



Act#ForNature

Capacity Building for the Fifth United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA 5)

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Stakeholder Forum
FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

The central theme for the global online forum will be Act #ForNature.

- ➡ **Main objective** of the forum: prepare for a successful UNEA-5 building on messages generated by the World Environment Day.
- ➡ World Environment Day June 5, hosted by Colombia. Theme: **“Global biodiversity”** Referring to the **UN Decade for Ecosystem Restoration. 2021-2030.**
- ➡ **SF** has produced a thematic guide explaining the complexity of the themes the Oslo meeting will deal with.



➡ After a general intro, this presentation will take you through:

- **The themes and important deadlines**
- **The structure of UNEP and UNEA**
- **The Oslo consultation**
- **Opportunities for stakeholders**

UNEA 5 process begins, from a virtual to a physical meeting

From Oslo, the capital of Norway in June 2020 ...



.. to Nairobi, capital of Kenya and home to UNEP in February 2021



The Oslo virtual stakeholder meeting, June 7, Agenda

- Introduction by Major Group chair Mohamed Raouf.
- Mr. Rotevatn, UNEA President, Minister, Climate & Environment Norway.
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- To be followed by sessions on:
 - Tackling Ocean Pollution.
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From Oslo to Nairobi. What to look for -

- ➡ **UNEA 5** in Nairobi in February 2021 will **negotiate** “Strengthening Actions for Nature to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.”
- ➡ The Oslo consultation in June 2020 is **the first of a series** of consultations where **non-state stakeholders and the UNEA 5 Bureau including the Committee of Permanent Representatives, the CPR**, will consult with **each other** and deepen the understanding of the overarching theme.
- ➡ This **capacity building session** will take the participants through the **formalities** of the **process**, **outline** the **official themes**, point to **opportunities** for input, discuss **strategies** and explain who the players are.
- ➡ A more **detailed** and thorough **capacity building** process will be offered to stakeholders during the autumn of 2020.

➤ 1 - The themes and important deadlines





The official UNEA
5 theme is:

“Strengthening
Actions for Nature
to achieve the
Sustainable
Development
Goals”

The UNEA Bureau has identified 4 action areas:

- ➡ Nature for Jobs and Economic Prosperity
- ➡ Nature for Health
- ➡ Nature for Climate
- ➡ Nature for Sustainable Food Systems



The UNEA Bureau has identified 3 challenges

- ➡ 1 - Limit the number of resolutions under the four proposed action areas
- ➡ 2 - Take into account decisions and resolutions previously adopted by the Assembly and the next Medium-Term Strategy
- ➡ 3 - Focus on gaps and value - addition in relation to existing commitments and those previously adopted.



Key references are made to these reports and SDGs

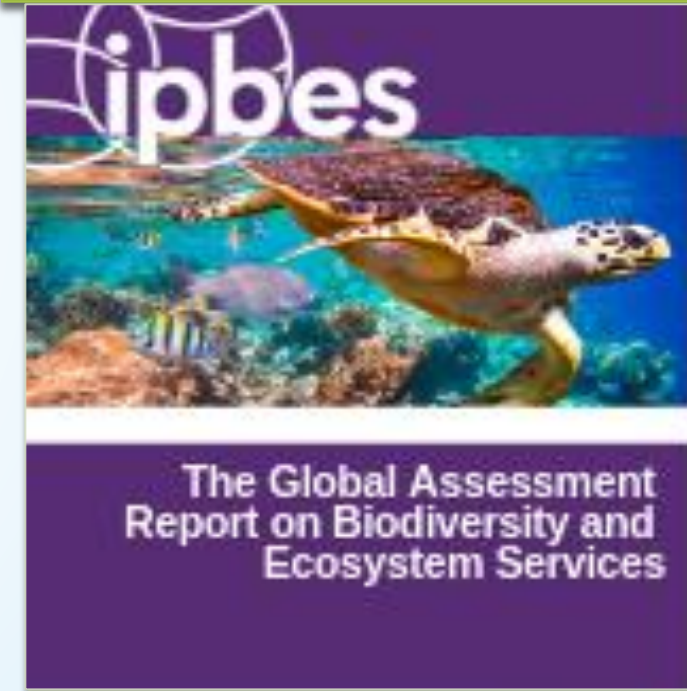
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The 2030 Agenda

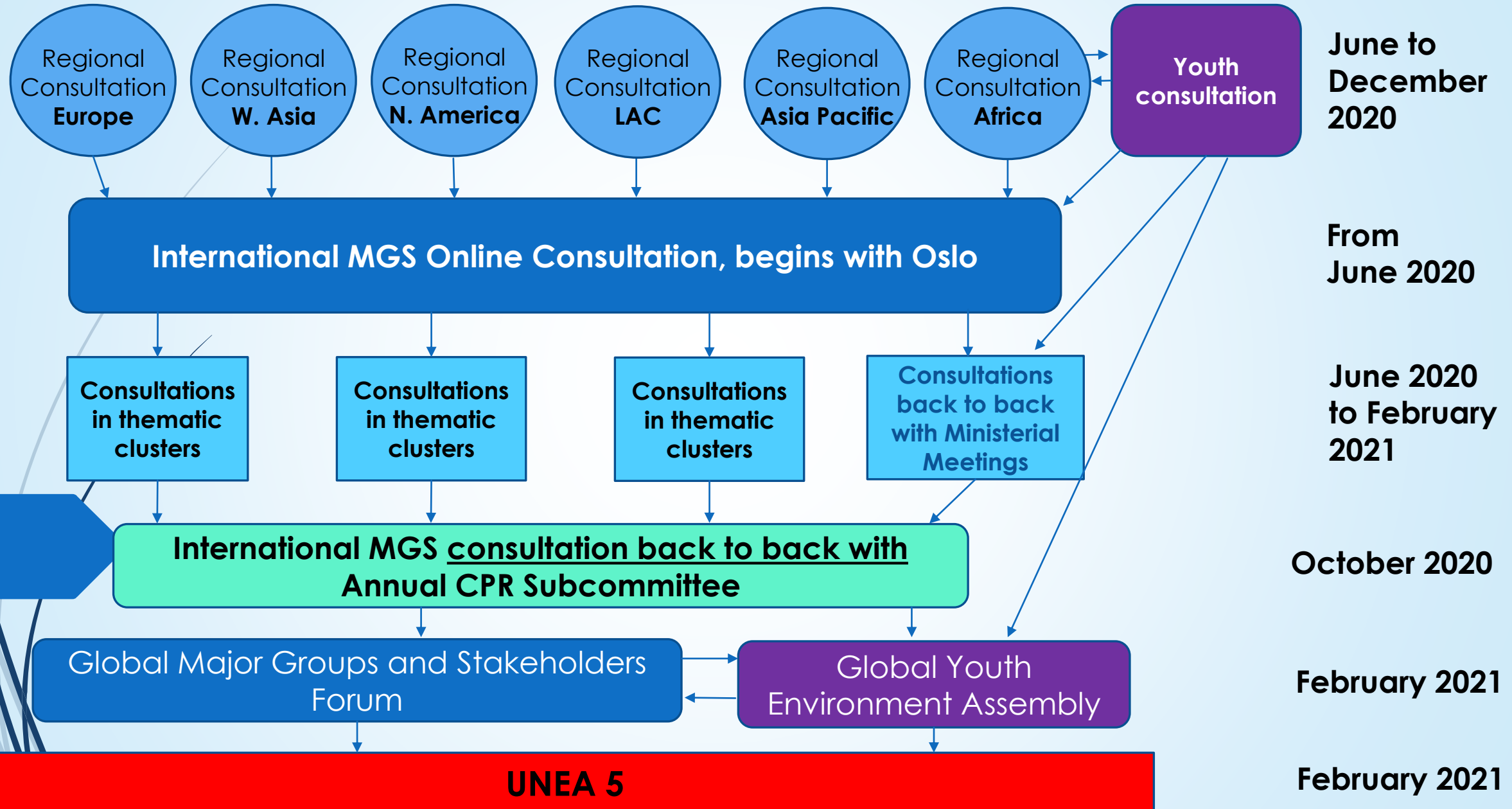


Biodiversity



Major Groups and Stakeholders Consultative Process towards UNEA 5

Online Training and Capacity Building/Webinars



2 - The structure of UNEP and UNEA



UNEP Management Structure

- UNEP has an Executive Office, a leadership level and the following eight main divisions:
 - Communications Division
 - Economy Division
 - Ecosystems Division
 - Law Division
 - Science Division
 - Policy and Programme Division
 - Corporate Services Division
 - Governance Affairs Office
- UNEP also has six regional offices for Africa, Asia and Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America, and West Asia



Key UNEP Staff



Inger Andersen
UNEP Executive Director



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Satya Tripathi appointed as UNEP
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UNEA

- ▶ United Nations Environment Assembly every 2 years.
- ▶ UNEA is the central governing body of UNEP, has universal membership. Its functions are that it:
 - ▶ sets the priorities for global environmental policy,
 - ▶ advises the UN system on environmental policy issues,
 - ▶ identifies new environmental challenges, examines existing practices,
 - ▶ organises dialogues with Major Groups and Stakeholders promotes partnerships on environment and mobilise resources.





United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

Universal membership: 193 members

Meets biennially on uneven years

Concludes with a 2-day high-level segment

Supported by UNEA Bureau with 10 members

Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR)

Missions accredited to UNEP: 122 members

Supported by CPR Bureau with 5 members

Open-ended CPR (OECPR)

Meets in uneven
years for five days

Annual subcommittee meeting

Meets annually for
five days

Regular meetings

Meets quarterly
for one day

Subcommittee meeting

Organized on a
needs basis

Other meetings

Thematic
debates, briefings

The CPR prepares the meetings of the UNEA (with the Bureau) and regularly reviews the implementation of its decisions.

- The **Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR)** is composed of all accredited Permanent Representatives the UNEP) and is a subsidiary organ of UNEA.
- The CPR is led by a five-member bureau elected for a period of two years.
- Each bureau member represents one of the five UN regional groups of Member States.
- The CPR meets at least four times every year.
- Chair of CPR is **H.E. Mr. Fernando Coimbra** , Chair, Ambassador and Permanent Representatives of Brazil

Committee of Permanent Representatives shall:

- Contribute to the agenda of UNEA.
- Provide advice to the UNEA on policy matters.
- Prepare decisions for adoption by UNEA and oversee their implementation
- Convene thematic and/or programmatic debates.
- The **Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives, OECPR**, meets in odd years to prepare UNEA, with the Bureau.

The UNEA Bureau shall:

- **Provide guidance** on the selection of an **over-arching theme** for the Assembly.
- **Prepare** for the sessions of the Assembly.
- **Assist** the President **conducting the business** of the Assembly.
- Carry out the **tasks entrusted** to it by the Environment Assembly.



The UNEA Bureau shall

- **Advise and provide** input on the UNEA agenda, the draft programme of work and schedule items for the Assembly
- **Consider/facilitate** the negotiation of draft resolutions and decisions for consideration by the Assembly
- **Recommend** the allocation of items to subsidiary bodies of the Assembly
- **Ensure coherence and complementarity** between CPR and the Assembly





H.E. Mr Sveinung Rotevatn.
President, Minister of Environment and
Climate of Norway.



**H.E. Mr. Carlos Manuel
Rodriguez Echandi**
Vice President, Minister of
Environment and Energy of the
Republic of Costa Rica



H.E. Mr. Reggy Nelson, Vice
President, Ambassador Extraordinary and
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H.E. Ms. Brune Poirson Vice President,
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UNEA 5 PRESIDENCY AND BUREAU



H.E. Dr. Mohammed Bin Dainah
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UNEA 5 BUREAU



H.E. Mr. Bassiere Batio Nestor
Vice President and Minister of
Green Economy and Climate
Change of Burkina Faso

3 - The Oslo consultation



Act#ForNature Global Online Forum

Virtual preparatory forum for UNEA-5, 7-10 June 2020, Oslo, Norway

	Sunday 7 June 2020	Monday 8 June 2020	Tuesday 9 June 2020	Wednesday 10 June 2020
9:30 - 10:00		OPEN MEETING Global online Precursory Townhall		
10:00 – 12:00	PARTLY CLOSED MEETING Major Groups and Stakeholders Consultative meeting	OPEN MEETING Global online Townhall 1: Investing in nature to limit the impact and future emergence of zoonotic diseases	OPEN MEETING Global online Townhall 4: Connecting People and Nature - regenerative agriculture and investments in sustainable food systems	
14:00 – 16:00		OPEN MEETING Global online Townhall 2: Adapt to thrive - transformational change for nature and business	CLOSED MEETING Dialogue session between the UNEA and CPR Bureaux and representatives the Major Groups and stakeholders Forum	OPEN MEETING Global online Townhall 5: Youth voices for Nature - environmental governance in the time of COVID-19
16:00 – 18:00			CLOSED MEETING Joint Preparatory Retreat for the Bureaux of UNEA and of the CPR	CLOSED MEETING Joint Preparatory Retreat for the Bureaux of UNEA and of the CPR
18:30 – 20:30		OPEN MEETING Global online Townhall 3: Turning the tide on marine litter	CLOSED MEETING Dialogue session between the UNEA and CPR Bureaux and representatives from the business community	

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The on-line Forum (June 7 – 10) will be composed of the following inter-connected online events:

- Joint “retreat” of the governing bodies, UN Environment Assembly, and the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP (closed meeting).
- Dialogue sessions.
- Preparatory online consultations of civil society and other stakeholders (partly closed).
- Open online global thematic townhalls (open to all interested citizens).



Joint meeting, June 9&10 of the governing bodies of UNEP will have the following objectives:

- ➡ Consider the upcoming fifth session of the UN Environment Assembly in the era of Covid-19.
- ➡ Consider key elements for the UNEA-5 ministerial declaration.
- ➡ Provide guidance on the UNEA-5 communication strategy.
- ➡ Build consensus on the number and overarching topics of resolutions and decisions put forward for adoption at the Assembly.
- ➡ Guide the Executive Director of UNEP on how to build on the theme of the Assembly to further strengthen UNEP as an organization that shifts the needle for environmental action, including through an impact-driven Medium-Term Strategy.

The process from Oslo in June - 20 to UNEA 5 in 2021 in Nairobi will provide a thematic and a policy background for decisions at UNEA 5, with consequences for the next 4 years

UNEA 5 will approve Strategic Documents which will form the basis of the MTS and PoW

Medium Term Strategy
Overall strategy and vision,
valid for four years, 2021-24

Programme of Work and Budget with
Detailed strategies, budgets and
indicators, annually

The previous process leading up to the MTS and to the annual Programme of Work – the present process is similar:

Medium Term Strategy 2018-2021

- Context analysis
- Overall Strategic Focus
- 2030 Vision aligned to SDGs
- Outcome maps
- Business Strategy

Programme of work 2018-2019

First biennial plan - results, baselines, targets and budget

Programme of work 2020-2021

Second biennial plan - revisions based on emerging issues

Project Portfolios 2018-2021

Detailed activities and initiatives



The content of a document leading to the new MTS, may contain the following elements, and the next slide

1. Introduction
2. Situation analysis
3. Vision 2030
4. Operating principles
5. Priority areas
6. Proposed outcomes

7. UNEP's business model
 8. Evaluation of the strategy
- ➡ References
 - ➡ Regional priorities, trends and emerging issues
 - ➡ Strategies of multilateral environmental agreements

Correlation between UNEP's sub-programmes and strategic focus areas

Strong Correlation

Very strong correlation

<u>Subprogramme</u> Strategic focus area	Climate change	Resilience to Disasters and Conflicts	Healthy and Productive Ecosystems	Environmental Governance	Chemicals, waste and air quality	Resource Efficiency	Environment under review
Pollution / Health							
Oceans							
Biodiversity and wildlife							
Green finance and economy							
Environment and Security							

4 - Opportunities for stakeholders



The following non-state stakeholders participate in the UNEA 5 process:



- The nine major groups: Women, **Children and Youth**, Farmers, **NGOs**, Indigenous Peoples, **Workers and Trade Unions**, Science and Technology, **Local Authorities**, Business and Industry. Plus:
- Regional Representatives from the 6 UNEP regions, and specialized accredited NGOs.

Why do we participate in Intergovernmental Processes?

There are at least four important functions:

- ➡ Setting agendas
- ➡ Negotiating outcomes
- ➡ Conferring legitimacy
- ➡ Implementing solutions



To be heard and have an impact, we need to:



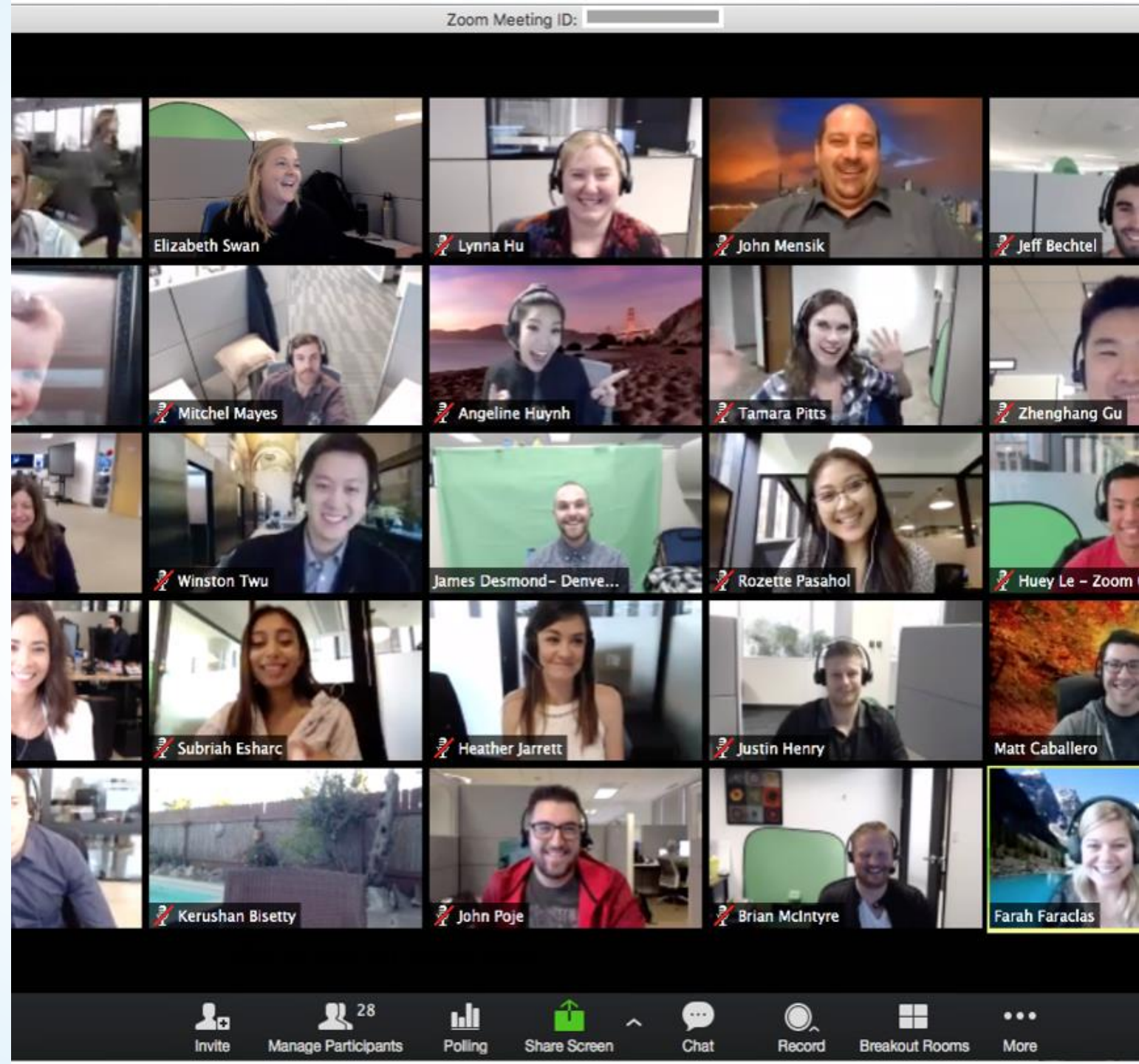
- ➡ Understand how **the UNEA system** works
- ➡ Understand the themes
- ➡ Make sure our **input is relevant** to the theme, including our criticism
- ➡ Make sure **new and additional themes** are relevant to the main theme
- ➡ Have **a strategy** from now until UNEA-5

Dialogue sessions in Oslo following objectives:

- UNEP web site registration 7-10 June
<https://environmentassembly.unenvironment.org/act-for-nature-forum/schedule>
- Prepare a **solid and meaningful contribution** from Major Groups and Stakeholders to the UNEA preparations through developing inputs and positions, with a view to ensure an impactful outcome from UNEA-5.
- Enrich the UNEA-5 and CPR Bureau meeting with **input and expertise** from the Major Groups and other Stakeholders.
- Strengthen the **dialogue and information flow** between UNEA-5 and CPR Bureaux and Major Groups and Stakeholders.
- Build the **capacity and knowledge** base of relevant stakeholders regionally and globally.
- **Increase the number** of stakeholders that engage with UNEP, including through formal accreditation.

The global thematic townhalls in Oslo -

- The townhalls will be organized as virtual dialogues, with opportunities for the multilateral community to identify bold transformative actions for Nature to achieve the SDGs feeding into the Covid-19 economic recovery plans.





The 5 Townhalls address the following topics:

Townhall 1 - Investing in nature to limit the impact and future emergence of zoonotic diseases

Townhall 2 – Adapt to thrive – transforming change for nature and business

Townhall 3 – investing in nature for healthy ecosystems: Turning the tide on marine litter

Townhall 4 – Connecting people and nature: transforming the global food systems

Townhall 5 – Youth voices for nature: environmental governance in the time of COVID-19

Further stakeholder opportunities for input to UNEA 5

➤ Regional Consultations:

- Update of MGS on UNEA 5 and its preparatory process.
- Region proposals for Thematic Clusters.
- Regional Input to CPR/UNEA 5 Bureaus.

➤ Consultations back to back with Ministerial Consultations (if any)

- Input to Ministerial Consultations, if possible, along the line of thematic clusters.
- Input to thematic clusters.

➤ Stakeholder Consultations

- Each stakeholder group is running its own preparatory.

➤ Virtual Youth Assembly (3-5th June):

- Youth have their initial consultations later today and over the next three days. Information available at <https://www.youthenvironment.org/wed2020>
- #Youth4Environment.
- Capacity-building & learning session for youth audience on topics of biodiversity, environment, nature, and related.
- Dialogues with decision-makers in order to raise awareness.
- for relevant policy or activities that are missing.

Further stakeholders input for UNEA 5

➤ International Consultation

- Input to CPR/UNEA 5 Bureau Meeting (next week)
- Agreement on thematic clusters/cluster leads, working arrangement
- Agreement for the process until UNEA 5, including any additional online platforms

➤ Key UNEA-5 events

- Youth Forum prior to UNEA:
- Science and Business Forum

➤ Global Major Groups and Other Stakeholders Forum:

- Exchange of Information
- Preparation of joint positions and input as the result of the work of thematic clusters
- Working arrangements for UNEA 5 for stakeholders
- Capacity building workshops

For the rest of
the year
including at the
UNEA 5...

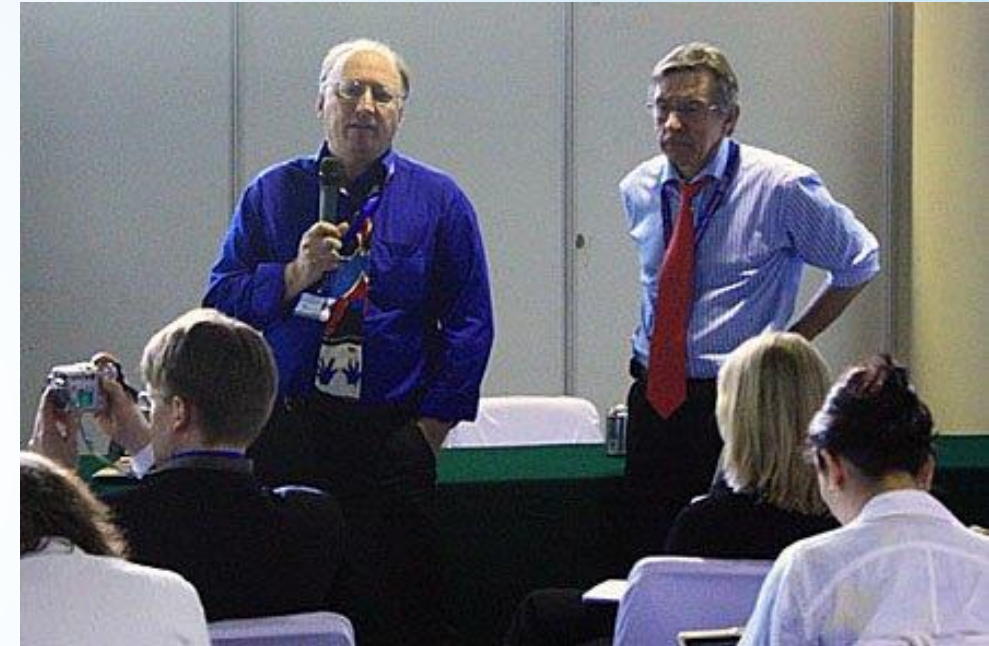



More training between now and UNEA 5 and at UNEA 5

During the **fall of 2020** we will give more training sessions. With an assignment from UNEP we will:

- How to **manoeuvre within UNEA**, working with staff, delegates and other stakeholders to promote stakeholder issues
- Provide **lobby skills**
- Identify **emerging issues** and propel them into the negotiations
- What it is like to be a **government representative**
- Case studies of **successful stakeholder campaigns**
- Case studies of successful **multi-stakeholder partnerships**
- **Organise side events** and workshops AND make them count

And much more...





We have produced **a guide** to the official themes of UNEA 5. It takes you through the official discussion of the themes for UNEA 5 and gives the reader also some background.

The **guide** is available in **English, French, Russian, and Spanish**, and available on **Forum Norway's** home page as well as **UNEP stakeholder** website, and on Stakeholder Forum's website.

Visit the Stakeholder Forum homepage to download the guide in four languages: www.stakeholderforum.org

Thank you for listening to us

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Thank you for participating

A recording of this webinar and the presentation slides will soon be available on the Stakeholder Forum website.

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