



Introduction to UNEA-2

Delivering on the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**



UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY

Mandate of UNEA (GC Decision 27/2 of 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 UNEP
- (e) Organizing a multi-stakeholder dialogue;
- (f) Fostering partnerships for achieving environmental goals and resource mobilization.



GOVERNING COUNCIL VS. UNEA



	Governing Council	UNEA
Members	58 elected Member States	193 UN Member States
Bureau	5 members	10 members (regional representation)
Meets	Annually (ordinary and special sessions)	Biennially in even years, preceded by OECPR serving as a UNEA prepcom
Format	5 days, including a Global Ministerial Environment Forum	5 days, including a two-day High-Level Segment
	Both preceded by the Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF)	
Outcome	Decisions and other outcome documents as decided by GC Member States	Resolutions, decisions and other outcome documents as decided by Member States
Relation to UN System	ECOSOC and General Assembly Follow-up MDGs	General Assembly, ECOSOC, HLPF and increasingly other UN system bodies Follow-up SDGs

UNEA BUREAU

- Rule 18 of the rules of procedure: “The Bureau shall assist the President in the general conduct of business of UNEA”.
- 1 President, 8 Vice Presidents and 1 Rapporteur – 2 representatives from each region – are elected at the commencement of each session.
- Early nominations by the regional groups encouraged, preferably by OECPR-2 (which took place in February)



UNEA Bureau meeting in Nairobi (March 2015)

UNEA-1 OUTCOMES (NAIROBI, 23-27 JUNE 2014)

- Over 1065 participants from 163 Member States, including President Uhuru Kenyatta, HRH Prince Albert II of Monaco and the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
- 40+ events
- Themes for UNEA-1 high Level segment: “SDGs and the Post-2015 Development Agenda, including sustainable consumption and production” and “Illegal trade in wildlife”
- 17 resolutions, including the ministerial outcome document, and 2 decisions adopted





UNEA-2
23-27 May 2016

Open-ended CPR
15-19 February 2016

CPR subcommittee meetings, informal consultations & briefings

Annual CPR subcommittee 3rd meeting
26-30 October 2015

September 2015 Summit

Informal multistakeholder activities

Regional forums and activities

UNEA-2 ORGANIZATION

- Overarching theme on “**Implementing the environmental dimension of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development**”
- Interactive ministerial policy review to focus on “**Healthy Environment- Healthy people**”, supported by a global thematic report
- Symposium on “**Mobilizing resources for sustainable investments**”
- Various side events and pre-sessional events envisaged with a view to bringing diverse actors to Nairobi; many opportunities for stakeholder engagement





Draft Resolutions

There are 5 clusters of resolutions, grouped thematically to some extent.

Discussions have taken place around the clusters, with some merged

Negotiations are still ongoing

Three proposed resolutions from the region:

–The International Environment Forum for Basin Organizations (Egypt)

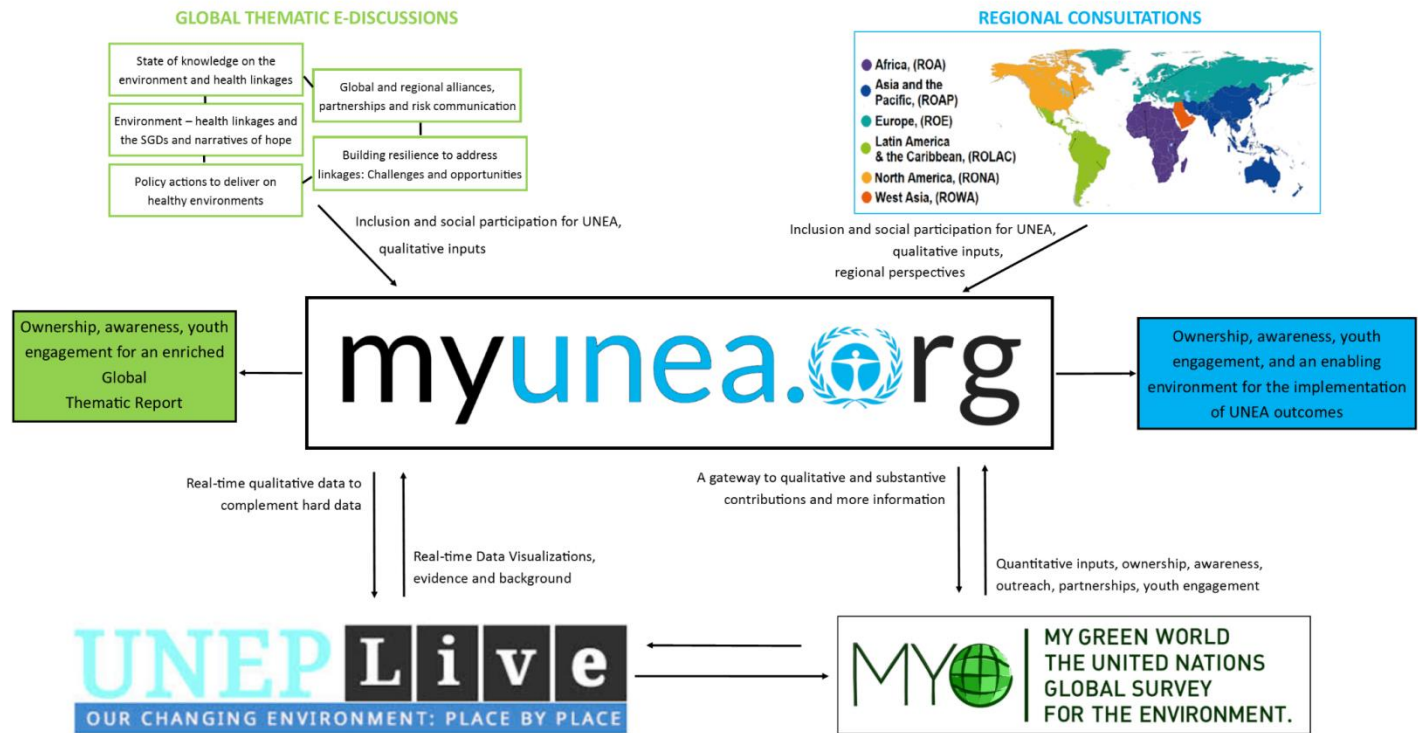
–Impact of the Syrian crisis on environment in neighboring hosting countries (Jordan)

–Field based environmental assessment of the effects after the November 2012 and July and August 2014 Wars on Gaza Strip (Morocco on behalf of LAS)

UAE also part of proposed resolution on Sand and Dust Storms



Putting UNEA on the map: citizen participation and engagement





In Conclusion

Urge participation at UNEA-2 at the highest possible level

Seek strong engagement of the region in the various events and resolution discussions

Emphasis on the importance of strengthening UNEP's strategic regional presence in support of member states

Commitment to integration and delivery of the environmental dimensions of sustainable development