

Invitation Letter to Member States and Members of Specialized Agencies and Accredited Stakeholders from the Co-Facilitators to the second consultation on implementation of UN General Assembly resolution 73/333

29 October 2021

Dear Delegates,

We have the honour to invite you to participate in the second substantive consultation meeting on United Nations General Assembly resolution 73/333, entitled “Follow-up to the report of the ad hoc open-ended working group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/277” to be held in a hybrid format from 17 to 19 November 2021. The meetings will begin each day at 12 noon Nairobi time and conclude at 6pm with a break between 3 – 3.30 pm.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 73/333 of 30 August 2019, the United Nations Environment Assembly has to prepare, at its fifth session, “a political declaration for a United Nations high-level meeting, subject to voluntary funding, in the context of the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held in Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972, with a view to strengthening the implementation of international environmental law and international environmental governance, in line with paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”.

At the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly in February 2021, the Assembly decided to adjourn and to resume the session at its headquarters in Nairobi from 28 February to 2 March 2022 to conclude the consideration of its agenda. By that same Decision, the Assembly decided that it would at the resumed meeting, finalize implementation of the mandate entrusted to it by General Assembly resolution 73/333.

In preparation for the second substantive consultation meeting, on 12 October 2021 we circulated a revised draft of the political declaration.

The provisional agenda for the meeting is attached. Other relevant documentation for the meeting will be made available at the meeting’s website: <https://www.unep.org/events/cpr-meetings/second-informal-substantive-consultation-meeting-united-nations-general> .

The meeting is open to the participation of representatives of Member States, Members of Specialized Agencies, Specialized Agencies, United Nations bodies and other intergovernmental organizations, the secretariats of multilateral environment agreements and non-governmental organizations. All representatives are required to register their participation through the registration website that can be accessed at <https://indico.un.org/event/1000294>. Representatives should register latest by 15 November 2021.

To: Members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives
 Accredited Non-Governmental Organizations

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting. To comply with the restrictions relating to physical distancing developed by the UN Office in Nairobi, a maximum of two delegates per Member State and two representatives per Major Group may attend the meeting in person. All participants are also required to wear face masks, apply hand sanitation and agree to contact tracing in case of infection. Other participants may join the meeting online, with full speaking rights.

Nairobi-based delegates are advised to consult the note verbal from the UN Office in Nairobi dated 24 September 2021, which stipulates that all Permanent Missions will need to inform UNON (unon-officeofdirectorgeneral@un.org) the names of their diplomats/staff who are fully vaccinated in order to re-activate access to the UN Complex in Gigiri. In-person delegates are also recommended to bring a copy of this document to the UN compound entrance to facilitate access.

Delegates from outside Nairobi wishing to attend in person will need to upload a Note Verbale from their Mission in Nairobi or from their Ministry for Foreign Affairs that specifies that the delegate(s) is fully vaccinated, to ensure access to the UN Complex in Gigiri. Major Groups representatives who are interested to join in person also need to submit a valid and full vaccination record. A separate communication is being sent to stakeholders.

Communications concerning the meeting should be addressed to unep-sgb@un.org and catalina.pizarro@un.org.

Sincerely yours,



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