



Overview of the international climate & environment agenda and priorities in 2025

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1. International Scene Setter

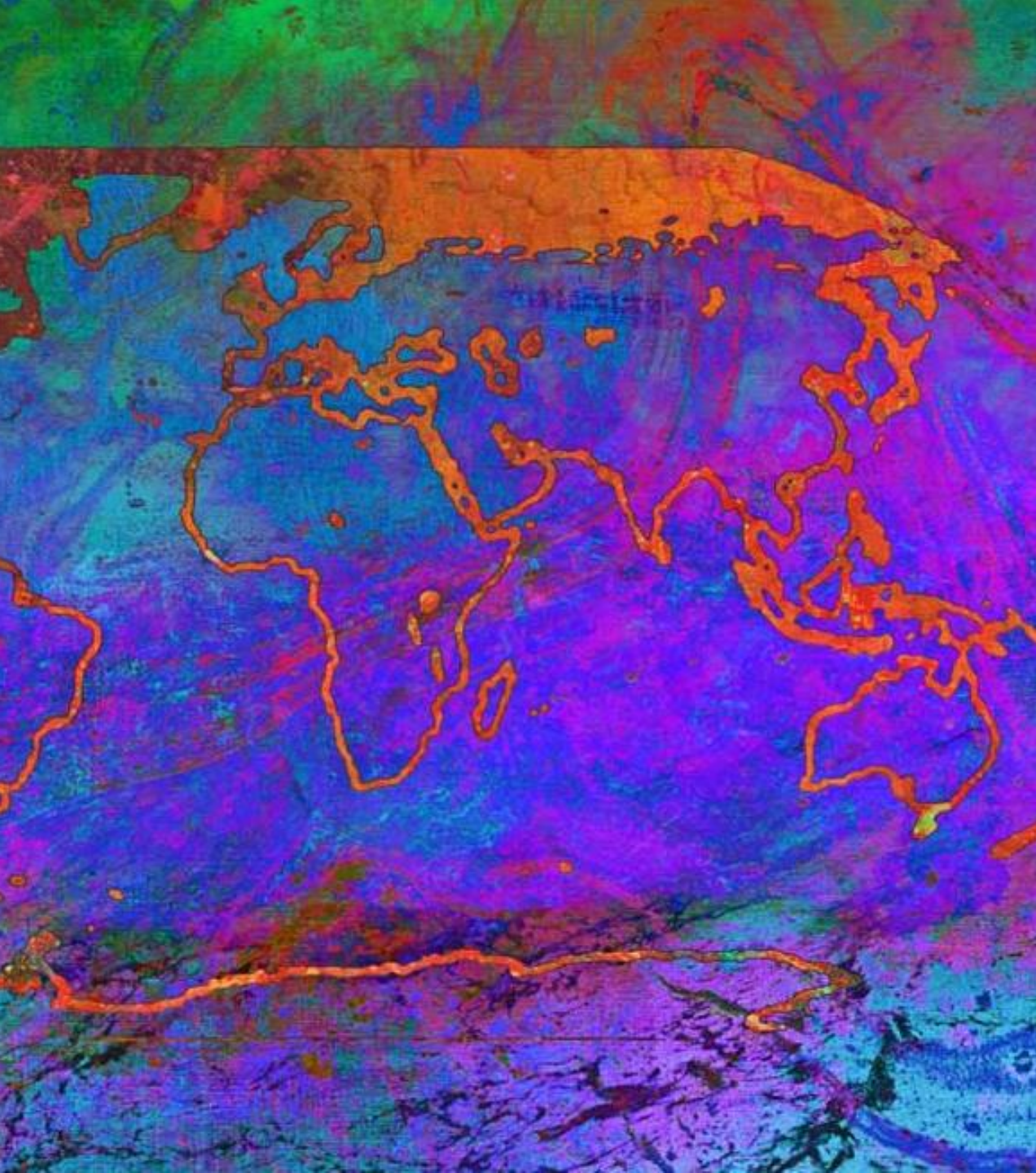
- Trump II
- G7 under CAN presidency
- G20 / BRICS+
- New EU-Commission : *“if the US steps out, the EU has to step up”*



COM PRES Ursula vd Leyen (at EP, 27-11-2024)

- *“So I want to be clear: We must and will stay the course on the goals of the European Green Deal. But if we want to be successful in this transition, we must be more agile and better accompany people and business along the way.”*





2. Climate change ⁽¹⁾

COP30

Belem BRAZ, 10 November-21 November 2025

- *NDC's , to be communicated well in advance, targets from 2030 to 2035*
- *Baku to Belem Roadmap to USD 1.3 Trn (cfr NCQG)*
- *Result of the UAE framework on global resilience and adaptation*
- *Belem as an ecosystem COP*

Preparation:

- *Informal consultations in usual formats (JP/BRAZ Dialogue, Petersberg Climate Dialogue, Copenhagen informal ministerial: all tbc)*
- *Subsidiary Bodies UNFCCC (Bonn 16-26 June)*

Climate change (2)

EU preparation:

- *Council Conclusions COP29 (ENVI, October)*
- *ECOFIN Conclusions Climate finance (ECOFIN, October) **TBC***

Outreach

- *Demarches Green Diplomacy Network*
- *NDC Diplomacy*

Troika Mission 1.5° : from Dubai to Belém and focus on cooperation and support for NDCs

Various international meetings (UNOC, UNGA, ...)

3. OCEANS

- UN Ocean Conference (3rd), Nice 9-13 June (FR & Costa Rica) ; declaration. Side events. FR ambition.
- **BBNJ** Treaty Campaign : 2 Pre-COPs (June and August); COP in... ? Ratifications underway (BE).
- UNFCCC in 2025-26 : BE, BRAZ and Fiji facilitating Ocean & climate.
- Our Ocean Conference Korea, Busan : 28-30 April.





4. Biodiversity

COP17 in 2026 in Armenia.

Two points of attention in run-up to Armenia :

- a. Review of implementation of Global Biodiversity Framework (cfr. Analysis of National biodiversity strategies and action plans) ; BE plan in final stage of adoption.
- b. Resource mobilisation and finance : setting up Cali fund cfr. COP16.1 ; Follow up of COP16.2 ?

5. Desertification

Suivi du COP 16

(Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 2-13 Dec. '24)

Suivi de certaines décisions importantes prises à Riyadh:

- GEF9 replenishment ; évaluation mid term du CS 2030 et préparation du cadre stratégique post-2030
- Sécheresse et synergies entre les Conventions de Rio et les sujets thématiques : migration, land tenure, gender, better involvement of the OSC

EU / Pres. PL prévoit 3 WPIEI désertification.

Préparation du CRIC 23 en déc. (1-5) 2025 à Panama.

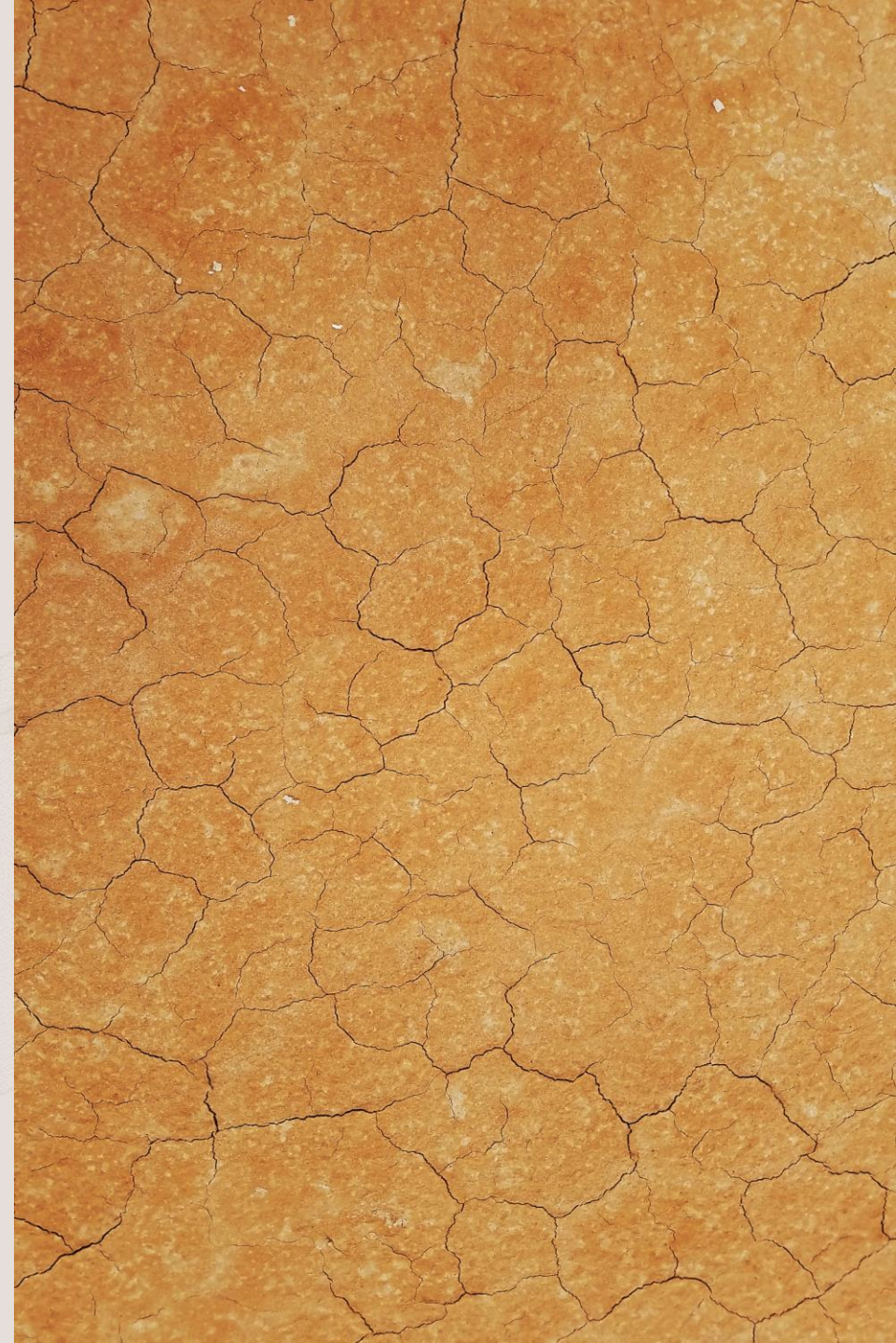
Concertations prévues en 2025:

- Avec postes BE multi concernés par UNCCD: 7 Février
- Implication de la société civile/ONG : p.ex. APEFE, Humundi
- Sujet d'intérêt particulier : UE comme Partie Affectée...?



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6. Chemicals and Pollution

Follow up on Plastics - INC-5

(Busan, Korea, 25/11 to 1/12)

- *Provisions regarding the supply of primary plastic polymers as well as plastic products and chemicals was backed by +100 states*
- *Ongoing obstruction by small number of oil-rich states (S-A ...)*
- *Resumed session INC-5.2, maybe in summer '25.*
- *Diplomatic conf. for signature ? (Rwanda, Ecuador Galap. ?)*

7. UNEA-7

Political highlight :

UN Environment Assembly : **UNEA 7**, Nairobi 8-12 dec. 2025 : “Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet”.

Discussions foreseen on circular economy, sustainable production and consumption, just transition...

Adoption Medium Term Strategy of UNEP





7. Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development

High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

New-York, 14-25 July 2025

- Theme: “Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 agenda for Sust. Devmt. and its Sustain Devt. Goals for leaving no one behind”. Next Summit: 2027
- SDGs under review this year – SDG 3 (good health and well-being), SDG 5 (gender equality), SDG 8 (decent work and ec. growth), **SDG 14** (life below water), and SDG 17 (partnerships for the Goals)
- Lingering preliminary reflection on post-2030 Agenda ?
- **Financing for Development Conference**, Sevilla 30/6 tot 3/7
- **World Social Summit**, Doha (Autumn)

Overview

24-28 February Hangzhou, China	62nd Session of the IPCC (IPCC-62)
25-27 February Rome	COP16 CBD (resumed session)
5-7 March New Delhi	World Sustainable Development Summit 2025
12-13 March Bridgetown, Barbados	Sustainable Energy for All Global Forum
17-21 March Brasilia	Conférence sur le climat et l'air pur – Climate & Clean Air Coalition
25-27 March Cartagena, Colombia	Conférence mondiale sur la pollution de l'air et la santé
28 April to 9 May Geneva	COP17 Basel, COP12 Rotterdam, and COP12 Stockholm
5-9 May New York	Forum des Nations Unies sur les forêts, Vingtième session
29 May – 1 June Dushanbe, Tajikistan	International Conference on Glaciers' Preservation
Mid-July (tbc) Geneva (tbc)	INC5.2 Plastics Treaty
9-13 June Nice	Conférence des Nations Unies sur l'Océan (UNOC 3)
9-23 September New York	UNGA 80
9-15 October Abu Dhabi	IUCN World Conversation
6-7 October Geneva	UNECE Forum of Mayors
10-21 November Belem	COP 30 UNFCCC
22-23 November Capetown	G20 Leaders' Summit (focus on debt and financing for development and climate)
1-5 December (tbc) Panama	CRIC23 (UNCCD)
8-12 December Nairobi	UNEA 7 - UNEP



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Thank you! Thank you!



