



The Multilateral Environment Agenda for the 2nd Semester 2022

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Enhancing and implementing multilateralism across 4 main thematic areas

- 1. Ocean*
- 2. Biodiversity*
- 3. Climate change*
- 4. Environmental pollution*



The Ocean: towards a stronger ocean governance in a fragmented institutional landscape

2022 (originally 2020) is often presented as the “super year” for multilateral policies in the field of ocean, biodiversity and climate change

- One Ocean Summit in Brest in February – a series of new commitments by multiple actors on marine biodiversity, zero emission shipping and energy transition ports, strengthening ocean science ...
- UNEA5 result on establishing INC plastic pollution
- Our Ocean Conference in Palau in April – US approach with voluntary commitments
- UNFCCC SB session Bonn – Ocean and Climate dialogue
- IMO: MEPC 78 – Mediterranean as special protected area on Sulphur emissions; revising guidelines on GHG emissions and energy efficiency of shipping
- Lisbon Ocean Conference SDG14



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Still more important political moments in sight:

- 5th Intergovernmental negotiation session BBNJ (New York, 15-26 August): possibly and hopefully a successful result with a new binding instrument! Will establish framework for MPAs, impact assessment and marine genetic resources
- CCAMLR 41 (regional convention for marine protection in Antarctic region): 2 EU proposals for very large-scale MPAs Southern Ocean
- CBD COP 15: see goals on marine environment
- Importance of Blue Leaders Initiative: 30 by 30 (highly protected marine areas) together with BBNJ agreement



Biodiversity: post 2020 global biodiversity framework

See presentation Ines Verleye

- OEWG4 outcome in Nairobi (21-26 juni) presents the recent state of play
- COP15 part 2 in Montréal (5-17 December) ***FINALLY CONFIRMED!***

Other international meetings that are relevant for biodiversity and nature:

- HLPF (New York, 5-15 July): forum on follow-up implementation SDGs; this year context 'building back better'; focus on SDG 4 (education), SDG 5 (gender equality), SDG 14 (life below water – ocean), SDG 15 (land) and SDG 17 (partnerships)
- IPBES (Bonn, 3-9 July): particular focus on cooperation with IPCC
- AEWA (migratory bird species) MOP8 (Budapest, 5-9 October)
- IWC (whales) (Portoroz, SI, 14-21 October)
- RAMSAR (wetlands) COP14 (Geneva, 5-13 November)
- CITES COP19 (Panama, 14-25 November)



Climate: COP27 and the transition towards enhancing implementation and ambition

- COP26 was about closing the gap for the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement :
 - Over 150 new or updated NDCs that still are insufficient for being on track to well below 2°C and 1.5°C; announcements by major economies on climate neutrality by or around mid-century; many Glasgow initiatives launched
 - Mitigation work programme ('critical decade')
 - Glasgow – Sharm-el-Sheikh work programme Global Goal on Adaptation
 - 100 Billion climate delivery plan – political discussions on a yearly basis on the new collective quantitative finance goal from 2025 onwards
 - Glasgow Dialogue Loss and Damage
 - Finalisation rulebook (Art 6, common timeframes, transparency)
- COP27: focus on implementing what was agreed in Glasgow on mitigation, adaptation, finance and loss and damage. Also, Technical Dialogue Global Stocktake
- G77 introduced request for new financial facility on Loss and Damage
- EU proposes agenda-item on 'finance flows' (Art 2.1 c)



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- G77: strong political narrative presenting Glasgow as mitigation focused -> COP27 must re-establish the balance; possible impact on advancement for mitigation work-programme
- Still insufficient clarity on form and substance of COP27 initiatives
- Broad recognition that the climate regime is transitioning towards facilitating enhanced ambition and implementation
- Start on Sunday 6 November; 7 and 8 November Leaders Summit
- Pre-Cop in DRC early October with expected focus on forests and energy transition



Pollution: structural reinforced approach for this theme

UNEA 5 important milestone with also the decision on the establishment of a new scientific panel on pollution, chemicals and waste

Meetings of existing conventions/processes:

- Montréal Protocol MOP in November (preparatory bodies meeting in July in Bangkok)
- UNECE/WHO Protocol Water and Health, 16-18 November in Geneva
- UNECE Helsinki Convention on Industrial Accidents COP12, 29 November – 1 December in Geneva
- 9th Environment for Europe Conference 5-7 October in Nicosia (education, sustainable tourism and circular economy)

New negotiations:

- INC Legally binding instruments on plastic pollution in November (tbc)

