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Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of

all – our responsibility, our opportunity

Stockholm, 2 and 3 June 2022

Item 5 of the provisional agenda*

Organization of work

Organizational and procedural matters

Note by the Secretariat

1. The proposals set out in the present note have been prepared on the basis of General Assembly resolution [75/326](#).

I. Election of officers

2. The international meeting shall elect two Presidents and other officers shall be elected in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. As stipulated in paragraph 5 of Assembly resolution [75/326](#), the international meeting shall elect from among the representatives of participating States the following officers: two Presidents, one from Sweden and one from Kenya,¹ and eight Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall be designated as Rapporteur-General.

II. Rules of procedure

3. The General Assembly decided, in its resolution [75/326](#), that the rules relating to the procedure and the established practice of the General Assembly apply, mutatis mutandis, to the procedure of the international meeting.

* [A/CONF.238/1](#).

¹ Two from each of the following groups: African States; Asia-Pacific States; Eastern European States; Latin American and Caribbean States; and Western European and other States. The election of the Presidents will, however, have the effect of reducing by one the number of Vice-Presidents allocated to the regions from which each of the Presidents is elected.



III. Adoption of the agenda

4. The international meeting will have before it for adoption the provisional agenda (A/CONF.238/1), as recommended by the General Assembly in its resolution 75/326.

IV. Organization of work

A. Dates and venue

5. The international meeting will be held in Stockholm, on 2 and 3 June 2022. The overarching theme of the international meeting shall be “Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity”. The General Assembly, in its resolution 75/326, encouraged participation in the international meeting at the highest possible level.

6. The venue of the international meeting is Stockholmsmässan,² located at Mässvägen 1, Älvsjö, Stockholm.

B. Commemorative moment dedicated to the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment

7. A commemorative moment dedicated to the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held in Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972, will be held at 9 a.m. on 2 June in the plenary hall, prior to the official opening of the international meeting.

C. Plenary meetings

8. The international meeting will consist of a total of four plenary meetings, to be held as follows:

Thursday, 2 June: from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

Friday, 3 June: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 7 p.m.

9. All plenary meetings will be held in the plenary hall.

10. At the opening segment of the international meeting, to take place during the first plenary meeting, to be held on the morning of Thursday, 2 June, consideration will be given to all procedural and organizational matters, including the adoption of the agenda, the election of the two Presidents of the international meeting, the election of officers, as appropriate, the appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee, arrangements for the preparation of the report of the international meeting and other matters. Also at the first plenary meeting, statements will be made by the Presidents of the international meeting, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of the General Assembly, the President of the Economic and Social Council and the Secretary-General of the international meeting.

11. The four plenary meetings will be devoted to statements in the general debate. The list of speakers for the plenary meetings will be established on a first-come first-served basis, with the customary protocol that ensures that Heads of State or Government speak first, followed by other heads of delegation. The European Union will be included in the list of speakers. The time limit for the statements will be three

² See www.stockholmsmassan.se.

minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States. It should be noted that speakers' microphones may be turned off in the event that speakers exceed their time limits.

12. In addition, the plenary meetings, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 75/326, and time permitting, will also hear statements from representatives of other intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions, international bodies, the United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes, as well as non-governmental organizations, major groups and other stakeholders in accordance with the practices of the General Assembly.

13. At the final plenary meeting, to be held on Friday, 3 June, the summary of discussions will be presented by the Presidents of the international meeting, followed by the adoption of the report of the international meeting.

D. Leadership dialogues

14. The international meeting will include three leadership dialogues, to be held in parallel with the plenary meetings, as follows:

Thursday, 2 June: from 3 to 6 p.m.

Friday, 3 June: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

15. All leadership dialogues will be held in the Victoria Hall.

16. The leadership dialogues will address the following themes:

Leadership dialogue 1: Reflecting on the urgent need for actions to achieve a healthy planet and prosperity of all;

Leadership dialogue 2: Achieving a sustainable and inclusive recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic;

Leadership dialogue 3: Accelerating the implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development.

17. The concept note and background papers for the leadership dialogues will be issued as documents [A/CONF.238/3](#), [A/CONF.238/4](#), [A/CONF.238/5](#) and [A/CONF.238/6](#).

18. Each leadership dialogue will be presided over by two Co-Chairs, one from a developing country and one from a developed country, to be appointed by the two Presidents of the international meeting. A letter from the President of the General Assembly³ transmitting the announcement by the co-hosts of the international meeting (Kenya and Sweden) of the six Co-Chairs of the leadership dialogues was sent to all Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations in New York on 17 February 2022.

19. The three leadership dialogues will be interactive and multi-stakeholder in nature. A number of panellists will be represented in the dialogues, helping to create the context for each and contributing to the discussions. Each dialogue will be divided into two segments, with each segment starting with the panellists' presentations, followed by an interactive debate among States and other relevant stakeholders. Participants are encouraged to share experiences and initiatives to protect our planet and contribute to sustainable development, including a sustainable, resilient and inclusive recovery from the pandemic. Participants are also encouraged to focus their

³ Available at <https://www.un.org/pga/76/2022/02/17/letter-from-the-president-of-the-general-assembly-stockholm50-leadership-dialogue-co-chairs/>.

interventions on recommendations for bold actions to achieve a healthy planet for the prosperity of all.

20. The leadership dialogues are open to all participants accredited to the international meeting. Given the seating arrangements in the Victoria Hall, an established list of speakers will be prepared and shared ahead of the meeting, and only those reflected on that list will be provided with designated seating in the room. Due consideration will be given to geographical and gender balance among the speakers, as well as to ensuring the engagement of speakers from both participating States and stakeholders.

21. Summaries of the leadership dialogues will be presented by the respective Co-Chairs to the international meeting at its closing plenary meeting and included in the final report of the international meeting.

E. Timetable for the work of the international meeting

22. A proposed timetable for the work of the international meeting is contained in the annex to the present note. Updated information will be posted on the Stockholm+50 website and announced in the daily Stockholm+50 edition of the *Journal of the United Nations*.

F. Organization of meetings, parallel meetings and other events of the international meeting

23. To ensure the most efficient utilization of available resources, it is essential that all meetings start promptly.

24. Parallel meetings and other events, including side events, will be held during the same hours as the plenary meetings and leadership dialogues.

25. A diverse programme of side events will be held during the international meeting outside of formal sessions, organized by Member States, United Nations system entities, civil society organizations, academic institutions and think tanks, and other stakeholder groups that are accredited and registered for the international meeting. The events will be under the full responsibility of the organizers.

26. A full list of side events will be available on the Stockholm+50 website. Around 50 side events will be spread across five rooms at the venue, with each room hosting up to five events per day.

27. There will be a dedicated area hosting a multi-stakeholder action hub on sustainable value chains during the international meeting, with events held outside of formal sessions. Action hub events will be organized by Member States, United Nations system entities, civil society organizations, business, and other stakeholder groups that are accredited and registered for the international meeting. The events will be under the full responsibility of the organizers.

28. The programme for the action hub will be available on the Stockholm+50 website.

V. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

29. The Credentials Committee will be appointed in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session.

VI. Participants

30. States Members of the United Nations, members of the United Nations specialized agencies and parties to the multilateral environment agreements, organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observers in the sessions and work of the Assembly, relevant intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions and international bodies that were accredited to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, the high-level United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development, the intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, the 2020 preparatory meeting for the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development and to previous United Nations conferences on the sustainable development of small island developing States, held in Barbados, Mauritius and Samoa, those invited to participate in the sessions of the United Nations Environment Assembly, as well as those that have received special accreditation for the international meeting can also participate as observers.

31. United Nations organs, non-governmental organizations and major groups as identified in Agenda 21, in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, those that were accredited to the conferences and summits listed in paragraph 26 above, non-governmental organizations that have an interest in the field of the environment and were invited to the previous sessions of the United Nations Environment Assembly, as well as those that have received special accreditation for the international meeting, can also participate as observers.

VII. Secretariat

32. In its resolution [75/280](#) the General Assembly requested the United Nations Environment Programme to serve as the focal point for providing support to the organization of the international meeting, with appropriate support from the Secretariat and other relevant United Nations entities.

33. The Secretary-General of the international meeting will serve as the focal point within the Secretariat for providing support to the organization of the international meeting, in cooperation with the representatives of the Presidents and Vice-Presidents. In October 2021, the Secretary-General of the United Nations appointed the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme as the Secretary-General of the international meeting.

34. The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management will serve as the Secretary of the international meeting.

VIII. Documentation

35. In accordance with the practice followed at previous United Nations conferences, the official documentation of the international meeting will include documents issued before, during and after the international meeting.

36. In accordance with the practice followed at previous United Nations conferences and as set out in annex II to General Assembly resolution [75/326](#), it is recommended that the international meeting adopt a report consisting of the procedural decisions of the international meeting, a brief account of the proceedings and a reportorial account of the work of the international meeting and the action taken at the plenary meetings.

37. The summary of the plenary meetings and the leadership dialogues should also be included in the report of the international meeting.

38. All meeting documentation will be available on the Stockholm+50 website.

IX. Media coverage

39. Press materials will be prepared by the Department of Global Communications of the Secretariat and the Communications Division of the United Nations Environment Programme for journalists covering the international meeting. In addition, regular press releases will be issued on the results of plenary meetings, leadership dialogues, the commemorative moment on the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment and other events. All relevant information will be made available on the Stockholm+50 website.

40. The plenary meetings, leadership dialogues, commemorative moment on the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment and press conferences will be broadcast live to the media area and also available on United Nations Web TV.⁴ A programme of special media briefings and press conferences will be announced.

⁴ Available at <http://webtv.un.org>.

Annex

**Proposed timetable for the work of international meeting
entitled “Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity
of all – our responsibility, our opportunity”**

Stockholm, 2 and 3 June 2022

<i>Date/time</i>		<i>Agenda item/programme</i>
Thursday, 2 June		
1st plenary meeting		
9.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	1	Opening of the international meeting
	2	Election of the two Presidents
	1	Opening statements
	3	Adoption of the agenda of the international meeting
	4	Election of officers other than the Presidents
	5	Organization of work
	6	Credentials of representatives to the international meeting:
		(a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee
	7	General debate
2nd plenary meeting		
3–6 p.m.	7	General debate
Leadership dialogue		
3–6 p.m.	8	Leadership dialogue 1: Reflecting on the urgent need for actions to achieve a healthy planet and prosperity for all
Friday, 3 June		
3rd plenary meeting		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	7	General debate
Leadership dialogue		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	8	Leadership dialogue 2: Achieving a sustainable and inclusive recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic
Leadership dialogue		
3–6 p.m.	8	Leadership dialogue 3: Accelerating the implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development

Date/time

Agenda item/programme

4th plenary meeting

3-7 p.m.	7	General debate
	6	Credentials of representatives to the international meeting: (b) Report of the Credentials Committee
	9	Outcome of the international meeting
	10	Adoption of the report of the international meeting
	11	Closure of the international meeting
