







Orientation of New Members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives A Bird's Eye View of the work of Governing Bodies

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Introduction

- Evolution of Governing Bodies aligned to history and milestones of UN Environment
- 2. Continues to evolve in response to changing needs and demands by Member States for greater effectiveness, efficiency and responsiveness and changes in the global landscape.
- 3. UN Environment has a unique mandate as an advocate for the environment.









UN Environment Governance Structure

Governed by Rules of Procedure (last amended in May 2016)

United Nations Environment Assembly

- ✓ Universal meetings starting in 2014
 - 1st session: 23-27 June 2014
 - > 2nd session: 23-27 May 2016
 - > 3rd session: 4-6 December 2017



Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR)

- ✓ Subsidiary inter sessional body of the Environment Assembly
- ✓ Composed of representatives of member States accredited to UN environment

Open-Ended CPR Meetings

- Meets for 5 days
 - ✓ 1st meeting 28-28 March 2014
 - ✓ 2nd Meeting: 15-19 Feb 2016
 - √ 3rd Meeting: 29 Nov-1 Dec 2017

Regular Meetings

- Quarterly meetings
- Extraordinary meetings

Annual subcommittee meeting

- ✓ 1st meeting: 23-27 Sept.2013
- ✓ 2nd meeting: 27-31 Oct 2014
- ✓ 3rd meeting: 6-9 March 2017
- Subcommittee meetings
- Informal Working Groups
 - Briefings

Functions of the United Nations Environment Assembly

Governing Council decision 27/2, paragraph 5 (Feb 2013)

- (a) Setting the global environmental agenda;
- (b) Providing overarching policy guidance and defining policy responses to address emerging environmental challenges;
- (c) Undertaking policy review, dialogue and exchange of experiences;
- (d) Setting the strategic guidance on the future direction of the United Nations Environment Programme;
- (e) Organizing a multi-stakeholder dialogue;
- (f) Fostering partnerships for achieving environmental goals and resources mobilization.









Some Components of the UN Environment Assembly

- (a) Plenary
- (b) High Level Segment
- (c) Committee of the Whole: Drafting Groups
- (d) Multi-stakeholder dialogue;
- (e) Side Events
- (f) Pre-session Events like the Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum
- (g) Hospitality Events
- (h) Regional Consultations
- (i) Media events









GOVERNING COUNCIL VS Environment Assembly

	Governing Council	UN ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY	
Membership	58 elected members	193 UN member States	
Bureau	5 members	10 members	
Meets	Annually (ordinary and special sessions)	Biennially in even years, preceded by OECPR serving as a UNEA prepcom	
Organization	5 days, including the Global Ministerial Environment Forum	5 days, including a two-day high- level segment at the end of session	
	Both preceded by the Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF)		
Outcome	Decisions and other outcome documents as decided by Members	Resolutions, decisions and other outcome documents as decided by member States	

UN Environment Assembly Bureau Members – 10 MEMBERS

Office	Name and Designation	Country	Regional group
President	H.E. Mr. H.E. Mr Edgar Gutierrez, Minister of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica	Costa Rica	Latin America and the Caribbean Group
Vice Presidents	H.E. Mr. Dennis Lowe, Minister of Environment and Drainage	Barbados	Latin America and the Caribbean Group
	Ministry of Environment	Gabon	African Group
	Federal Ministry of Environment	Nigeria	African Group
	H.E. Mr. Jassim Humadi, Ag. Minister of Health and Environment	Iraq	Asia Pacific Group
	H.E. Ramon J.P. Paje, Secretary, Minister of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources	Philippines	Asia Pacific Group
	Mr. Vladislav Smrž, Deputy Minister, Ministry of the Environment	Czech Republic	Eastern European Group
	H.E. Mr. Mr. Milorad Šćepanović, Permanent	Montenegro	Eastern European Group

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