



# Towards UNEA-6

18/09/2023

# Agenda

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- c) Side event

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# 1. UNEA-6 preparation

## a) Main topic

“Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution”

[UNEA-6 Theme \(unep.org\)](https://www.unep.org/nea6)



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# UNEA meetings

- **In-person** meetings (plenary + high level dialogues, leadership dialogues, multi-stakeholder dialogue) + **live webcast** in 6 UN languages

*Note: Heads of State & Government who can't attend in person can **pre-record video messages** (if at other levels -> uploaded on website but not played in the meeting nor reflected in the report)*

- Informal consultations (working groups/contact groups) in a **hybrid** format



# Structure (morning) version as of 13/07/2023

					HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT		
	Monday 26 February 2024	Tuesday 27 February 2024	Wednesday 28 February 2024		Thursday 29 February 2024	Friday 1 March 2024	
8:00– 9:00	<i>Reg/pol group meetings Bureau meetings Major Groups meetings</i>	<i>Reg/pol group and Bureau meetings MGS meetings</i>	<i>Reg/pol group and Bureau meetings MGS meetings</i>	<i>Ministerial breakfast (TBC)</i>	<i>Reg/pol group meetings Bureau meetings Major Groups meetings</i>	<i>Reg/pol group meetings Bureau meetings Major Groups meetings</i>	
9:00– 10:00				Cooperation with MEAs [item 10] [CR 1]			
10:00– 13:00	<b>UNEA-6 Opening Plenary [CR 2-3-4]</b> - Opening of the session [item 1] - Adoption of the agenda [item 2] <i>Establishment of the COW</i> - Statements [item 1] - Report from the CPR Chair [item 4] - Credentials of representatives [item 3] - Contributions to the HLPF [item 8]	<b>Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups</b> [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]	<b>Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups</b> [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]	<b>High-Level Dialogue on Cooperation with MEAs [CR1]</b>	<b>UNEA-6 High-level segment [item 9] [CR 2-3-4] Opening Plenary</b> <i>Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution</i>	<b>Plenary [CR 2-3-4]</b> <b>National Statements [item 9]</b> (List of speakers)	<b>Leadership Dialogue [CR 1]</b> <i>focusing on actions to tackle <u>biodiversity loss</u></i>
	<b>Committee of the Whole [CR 2,3,4] Opening Plenary</b> [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]				<b>Plenary [CR 2-3-4] National Statements [item 9]</b> (List of speakers)		



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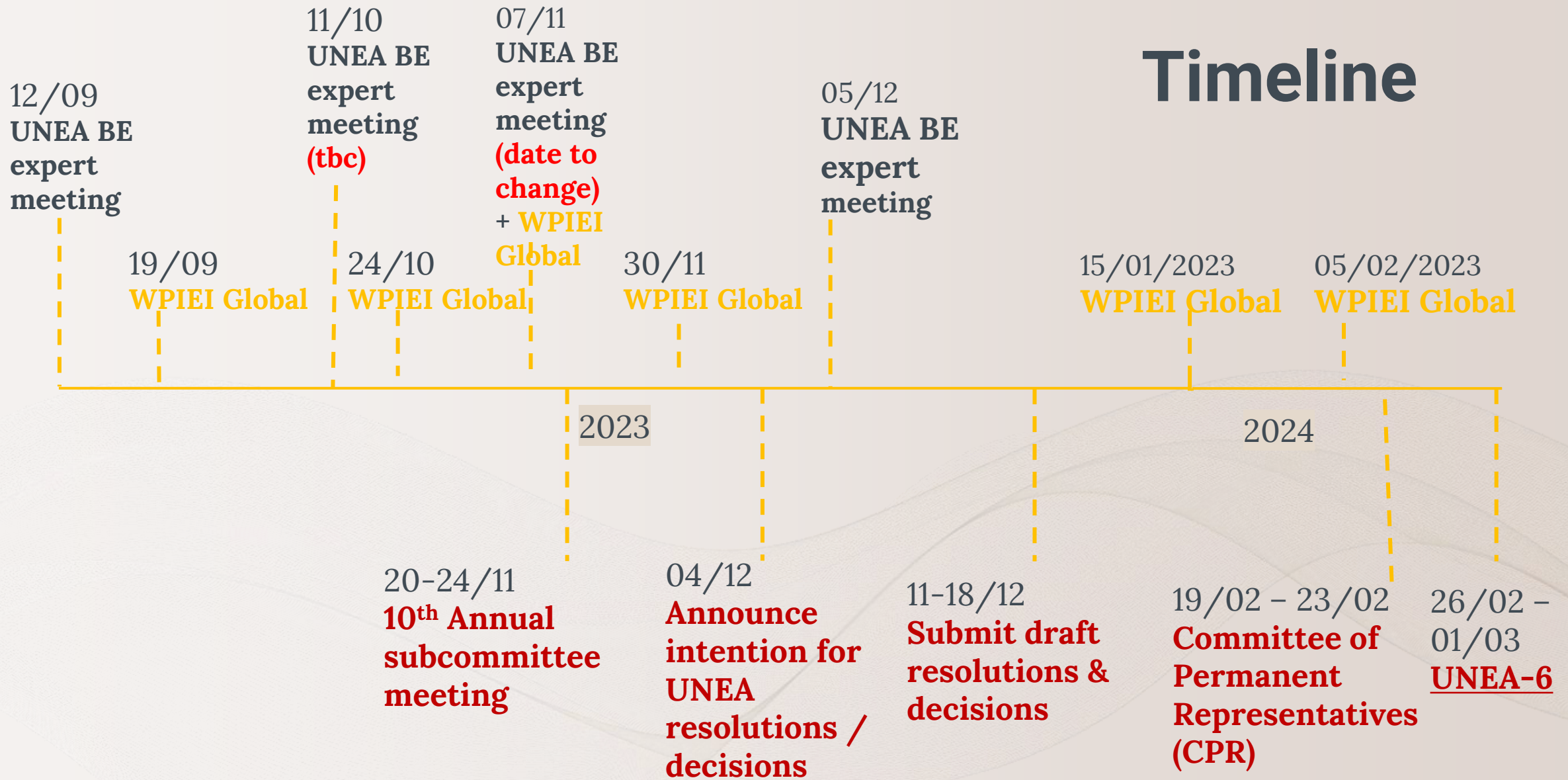
# Structure (afternoon) version as of 13/07/2023

	Monday 26 February 2024	Tuesday 27 February 2024	Wednesday 28 February 2024	Thursday 29 February 2024	Friday 1 March 2024	
13:30– 14:45	UNEA-6 side event(s)	UNEA-6 side event(s)	UNEA-6 side event(s)	UNEA-6 side event(s)	UNEA-6 side event(s)	
15:00– 18:00	Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]	Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Working Groups [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]	Committee of the Whole [CR 2-3-4]/ Closing plenary [Consideration of agenda items 5, 6 and 11]	High-Level Dialogue on Cooperation with MEAs [CR 1]	Plenary [CR 2-3-4] National Statements [item 9] (List of speakers)	Leadership Dialogue [CR 1] <i>focusing on actions to tackle climate change</i>
					Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue [CR 1] <i>Inclusive actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution</i>	UNEA-6 Closing Plenary [CR 2-3-4] - High-level segment [item 9] – <i>presentation of summaries</i> - Cooperation with MEAs [item 10] – <i>presentation of summaries</i> - Credentials of representatives [item 3] - Action on draft Ministerial Declaration [item 12] - Action on draft resolutions/decisions [items 5, 6 and 12] - Stakeholder engagement [item 7] – <i>presentation of summary</i> - Provisional agenda, date and venue of UNEA-7 [items 11 and 12] - Election of officers [item 13] - Other matters [item 14] - Adoption of the report [item 15] - Closure of the session [item 16]
18:30– 19:45	UNEA-6 side event(s)	UNEA-6 side event(s)	UNEA-6 side event(s)	19:30 p.m. Plenary [CR 2-3-4] National Statements [item 9] (List of speakers) [TBC]	Poss. high-level reception (TBC)	



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# Timeline



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# UNEA related weblinks

- [Sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly \(UNEA-6\) | Environment Assembly \(unep.org\)](https://www.unep.org/assembly)



- [Meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives \(CPR\)](#)





# b) Ministerial declaration- state of play & next steps

- **First draft** received mid-August 2023 : general statements + actions proposed

→ BE [comments](#) sent to ES Presidency on 5 and 11 September

- **Revised 1st draft** expected by **end September 2023**

→ Discussion on the agenda of WPIEI on 19th Sept.

- **2nd informal consultation** expected in **October/November**

→ Discussion on the agenda of WPIEI on 24th Oct.

- **Final Draft ministerial declaration** to be issued in **January 2024**



# c) EU priorities for outreach- state of play

## Final concept notes (04/08/2023):

1. Enhance **circular economy** (CE) in support of sustainable consumption and production (SCP)
2. Promote action on the **water-ecosystems-food-energy** (WEFE) nexus in the context of climate change
3. Develop a global agenda for **ocean protection**
4. Formally acknowledge/adopt the outcome of ICCM5, promoting & setting the ground for further action at UNGA on the new framework on **chemicals & waste**, incl. any institutional follow-up relevant to UNEP
5. Addressing [deforestation and] **forest** conversion & where relevant and possible, reforestation



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[EU priorities UNEA\\_040823.pdf](#)



# Additional areas of interest for the EU

- Solar Radiation Modification (**SRM**)
- Strengthen international **environmental governance** and UNEA's and UNEP's roles in implementing the environmental dimension the 2030 Agenda
- Promote relevant **2022-2023 global milestones**
- Promoting **synergies among the MEAs**
- Raising awareness, mobilising the international community, and strengthening the implementation of existing **legal tools** (incl. promotion & implementation of the definition of **environmental crime**)
- **Triple planetary crisis** & global security
- Promote the engagement of all relevant **stakeholders**



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# d) Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEA) day 28/02/2024

- UNEP proposed focus of **2 high-level dialogues**:
  - “Analyzing existing gaps on means of implementation across MEAs and means of enhanced cooperation between UNEP and MEAs”.
- ➔ BE sent comments on 16/08 to ES Presidency suggesting a slightly revised focus
- **MEA Pavilion**:
  - Inform participants about MEAs’ work
  - Showcase cooperation with UNEP/other UN entities and between MEAs
- UNEP expected to develop a **background document** with more info



# 2. BE Presidency events

- a) Ministerial breakfast
  - b) Launch carbon neutral embassy
  - c) BE side event
    - Topic: Circular economy ? (a side event for the launch of the International Resource Panel report, co-financed by BE, is already planned)
    - Joint event BE+ NL ? (NL event on active mobility)
- ➔ Application process for side events to be launched by UNEP before end 2023
- *Can be in person (16 slots) or virtual events (16 slots)*
  - *Duration: 75 minutes during lunch breaks & evenings*



# 3. Practical & logistical aspects

## a) BE delegation- Composition

- **Head of delegation:** Minister Khattabi (tbc)
- **Cabinet Khattabi:** Liese Cloots + person in charge of communication
- **FPS Public health, Environment** : 15 people
- **FPS Foreign Affairs** : 4 people (from 17/02 to 02/03/2024): Annemarie Van der Avort; Mehdi Karimi; Florence Limet; Tim Bogaert
- **BELT support** : 2 people (names tbc)
- **Wallonia:** Simon Schiffmann (SPW); Flanders: 2 people (tbc) ; Brussels: Erol Ekizkuyu (duration tbc)
- **BE embassy in Nairobi:** Dhr. Peter Maddens (Ambassador) ; Machteld Cattrysse (deputy Head of mission)

**25 rooms** at Hotel Magna, Nairobi, Kenya blocked until **1/10/2023** (first come, first served- EMBA190224)



# b) WPIEI Global – Burden sharing list

LEG	
<p><b>Plastic pollution</b></p>	<p><b>FED:</b> Antoine Chavanne ; Ezechiel Lerat; Sophie Mirgaux; Senne Aertbelien; <del>Kelly Hertenweg</del>; Loes Rutten; Sebastien Willemart; Mehdi Karimi; Marie Lucie Susini; Berenice Huet; <del>Anne-France Rihoux</del></p> <p><b>FL:</b> Leen Chanet; Lien Bomans; Pieter Vervinckt; Els Vandevelde; Lisa Devriese</p>
<p><b>From UNEA-5 to UNEA-6</b></p>	<p><b>FED:</b> Annemarie Van der Avort; Machteld Cattrysse; Seline Bregman; Mehdi Karimi; Kelly Hertenweg; Florence Limet; Ezechiel Lerat; Caro Coosemans; Antoine Chavanne</p> <p><b>FL:</b> Leen Chanet; Nastja Elst</p> <p><b>WAL:</b> Charlotte Bouvier; Christine Farcy</p>
<p><b>UN Water Conference follow-up</b></p>	<p><b>FED:</b> Kelly Hertenweg; Jasper Willems;</p> <p><b>FL:</b> S. Vinckier; Leen Chanet; Griet Verstraeten; Solana Onzia</p> <p><b>WAL:</b> Elisabeth Chouters;</p> <p><b>ENABEL:</b> Sophie Collette</p>
<p><b>High Level Political Forum on sustainable development (HLPF)</b></p>	<p><b>FED:</b> Katrijn Coppens; Annemarie Van der Avort; Kelly Hertenweg; Machteld Cattrysse</p> <p><b>FL:</b> Saartje Benoot; Herman Decock</p> <p><b>WAL:</b> Christine Farcy; <b>Marie Bourgeois.</b></p>

## b) WPIEI Global – ES Burden sharing list

LEG	
UNEP programme of work, budget & medium term strategy	FED: Annemarie Van der Avort; Machteld Cattrysse
Nature-based solutions (Nbs)	FED: Kelly Hertenweg; Catherine Windey  FL: Leen Chanet; Chantal Martens; Carl Deschepper; <del>Barbara Geschier</del> WAL: Christine Farcy; Catherine Debruyne
Global Environmental Outlook (GEO-7)	FED: Florence Limet
Sustainable nitrogen management	FED: Florence Limet
Environmental aspects of minerals & metals	FED: Kelly Hertenweg; Florence Limet; <del>Caro Coosemans</del>  FL: Kris Van Looy  WAL: Timothy Hillewaere; <del>Simon Schiffmann</del>



# c) CCIM Pilots & missing focal points / experts

## CCIM Pilots

- Plastic pollution: Antoine Chavanne (SPF Health & Environment)
- Circular economy: Kris Van Looy (OVAM)
- Science Policy Panel on chemicals, waste & pollution prevention: Bart Rymen (BELSPO); Luc Int Panis (VITO)

## Points of attention:

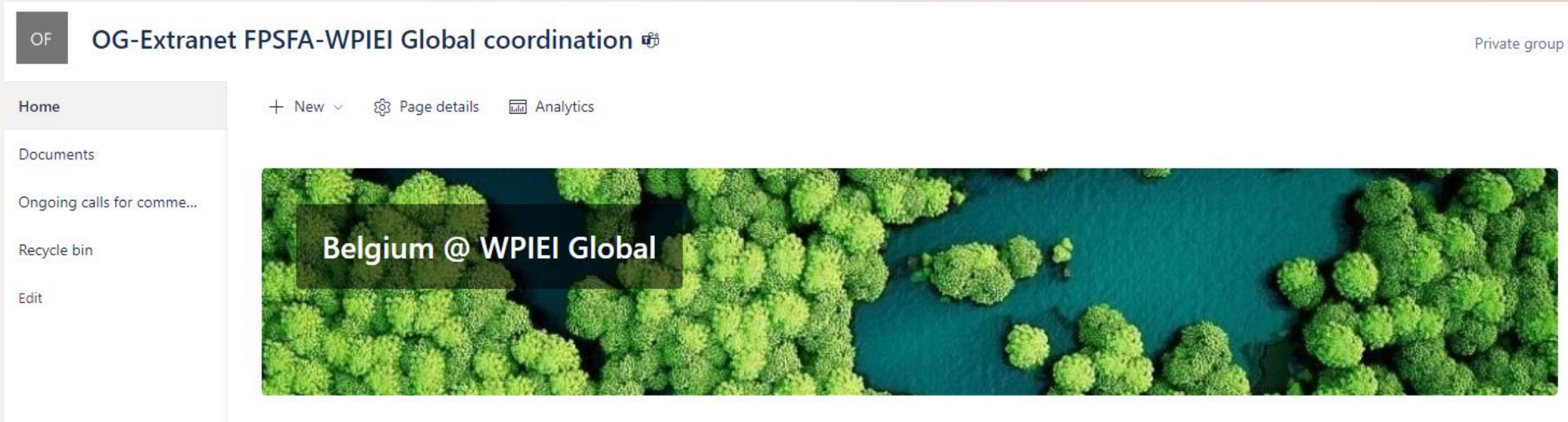
- Environmental aspects of metals & minerals : No focal point for Belgium
- Nitrogen management: No regional experts listed



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# d) Sharepoint & WPIEI global address



- New [Sharepoint](#): Document management platform and ongoing calls for comments
- To contact us: [wpiei.global@diplobel.fed.be](mailto:wpiei.global@diplobel.fed.be)



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# 4. UNEP Monitoring & Reporting Portal



- Dedicated [platform](#) for monitoring and reporting of progress in the implementation of UNEA resolutions, decisions and declarations
- Reporting by designated Member States focal points on a voluntary basis



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# Action points

Actions	Deadline
Decision on side-event	29 September
Check ES " <a href="#">Burden sharing</a> " list & inform <a href="#">MD8</a> in case of necessary changes/additions	22 September
New doodle for next meetings in Oct. & Nov.	22 September
Designate focal points for UNEP Monitoring & Reporting Portal	29 September



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# UNEA timeline for resolutions & decisions

Date	Deadlines
<p>20 – 24 November 2023</p> <p>The 10<sup>th</sup> annual subcommittee meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member States in a position to do so may <b>announce the intention</b> to submit draft resolutions or decisions.</li> <li>• Draft resolutions or decisions may also be submitted in full, if ready.</li> <li>• A <b>concept note</b> (as referred to in the CPR-based review, subparagraph 13 (e) (ii)) should accompany the announcement or the submission of the draft resolution/decision. Such a concept note can be presented before a draft resolution or decision is submitted.</li> </ul>
<p>4 December 2023 <i>(12 weeks in advance of UNEA-6 as indicated in the CPR-based review)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommended final deadline <b>for announcing the intention</b> to submit draft resolution or decision (as referred to in subparagraph 13 (e) (i) of the CPR-based review)</li> <li>• Draft resolutions or decisions may also be submitted in full, if ready.</li> <li>• A <b>concept note</b> (as referred to in subparagraph 13 (e) (ii) of the CPR-based review) should accompany the announcement or the submission of draft resolution/decision.</li> </ul>
<p>11 December 2023 <i>(10 weeks in advance of OECPR-6 pursuant to UNEA decision 5/4)</i></p>	<p>Initial recommended deadline to <b>submit</b> draft resolutions and decisions (in accordance with UNEA decision 5/4)</p> <p><i>Additional information on the procedure for submission is provided below.</i></p>
<p>18 December 2023 <i>(10 weeks in advance of UNEA-6 as indicated in the CPR-based review)</i></p>	<p>Final recommended deadline to <b>submit</b> draft resolutions and decisions (in accordance with subparagraph 13 (e) (iii) of the CPR-based review) <i>CPR-based review)]</i></p> <p><i>Additional information on the procedure for submission is provided below.</i></p>



# WPIEI Global- Agenda of ES Presidency

18 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop plastics.</li> </ul>	Full day, Brussels
19 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNEP activities update.</li> <li>• Preparation for AS-CPR: Outreach in draft concept note.</li> <li>• Preparations for INC-3.</li> <li>• Preparation of UNEA-6: revised 1<sup>st</sup> draft of Ministerial Declaration.</li> <li>• Follow-up and update of the SDG Summit 2023 (18-19 September).</li> <li>• Results of the global intergovernmental meeting for the Minerals and Metals Resolution (7-8 September).</li> </ul>	Full day, Brussels
23 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop plastics.</li> </ul>	Full day, Brussels
24 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNEP Ongoing activities: Meeting of the UNEA Bureau (18 Oct 2023): Update on UNEA-6 agenda, programme and side events.</li> <li>• Preparations for INC-3.</li> <li>• Preparation for AS-CPR: Outreach/decision on concept note.</li> <li>• Preparation of UNEA-6: 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of Ministerial Declaration.</li> </ul>	Full day, Brussels
7 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNEP activities update.</li> <li>• Preparation for AS-CPR: decision on concept note.</li> <li>• Preparations for INC-3.</li> <li>• Preparation of UNEA-6: agenda, programme and side events.</li> </ul>	Digital meeting
30 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNEP activities update.</li> <li>• Follow-up on INC-3 results.</li> <li>• Follow-up on AS-CPR results.</li> <li>• Preparation of UNEA-6: review of draft concept note resolutions presented at AS-CPR, and work organization on resolutions to UNEA-6</li> <li>• Roadmap for UNEA-6: work organization.</li> <li>• Update on the preparation for the second session of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on a Science Policy Panel.</li> </ul>	Full day, Brussels









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