



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

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2. Climate change

UNFCCC COP30

Belem, 10 November-21 November

- NDCs to be communicated well in advance, targets from 2030 to 2035
- Baku to Belem Roadmap to USD 1.3 Trn (cfr NCQG): COP29 & 30 mandated to consult and report
- Indicators UAE framework on global resilience and adaptation
- Follow-up Global Stocktake: UAE dialogue
- Just Transition Work Programme
- Reform of UNFCCC Process: platform to deliver & streamlining agendas
- **Synergies Rio Conventions** and catalyzing broad cooperation
- Action Agenda with **six priorities** (energy transition, forests/ocean/biodiv, agric/food, cities/water, human development, enablers)

Preparation:

- Bonn SB62 as formal preparations
- Informal consultations in usual formats with PreCOP in Brasilia beginning October
- UNGA80 Climate Week (21-28 September, New York)



3. Ocean

UN Ocean Conference (UNOC 3) Nice, 9-13 June

- BE focus on BBNJ, synergies, strengthening science, BE as hub energy transition;
- BE side event BBNJ clearing house & BE co-lead UNOC on synergies ocean/climate/biodiv
- BE, BR & Fiji facilitating Ocean & Climate Dialogues (SB62, Bonn) until COP31 (2026)

BBNJ Second Preparatory Commission "Prepcom II" New York, 18-29 August

- Surge in ratifications (over 50 countries including BE), likely enter into force in early 2026
- Beyond with arrangements GEF, modalities for special fund established under Art. 52
- BE Campaign to host BBNJ Secretariat in Brussels = opportunity to engage on substance

International Seabed Authority 30th Session Kingston 7-25 June

- ISA must adopt robust, environmentally friendly rules, regulations and procedures
- Need for more robust scientific research to provide sufficient and appropriate information to make informed, evidence-based decisions about the environmental impact of operations





4. Biodiversity

Ramsar COP15 Victoria Falls, 23-31 July

IUCN World Conservation Congress Abu Dhabi, 9-15 October

Two points of attention in run-up to CBD COP17 in Armenia :

- Review of implementation of Global Biodiversity Framework (cfr. Analysis of National biodiversity strategies and action plans) ; BE plan in final stage of adoption.
- Resource mobilisation : modalities Cali Fund established COP16.1
quid roadmap COP16.2 ?

5. Desertification, Land Degradation & Drought

UNCCD CRIC 23

Panama, 1-5 December

Follow-up important decisions from COP16 / CRIC 22 in Riyadh

- *Establishing a permanent Science-Policy Interface (SPI)*
- *UNCCD 2025-2028 results framework / reporting*
- *Collaboration with GEF & broader resource mobilization*
- *IWG working on UNCCD post-2030 Strategic Framework*
- *Potential Informal Drought Process led by KSA & Mongolia*
- *Other thematic issues: migration, land tenure, gender*
- **Launch of Riyadh Drought Partnership.**

Preparation

- *Outreach with AGN, GRULAC, KSA, Mongolia, IDRA*



UNCCD COP17 Ulaanbaatar, 17 - 28 August 2026



6. Chemicals and Pollution

Basel Rotterdam Stockholm BRS COP Geneva, 28 April - 9 May

- BC17 updated technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of persistent organic pollutants wastes; new strategic framework for the implementation of the Convention for 2025-2031
- RC12 & SC12 listed new chemicals in relevant Conventions' annexes, progress on Compliance work

Open-Ended Working Group to prepare Science Policy Panel (SPP) Punta del Este, 15-20 June

- Established Intergovernmental Science-policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution (ISP-CWP)
- EU is allowed to participate as an enhanced observer (without option to vote for 27 MS - for now)
- Much to be determined for adequate operation / + for science-based responses to triple planetary crisis

Plastics Treaty Negotiations - INC-5.2 Geneva, 5-14 August

- 'Nice Wake up Call' targets primary plastic polymers as well as plastic products and chemicals
- Oil-rich Gulf States constant obstruction, US defensive engagement
- Oslo meetings convening HAC+ small groups drafting, socializing bridging ideas in Nairobi HoDs
- Diplomatic conference for signature (Rwanda "KigaLima" vs. Ecuador ?)



7. UN Environment Assembly

UNEA 7

Nairobi, 8-12 December

- *Thematic: “Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet”*
- *Executive Director hint (in the first part of her report to UNEA-7) at water resource management, nutrient pollution, mineral governance, stratospheric protection, and AI’s environmental footprint*
- *Discussions foreseen on circular economy, sustainable production and consumption, just transition...*
- *Adoption Medium Term Strategy 2026 to 2029 of UNEP*
- *WP Global 18/07 discuss if EU should table its own resolutions or work on the basis of others*



7. Sustainable Development & Financing

High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development New-York, 14-25 July 2025

- “Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions” SDGs under review: 3 (health), 5 (gender), 8 (decent work), 14 (life below water), 17 (partnerships)

Financing for Development Conference Sevilla, 30 June - 3 July

- Sevilla Platform for Action, a mechanism to mobilize scalable, inclusive initiatives on debt, tax, private investments, social development and climate finance (without US).

GEF9 replenishment talks #1 Paris, 19-21 May

- Positive preliminary findings 8th Overall Performance Study; MOPAN Assessment + encouraging initial discussions on Secretariat draft Programming Directions & Policy Directions, 5 FA / 8 IPs

GEF9 replenishment talks #2 Botswana, 8-10 October

- Revision of the STAR allocation formula (LDCs & SIDS); fast-tracking project approval & simplifying access; Beneficiary Country Engagement Strategy, NGI, Small Grants, Innovation



Thank you! Thank you!



