dialogue, on the theme “Alive and kicking: environmental multilateralism is a beacon of hope, but is it delivering fast enough?” will be held on Friday, 1 March from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. More information is available [here](#).
70. Each dialogue will last about 90 minutes and will be held fully in person as a high-level, interactive moderated session. The leadership dialogues will be open to all participants accredited to the sixth session of the Assembly. The dialogues will be held with interpretation in all six official languages and live streamed via [United Nations Web TV](#).
71. There will be no pre-established list of speakers for the dialogues. Delegations will be invited to press their microphone button to indicate their wish to speak when the floor is open for interventions. Each dialogue will be facilitated by a moderator to ensure an interactive discussion. Guiding questions are provided in the [concept notes](#) to guide the preparation of interventions. If time allows, the moderator may address follow-up questions to the speakers.
72. The structure of each dialogue will be as follows: after explaining the modalities of participation, the moderator will invite two keynote speakers to set the scene with introductory remarks of 5 minutes each. The moderator will then open the floor for an interactive discussion totalling 70 minutes.
73. In determining the order of speakers, priority will be given to speakers at the level of Head of State or Government or the ministerial level, followed by high-level representatives and other stakeholders. Efforts will be made to ensure that participation in the leadership dialogue is interactive and balanced among speakers from participating Member States, observers, and major groups and stakeholders. It is envisaged that representatives of up to 15 Member States; three intergovernmental organizations, specialized agencies, and other United Nations system entities; and three major groups and stakeholders may be able to speak during the interactive discussion. To ensure maximum participation, interventions should be made from the floor and should adhere strictly to the time limit of 2 minutes. The moderator will end each dialogue with brief closing remarks.
74. A summary of each dialogue will be prepared by the secretariat and presented orally by the moderator(s) at the closing plenary meeting, and will be included in the final report of the session.
75. The concept note for each leadership dialogue will be available on the official [website of the sixth session](#). Any questions regarding the organization of the leadership dialogues can be addressed to the focal points indicated in the concept notes for the dialogues.

VIII. High-level dialogues on cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements

76. Two high-level dialogues will be held focusing on agenda item 10 (Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements).
77. It is anticipated that during the plenary meeting on Wednesday, 28 February, from 9 to 10 a.m., the Assembly will begin consideration of agenda item 10, with statements by the President of the Environment Assembly and the Executive Director of UNEP and possibly brief introductory remarks by selected ministers currently chairing governing bodies of multilateral environmental agreements as well as a limited number of executive secretaries of multilateral environmental agreements.
78. The President of the Environment Assembly will then conclude this stage of the consideration of the item and adjourn the plenary meeting. Two high-level dialogues will follow: a dialogue from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. will focus on “Strengthening the science-policy interface for effective implementation of environmental commitments”, and a dialogue from 3 to 6 p.m. will focus on

“Strengthening cooperation between the Environment Assembly, UNEP and multilateral environmental agreements to enhance effective implementation at the national level, including through means of implementation”.

79. Each dialogue will last about three hours and will be held as a high-level, interactive moderated panel discussion. The dialogues will be open to all participants accredited to the sixth session of the Assembly. They will be conducted with interpretation in all six official languages and live streamed via [United Nations Web TV](#).

80. The Assembly will resume its consideration of agenda item 10 on 1 March, during the closing plenary meeting, for the presentation of summaries of the two dialogues. The Assembly will be invited to take note of the outcomes of the dialogues, which will be included in the final report of the session.

81. A dedicated background document (UNEP/EA.6/INF.6) to support the consideration of agenda item 10, including concept notes for each dialogue, will be available on the official [website](#). Any questions regarding the organization of the dialogues can be addressed to: dialogue in the morning: Balakrishna Pisupati (balakrishna.pisupati@un.org) and Monipher Musasa (monipher.musasa@un.org); and dialogue in the afternoon: Mamadou Kane (Mamadou.kane@un.org) and Monipher Musasa (monipher.musasa@un.org).

IX. Multi-stakeholder dialogue

82. A multi-stakeholder dialogue will be convened on Thursday, 29 February from 4.30 to 6 p.m. under the overarching theme of the sixth session with a focus on “Partnering for the environment: inclusive multilateralism fit for purpose”. The dialogue, held as a panel discussion, will provide an opportunity for the major groups and stakeholders to engage with Governments and observers on the theme of the Assembly. The dialogue will be held with interpretation in all six official languages and live streamed via United Nations Web TV.

83. The dialogue will be facilitated by two moderators, ensuring that diverse perspectives are considered. The moderators will give a short introduction and a brief overview of the purpose, objectives and expected outcomes of the dialogue. They will then invite the President of the Environment Assembly, the Executive Director of UNEP and a Co-Chair of the Major Groups and Stakeholders Facilitating Committee to set the stage for the dialogue through short introductory interventions. The dialogue will include interventions by panellists representing five different major groups. Following the introduction and the panel discussions, the moderators will open the floor for an interactive discussion for about 60 minutes.

84. A background note on the dialogue, including guiding questions, is available on the official [website of the sixth session](#). Questions about the organization of the multi-stakeholder dialogue can be addressed to David Ombisi (david.ombisi@un.org).

85. An oral summary of the dialogue will be presented at the closing plenary meeting and will be included in the final report of the session.

X. Other events associated with the United Nations Environment Assembly

86. Several associated events, including pre-session events, side events, media events and hospitality events, will be organized by UNEP, Member States and other entities.

87. The twentieth session of the Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 24 and 25 February. Organized by the major groups and stakeholders accredited to UNEP and its governing bodies, the Forum is open to participation by accredited and non-accredited civil society organizations and Member States. The Forum will allow the major groups and stakeholders to coordinate their input to the Environment Assembly.

88. From 19 February, the major groups and stakeholders will organize activities in the “green room” (conference room 14), a dedicated space for civil society organizations to meet, present and discuss initiatives, and hold capacity-building and other events.

89. A total of 33 [official side events](#) have been selected for the sixth session by the bureaux of the Environment Assembly and of the Committee of Permanent Representatives from a large number of applications. The side events will take place both in person and virtually from 26 February to 1 March during lunch breaks (1.30 to 2.45 p.m.) and in the evenings (6.30 to 7.45 p.m.). Information about official side events is available on the official [website of the sixth session](#).

90. In addition to the high-level dialogues referred to in part VIII, other events related to multilateral environmental agreements will be held from 28 February to 1 March. A full list of such side events is available on the official [website](#).
91. Secretariats of multilateral environmental agreements will host exhibitions during the entire week to showcase cooperation between UNEP and multilateral environmental agreements, between other United Nations entities and multilateral environmental agreements, and among multilateral environmental agreements on cross-cutting topics relevant to the theme of the sixth session. A full list of exhibitions is available on the official [website](#).
92. In the margins of the meeting, a number of associated events, such as the United Nations Science-Policy-Business Forum on the Environment, will also be held. A comprehensive [list of associated events](#), including programme, location and other details, is available on the official [website](#).

Annex I

List of documents for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

Working documents

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| UNEP/EA.6/1 | Provisional agenda |
| UNEP/EA.6/1/Add.1 | Annotated provisional agenda |
| UNEP/EA.6/2 | Report of the Executive Director on “Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution” |
| UNEP/EA.6/3 | Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 4/3 on sustainable mobility |
| UNEP/EA.6/4 | Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolutions 4/14 and 5/2 on sustainable nitrogen management |
| UNEP/EA.6/5 | Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 5/1 on the animal welfare–environment–sustainable development nexus |
| UNEP/EA.6/6 | Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 5/7 on the sound management of chemicals and waste |
| UNEP/EA.6/7 | Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 5/9 on sustainable and resilient infrastructure |
| UNEP/EA.6/8 | Report of the Executive Director on progress in implementing resolution 5/11 on enhancing circular economy as a contribution to achieving sustainable consumption and production |
| UNEP/EA.6/9 | Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 5/12 on environmental aspects of minerals and metals management |
| UNEP/EA.6/10 | Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 5/13 on due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations |
| UNEP/EA.6/11 | Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 5/14 on an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution |
| UNEP/EA.6/12 | Report of the Executive Director on amendments to the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility |
| UNEP/EA.6/13 | Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of decision 5/4 on the provisional agenda, dates and venue of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly |
| UNEP/EA.6/15 | Letter from the President of the United Nations Environment Assembly addressed to the Executive Director requesting the inclusion of a supplementary item on the provisional agenda of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly |

Information documents

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| UNEP/EA.6/INF/1 | Note by the secretariat: Scenario note for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly |
| UNEP/EA.6/INF/2 | Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives |
| UNEP/EA.6/INF/3 | Note by the secretariat: Compilation of statements and recommendations by major groups and stakeholders from Africa, West Asia, Europe, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean and North America for consideration by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its sixth session |
| UNEP/EA.6/INF/4 | Note by the secretariat: Information on the implementation of resolution 3/10 on addressing water pollution to protect and restore water-related ecosystems |
| UNEP/EA.6/INF/5 | Note by the secretariat: Information on implementation of resolution 5/5 on nature-based solutions for supporting sustainable development |
| UNEP/EA.6/INF/6 | Note by the secretariat: Background note to support discussions on agenda item 10 on cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements |

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| UNEP/EA.6/INF/7 | Note by the secretariat: Information on progress in the implementation of resolution 5/12 on environmental aspects of minerals and metals management: Co-Chairs' summary report of the global intergovernmental meeting on the environmental aspects of minerals and metals management |
| UNEP/EA.6/INF/8 | Note by the secretariat: Information on the implementation of resolution 5/12 on environmental aspects of minerals and metals management: environmental knowledge gaps in tailings management |
| UNEP/EA.6/INF/9 | Global Resources Outlook 2024: A report by the International Resource Panel |
| UNEP/EA.6/INF/10 | Note by the secretariat: Global Resources Outlook 2024: Summary for policymakers by the International Resource Panel |
| UNEP/EA.6/INF/11 | Note by the secretariat: Information on the implementation of resolution 5/3 on the future of the Global Environment Outlook |
| UNEP/EA.6/INF/12 | Note by the secretariat: Information supplementary to the report of the Executive Director on amendments to the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility |
| UNEP/EA.6/INF/13 | Note by the secretariat: Information on the implementation of paragraph 22 of resolution 5/7 on the sound management of chemicals and waste, updating the report entitled <i>State of the Science of Endocrine-Disrupting Chemicals 2012</i> |
| UNEP/EA.6/INF/14 | Note by the secretariat: Information on the implementation of paragraph 24 of resolution 5/7 on the sound management of chemicals and waste, presenting a paper entitled "Options for addressing asbestos contaminants in products and the environment" |
| UNEP/EA.6/INF/15 | Note by the secretariat: Information on the implementation of decision 5/2 on the medium-term strategy for 2022–2025 and programme of work and budget for the biennium 2022–2023 |
| UNEP/EA.6/INF/16 | Note by the secretariat: Information on the implementation of decision 3/3 on the management of trust funds and earmarked contributions |
| UNEP/EA.6/INF/17 | Note by the secretariat: Information on the implementation of decision 5/4 on the provisional agenda, dates and venue of the sixth session of the Environment Assembly |
| UNEP/EA.6/INF/18 | Note by the secretariat: Information on the work undertaken in the framework of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions as it relates to the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly |

Annex II

Provisional timetable for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

| <i>Date/time</i> | | <i>Agenda item/programme</i> |
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| Monday, 26 February | | |
| 1st plenary meeting | | |
| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | 1 | Opening of the session |
| | 2 | Adoption of the agenda and organization of work <i>Adoption of the agenda</i> <i>Establishment of a committee of the whole¹</i> <i>Election of the chair and rapporteur of the committee of the whole</i> <i>Allocation of agenda items</i> <i>Consideration of the organization of work</i> |
| | 1 | Opening of the session (<i>continued</i>) <i>Opening statements</i> |
| | 7 | Stakeholder engagement <i>Opening statements by the major groups and stakeholders</i> |
| | 3 | Credentials of representatives |
| | 4 | Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives |
| | 8 | Contributions to the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development |
| Wednesday, 28 February | | |
| 2nd plenary meeting | | |
| 9–10 a.m. | 10 | Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements |
| High-level dialogue | | |
| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | 10 | High-level dialogue on “Strengthening the science-policy interface for effective implementation of environmental commitments” |
| High-level dialogue | | |
| 3–6 p.m. | 10 | High-level dialogue on “Strengthening cooperation between the United Nations Environment Assembly, the United Nations Environment Programme and multilateral environmental agreements to enhance effective implementation at the national level, including through means of implementation” |
| Thursday, 29 February | | |
| 3rd plenary meeting | | |
| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | 9 | High-level segment <i>Opening of the high-level segment</i> <i>National statements</i> |
| 4th plenary meeting | | |
| 3–6 p.m. | 3 | Credentials of representatives (<i>resumed</i>) |
| | 9 | High-level segment (<i>continued</i>) <i>National statements</i> |

¹ A committee of the whole, if established, will meet from Monday to Wednesday.

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| Leadership dialogue 1 | | |
| 3–4.30 p.m. | 9 | Leadership dialogue on “Super-highway or still in slow motion: are science, data and digitalization really speeding our transition to a sustainable future?” |
| Multi-stakeholder dialogue | | |
| 4.30–6 p.m. | 9 | Multi-stakeholder dialogue on “Partnering for the environment: inclusive multilateralism fit for purpose” |
| 5th plenary meeting | | |
| 7.30 p.m. | 9 | High-level segment (<i>continued</i>) <i>National statements</i> |
| Friday, 1 March | | |
| 6th plenary meeting | | |
| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | 9 | High-level segment (<i>continued</i>) <i>National statements</i> |
| Leadership dialogue 2 | | |
| 10–11.30 a.m. | 9 | Leadership dialogue on “Show me the money: can the global financial system really tackle climate change, nature loss and pollution?” |
| Leadership dialogue 3 | | |
| 11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. | 9 | Leadership dialogue on “Alive and kicking: environmental multilateralism is a beacon of hope, but is it delivering fast enough?” |
| 7th plenary meeting | | |
| 3–6 p.m. | 9 | High-level segment (<i>continued</i>) <i>Presentation of the summaries of the leadership dialogues and the multi-stakeholder dialogue</i> |
| | 12 | Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session <i>Action on the draft ministerial declaration</i> |
| | 10 | Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements (<i>resumed</i>) <i>Presentation of the summaries of the high-level dialogues</i> |
| | 5, 6 | International environmental policy and governance issues; programme of work and budget and other administrative and budgetary issues: <i>joint consideration</i> <i>Consideration of the report of the committee of the whole</i> |
| | 12 | Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session <i>Action on all draft resolutions and draft decisions</i> |
| | 7 | Stakeholder engagement (<i>resumed</i>) |
| | 13 | Election of officers |
| | 11 | Provisional agenda, dates and venue of the seventh session of the Environment Assembly |
| | 14 | Other matters |
| | 15 | Adoption of the report of the session |
| | 16 | Closure of the session |