



Seventy-fifth session
Agenda item 19
Sustainable development

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 10 September 2021

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/75/L.135)]

75/326. Modalities for the international meeting entitled “Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity”

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 75/280 of 24 May 2021 in its entirety, including its decision to convene the international meeting entitled “Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity”, in Stockholm, on 2 and 3 June 2022, during the week of World Environment Day, to commemorate the 50 years since the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment and its outcome documents, as a contribution to the environmental dimension of sustainable development to accelerate the implementation of commitments in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development, including a sustainable recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic,

1. Welcomes the generous offer of the Government of Sweden to host and assume the costs of the international meeting entitled “Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity”, with the support of the Government of Kenya;

2. Decides that the international meeting should be mutually reinforcing with the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme, UNEP@50, avoiding overlap and duplication;

3. Also decides that the international meeting and its preparation shall provide for the effective participation of all States Members of the United Nations,



members of the United Nations specialized agencies and parties to the multilateral environment agreements;¹

4. *Encourages* participation in the international meeting at the highest possible level;

5. *Decides* that the international meeting shall elect from among the representatives of participating States the following officers: two Presidents, one from Sweden and one from Kenya, and eight Vice-Presidents,² one of whom shall be designated as Rapporteur-General;

6. *Also decides* that the international meeting shall comprise an opening segment, four plenary meetings and three leadership dialogues, and a closing segment, to be held on 2 and 3 June 2022;

7. *Further decides* that the opening segment of the international meeting shall include a commemorative moment dedicated to the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held in Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972;

8. *Decides* that the plenary meetings will 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. *Also decides* that the leadership dialogues will 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.;

10. *Further decides* that the leadership dialogues shall be collaborative and multi-stakeholder in nature and will focus on recommendations that contribute to the environmental dimension of sustainable development to accelerate the implementation of commitments in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development, including a sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, including through strengthened cooperation, taking into account the theme of the international meeting;

11. *Decides* that the organizational arrangements for the leadership dialogues will be as follows:

¹ For the purposes of the international meeting, the multilateral environment agreements shall be understood as referring to the following treaties: Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal; Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity; Convention on Biological Diversity; Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora; Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals; Kyoto Protocol; Minamata Convention on Mercury; Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer; Paris Agreement; Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade; Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants; United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa; United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; and Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer.

² 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.

(a) 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;

(b) 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;

12. *Invites* participants to share experiences and initiatives to protect our planet and contribute to sustainable development, including a sustainable, resilient and inclusive recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic;

13. *Invites* all relevant stakeholders, including women, youth, older persons, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and local communities, to contribute to the discussions of the international meeting and their preparation and to build momentum for a healthy planet for the prosperity of all;

14. *Invites* the Secretary-General to appoint the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme as the Secretary-General of the international meeting;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the international meeting to prepare by the end of March 2022 a concept note and draft background papers for each of the leadership dialogues for the international meeting before its preparatory meeting;

16. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to convene a one-day preparatory meeting no later than April 2022, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to be chaired by the co-hosts of the international meeting, with interpretation services on an as-available basis, with a view to considering the preparations for the leadership dialogues and other preparations for the international meeting;

17. *Recommends* the provisional agenda set forth in annex I to the present resolution for adoption by the international meeting;

18. *Decides* that the international meeting shall be organized in accordance with the organization of work set forth in annex II to the present resolution;

19. *Also decides* 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;

20. *Requests* the two Presidents of the international meeting to prepare a summary of the discussions, with the support of the Secretary-General of the international meeting, to be presented to the international meeting;

21. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, with support from the United Nations Environment Programme, to finalize the organizational arrangements for the international meeting no later than April 2022;

22. *Decides* to invite to the international meeting and its preparatory meeting representatives of organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly pursuant to its relevant resolutions to participate, in the capacity of observer, in its sessions and work, on the understanding

that such representatives would participate in the international meeting in that capacity;

23. *Invites* non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council with relevant expertise to register with the Secretariat to participate in the international meeting and its preparatory meeting;

24. *Invites* other relevant stakeholders, including organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions, other interested international bodies and non-governmental organizations, including those that have an interest in the field of the environment, civil society organizations, indigenous peoples’ organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations, to seek accreditation in accordance with the provisions set forth in annex II to the present resolution, to participate as observers in the international meeting and its preparatory meeting;

25. *Decides* that accreditation to the international meeting shall be in accordance with the provisions set forth in annex II to the present resolution;

26. *Encourages* States and international donors, as well as the private sector, financial institutions, foundations and other donors in a position to do so, to support the preparations for the international meeting through voluntary contributions to a trust fund in support of preparations for the international meeting and to support the participation of representatives of developing countries in the international meeting.

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Annex I

Provisional agenda of the international meeting entitled “Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity”

Stockholm, 2 and 3 June 2022

1. Opening of the international meeting.
2. Election of the two Presidents.
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;
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
7. General debate.
8. Leadership dialogues.
9. Outcome of the international meeting.
10. Adoption of the report of the international meeting.
11. Closure of the international meeting.

Annex II

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

Stockholm, 2 and 3 June 2022

1. The international meeting entitled “Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity” will be held in Stockholm, on 2 and 3 June 2022.

I. Organization of work

A. Plenary meetings

2. 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.

3. The plenary meetings will be devoted to statements.

4. 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. Detailed arrangements will be communicated in a timely manner through a note by the Secretariat. The time limit for the statements will be three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States.

5. 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. The opening segment shall include a commemorative moment dedicated to the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held in Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972. At the first plenary meeting, on the morning of Thursday, 2 June, 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.

6. The plenary meetings 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 major groups and other stakeholders in accordance with the practices of the General Assembly.

7. 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.

8. The plenary meetings will run in parallel with the leadership dialogues, unless otherwise specified in the present resolution.

B. Leadership dialogues

9. 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.

10. Summaries of the leadership dialogues should be presented to the international meeting at its closing plenary meeting and be included in the final report of the international meeting.

II. Credentials of representatives to the international meeting: appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

11. 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.

III. Accreditation: institutional stakeholders

12. 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, as well as those invited to participate in the sessions of the United Nations Environment Assembly, may participate in the deliberations of the international meeting and its preparatory meeting, as appropriate.

13. Interested intergovernmental organizations that were not accredited to the conferences and summits listed in paragraph 12 above may apply to the General Assembly for accreditation following the established accreditation procedure.

IV. Accreditation: non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders

14. The non-governmental organizations and major groups as identified in Agenda 21,³ in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, those that were accredited to the conferences and summits listed in paragraph 12 above, as well

³ *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3–14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

as 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, shall register in order to participate.

15. The President of the General Assembly shall also draw up a list of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations, which may participate in the international meeting and the preparatory meeting, taking into account the principles of transparency and of equitable geographical representation, with due regard for gender parity, and shall submit the proposed list to Member States – for their consideration on a non-objection basis and to bring the list⁴ to the attention of the General Assembly before the preparatory meeting and, in any case, no later than February 2022, for a final decision by the Assembly on participation in the international meeting and the preparatory meeting.

16. The provisions of paragraph 15 of General Assembly resolution 67/290 of 9 July 2013 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the international meeting and its preparatory process.

V. Secretariat

17. 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.

VI. Documentation

18. The official documentation of the international meeting will include documents issued before, during and after the international meeting.

19. 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.

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

VII. Organization of parallel meetings and other events of the international meeting

21. Parallel meetings and other events, including those of major groups and other stakeholders, may be held during the same hours as the plenary meetings and leadership dialogues, space permitting. Interpretation services will be provided for such meetings, as available.

⁴ The list will include proposed as well as final names. The general basis of any objections, if requested by one or more States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, will be made known to the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the requester.

VIII. Side events

22. Side events, including briefings, seminars, workshops and panel discussions on issues related to the theme of the international meeting, will be organized by participants in the international meeting. Guidelines for organizing such events and the calendar of those events will be made available on the website of the international meeting.

IX. Media coverage

23. Press materials will be prepared by the Department of Global Communications of the Secretariat for journalists covering the international meeting. In addition, regular press releases will be issued on the results of plenary meetings, leadership dialogues and other events. All relevant documentation will be made available on the website of the international meeting.

24. The plenary meetings, the leadership dialogues and the press conferences will be broadcast live to the media area. A programme of special media briefings and press conferences will be announced.
