

# Multilateral Environmental Diplomacy and Negotiations



**United Nations Environment Programme**



# Introduction

- The United Nations Environment Assembly is the Governing body of the UN Environment Programme, a high level decision making body on the environment;
- From 2012 has Universal membership (193 member states) as an outcome of Rio +20.

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- UNEA brings to the agenda emerging environmental issues and provides a forum for deliberating on key areas;
- Its resolutions and calls for action provide leadership and catalyzes inter-governmental action on the environment.

# Outline of the presentation

1. The United Nations Environment Programme;
2. The United Nations Environmental Assembly;
3. Negotiating as a country and through groups;
- 4 Effective ways of negotiating in UNEA

# United Nations Environment Programme

- The Leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda,
- Promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations;
- Serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment.

# United Nations Environment Programme

- It is the Secretariat of UNEA;
- Involved in all stages of negotiation from the pre-session, in –session and post session stages;
- preparation and organization of meetings in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, Meetings with Bureau Members;
- Governments are engaged in the course of preparation identifying the theme, the kind of outcomes, the Programme of work and budget etc.

# Key elements and success factors of a negotiator of UNEA

- Understanding the United Nations Environment Programme and the role of UNEA;
- Understanding the rules of procedure of UNEA;
- Preparations on all agenda items and contributing to the process from the pre-session, in session and later at the post session stage;
- Taking note of all aspects in sessions, and being able to participate in advance of the meeting in consultations.

# Pre-session negotiations

- Preparation of the session agreeing on the following:-
- The structure (Opening/High level)
- Consultations on the theme,
- Consultations on the proposed resolutions;
- Initial reviews of the programme of work and

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