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"An informative session hosted by UNEP MGCY on UNEA-5, and environmental governance in UN processes - especially for the newbies"

Capacity Building WEBINAR

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UN Major Group for
Children and Youth
the space for children and youth in the United Nations

Link to join

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AGENDA

1. Youth Constituencies in the UN system
2. The UNEP MGCY and its structure and topics
3. Roles and responsibilities
4. Our main intergovernmental platform
UNEA and its history
5. UNEA-5
6. Youth Engagement during UNEA
7. Other thematic engagement
opportunities in UNEP MGCY
8. AOB





Let us introduce: the Youth Constituency to UNEP





The United Nations System

UN Principal Organs

- General Assembly
- Security Council
- Economic and Social Council
- Secretariat
- International Court of Justice
- Trusteeship Council⁵

Subsidiary Bodies

Main and other sessional committees

- Disarmament Commission
- Human Rights Council
- International Law Commission
- Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

Programmes and Funds

- UNCTAD** United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
 - **ITC** International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)
- UNDP** United Nations Development Programme
 - **UNCDF** United Nations Capital Development Fund
 - **UNV** United Nations Volunteers
- UNEP** United Nations Environment Programme
- UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund
- UN-HABITAT** United Nations Human Settlements Programme
- UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- UNICEF** United Nations Children's Fund

- UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- UNRWA**¹ United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
- UN-Women** United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
- WFP** World Food Programme

- UNITAR** United Nations Institute for Training and Research
- UNRISD** United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
- UNSSC** United Nations System Staff College
- UNU** United Nations University

Other Entities

- UNAIDS** Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
- UNISDR** United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
- UNOPS** United Nations Office for Project Services

Subsidiary Bodies

- Counter-terrorism committees
- International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR)
- International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
- Military Staff Committee
- Peacekeeping operations and political missions
- Sanctions committees (ad hoc)
- Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

Advisory Subsidiary Body

- United Nations Peacebuilding Commission

Related Organizations

- CTBTO PrepCom** Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization
- IAEA**² International Atomic Energy Agency
- OPCW** Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
- WTO**³ World Trade Organization

Functional Commissions

- Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- Narcotic Drugs
- Population and Development
- Science and Technology for Development
- Social Development
- Statistics
- Status of Women
- Sustainable Development
- United Nations Forum on Forests

Regional Commissions

- ECA** Economic Commission for Africa
- ECE** Economic Commission for Europe
- ECLAC** Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- ESCAP** Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- ESCWVA** Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

Other Bodies

- Committee for Development Policy
- Committee of Experts on Public Administration
- Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
- Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
- Other sessional and standing committees and expert, ad hoc and related bodies

Specialized Agencies⁴

- ILO** International Labour Organization
- FAO** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- UNESCO** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- WHO** World Health Organization
- World Bank Group**
 - **IBRD** International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
 - **IDA** International Development Association
 - **IFC** International Finance Corporation
 - **MIGA** Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency
 - **ICSID** International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes
- IMF** International Monetary Fund
- ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization
- IMO** International Maritime Organization
- ITU** International Telecommunication Union
- IUPU** Universal Postal Union
- WMO** World Meteorological Organization
- WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization
- IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development
- UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- UNWTO** World Tourism Organization

Departments and Offices

- EOSG** Executive Office of the Secretary-General
- DESA** Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- DFS** Department of Field Support
- DGACM** Department for General Assembly and Conference Management
- DM** Department of Management
- DPA** Department of Political Affairs
- DPI** Department of Public Information
- DPKO** Department of Peacekeeping Operations
- DSS** Department of Safety and Security
- OCHA** Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
- OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- OIOS** Office of Internal Oversight Services
- OIA** Office of Legal Affairs
- OSAA** Office of the Special Adviser on Africa
- OSRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict
- UNODA** Office for Disarmament Affairs
- UNOG** United Nations Office at Geneva
- UN-OHRLS** Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
- UNON** United Nations Office at Nairobi
- UNOV** United Nations Office at Vienna

NOTES:

- UNRWA and UNIDR report only to the General Assembly.
- IAEA reports to the Security Council and the General Assembly.
- WTO has no reporting obligation to the General Assembly (IGA) but contributes on an ad-hoc basis to GA and ECOSOC work (intra alia on finance and developmental issues).
- Specialized agencies are autonomous organizations working with the UN and each other through the coordinating machinery of ECOSOC at the intergovernmental level, and through the Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) at the inter-secular level. This section is based in part on establishment of those organizations as specialized agencies of the United Nations.
- The Trusteeship Council suspended operation on 1 November 1994 with the independence of Palau, the last remaining United Nations Trust Territory, on 1 October 1994.

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Youth Engagement in the UN

- By type of engagement- *Intergovernmental Processes, Secretariat (UN entities), Member States, and Project Implementation.*
- By Pillars of the UN- Human Rights, Peace and Security, Development, [Rule of Law]
- By organs of the UN- General Assembly, Security Council, Economic and Social Council, [Trusteeship Council], International Court of Justice, Secretariat

Just some...

Indigenous Issues	Health
Disaster Risk Reduction	Education
Migration	Gender Equality
Humanitarian Affairs	Water and Sanitation
Sustainable Urban Development	Decent Work-Economic Growth
Climate Change	Peace and Security
Oceans	Governance
Forests	Human Rights
Biodiversity	Means of Development
Environmental Governance and Issues	Science Policy Interface
Sustainable Consumption and Production	Regional Commissions Deliberations
Small Island Developing States (SIDS)	
Food and Nutrition	

The environmental processes and their youth constituencies



United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	YOUNGO / International Youth Climate Movement <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Informally existent since 2005● Formally recognized in 2009
United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD)	Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN) <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Formalised since 2012● Existent since 2010
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	UNEP Major Group for Children and Youth <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Formalised through UNEA Rules and Procedures, and UNEP Stakeholder Engagement Handbook● Existent since 2012, formalised in 2014
United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)	The formal Youth Constituency to UNCCD - the Global Youth Caucus on Desertification and Land

Structure and Roles of UNEP MGCY

The membership

- Representatives of member organisations/ Individual members
- The "general assembly" of the Youth Constituency
- Official mailing list: unep-tunza-mgcy@googlegroups.com
- The mailing list is moderated, and serves as the primary avenues for discussion
- 200+ youth-led NGOs and more individuals in the list
- Everyone engages on the same footing, to contribute to decision-making processes, initiatives, etc.
- To join: sign-up at: www.youthenvironment.org

Principles and barriers of meaningful youth engagement

- **Principles**
 - Self-Organised
 - Legally Mandated Rights-Based
 - Designated
 - Well Resourced
 - Accountable
- **Barriers**
 - Individualisation
 - No Resources
 - Regressive Normative Framing
 - Changing Engagement Landscape for Non-State Actors

Timeline of youth engagement in UNEP

The first United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the "Stockholm Conference" held in 1972 brought delegates from 113 nations together in Sweden.

Governing Council of UNEP adopted a long-term strategy for engaging young people in environmental activities and in the work of UNEP. The strategy was entitled the Tunza Youth Strategy.

1992 Earth Summit Rio

2003 - 2013 TUNZA operates

1972

Stockholm Conference

2003 - TUNZA is born

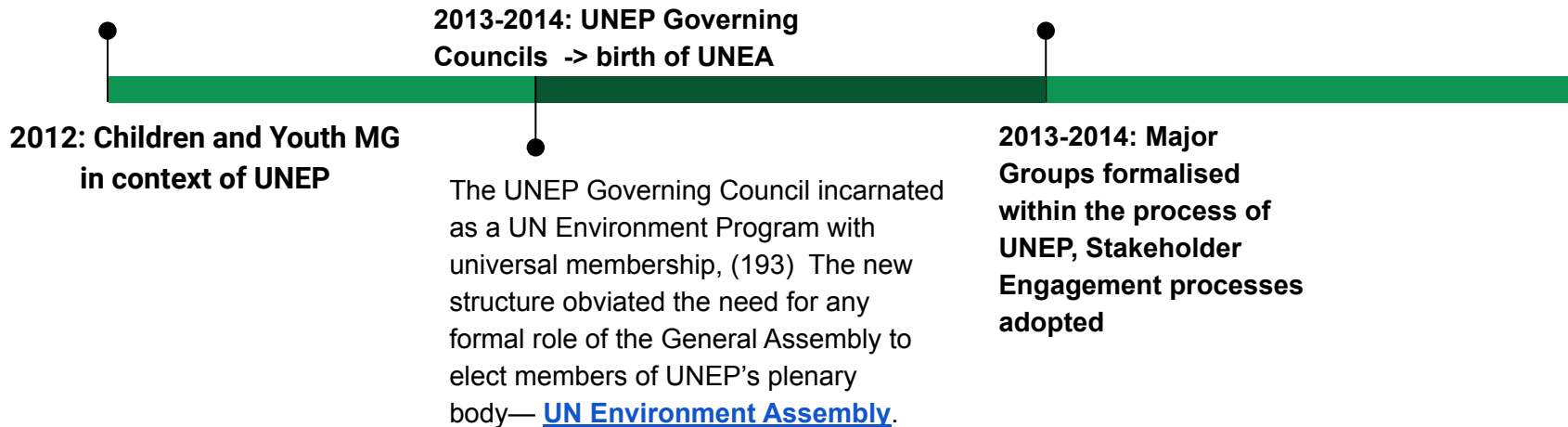
The "Earth Summit" recognised that achieving sustainable development would require the participation of all sectors of society. As such its outcome formalised nine groups as the main channels through which broad participation would be facilitated related to sustainable development.

[TUNZA program](#) operated through various International Children and Youth Conferences convened by UNEP, notably International Daejeon, South Korea (2009), Children's Conference in lead-up to UNCBD COP10 in Nagoya, Japan (2010), Bandung, Indonesia (2011), etc.

Timeline of youth engagement in UNEP

In the lead-up to Rio+20, Major Groups started to restructure within the UNEP processes as well and UNEP Children and Youth Major Group came into existence in mid-2012.

In the same period as establishment of UNEA, the 9 Major Groups were formalized as space for formal engagement within the process of UNEP.



Any questions until now?

What is UNEA?

- Highest decision-making body for the environment
- UNEA, with its universal membership, provides the world's environment ministers, for the first time, with an assembly at which they can define international action on the environment.
- UNEA can invite the UN General Assembly to draft resolutions for adoption by the General Assembly for UN-wide action.
- UNEA reports annually to the UN General Assembly through the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).





Functions of UNEA

- Promote international cooperation and, where appropriate, policies in the field of the environment;
- Provide policy guidance for the direction and coordination of the UN's work on the environment;
- Review the world's environmental situation in order to ensure that emerging global environmental problems are given appropriate and adequate consideration by Governments;
- Promote the exchange of environmental knowledge and information and, as appropriate, the environmental work of the United Nations;
- Continuously review the impact of national and international environmental policies and measures on developing countries, and ensure that environmental projects are compatible with the development plans and priorities of those countries; and
- Annually review and approve the utilization of the financial resources of the Environment Fund.

Context

- UNEA 1: 2014
- UNEA 2: 2016
- UNEA 3: 2017
- UNEA 4: 2019
- UNEA 5: 2021 (Norway Presidency)
- Preceded by Global Major Group and Stakeholders Forum
- Technical meetings such as OECPR
- Other events such as Sustainable Innovation Expo, Business Forum, etc.



... however there is a long-road to it

- Bi-monthly negotiations, convened under the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR)
- The negotiations are now virtual given COVID 19 concerns, but they are going on.
- LOT of issues being discussed, included but not limited to discussions on Nature Based Solutions, budget, ...
- You can participate in these meetings virtually as well
- Let us visit the CPR portal now!

Overview // priorities looking into 2020

General work:

- Preparation of UNEA-5
- Representation of children and youth in the Committee of Permanent Representatives
- Youth Environment Assembly
 - National
 - Regional
 - Fundraising for the Environment Assembly
- Coordination with UNEP regional offices

Thematic work:

- Marine Litter & Microplastics
- Chemicals & Waster
- Ecosystem Restoration
- Environmental Law
- MEAs
 - CMS, Ramsar, BRS... others

Special initiatives

- World Environment Day
- ~~GEO~~
- Emission Gap
- Awards

Thank you