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Note by the Chair

Executive Summary

This note presents the work plan for the Environment Management Group (EMG) for 2019. The plan builds on the work plan adopted by the 23rd Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) of the EMG in 2018, and will be updated to reflect the suggested actions proposed to the 24th SOM. The work plan captures activities planned over one year and has four main expected accomplishments which pertain to programmatic, operational and management issues, as well as overall cooperation.

The work plan remains un-costed as there is no common budget for EMG activities. It is recommended that the work plan be implemented subject to the availability of resources and through in-kind contributions, mainly in terms of allocation of time to EMG work. Any monetary contributions will be budgeted, programmed and reported on by each member within their own administrative processes.

Environment Management Group work plan for 2019

Expected accomplishment	Activities ¹	Schedule
I. Enhanced coherence in programming	A) Issue Management Group on Tackling E-waste	
	i. Contribute e-waste knowledge towards, and support the submission of the report <i>A New Vision for Electronics</i> , led by WEF and to be launched as part of the E-waste Coalition at Davos 2019.	Sep '18 – Nov '18
	ii. Provide assistance towards a possible joint fundraising approach between the heads of UN Environment and ITU, with the aim to raise funds for the upgrade and long-term maintenance of an online global portal on e-waste.	Sep '18 – Dec '18
	iii. Encourage UN Environment to become a partner of the Global E-waste Statistics Partnership which currently includes ITU, UNU and ISWA, and is the partnership behind the gathering of statistics for the Global and Regional E-waste Monitors.	Sep '18 – Dec '18
	iv. Formulate a plan for an Electrical and Electronic Waste Awards, as part of the E-waste Coalition – with close support by BRS – for the recognition of good practices and innovative solutions in the prevention and sound management of e-waste; to be hosted at major meetings of the organisations (such as those listed below).	Sep '18 – Jan '19
	v. Alongside other necessary joint communication tools as part of the E-waste Coalition, contribute towards the development of an extended documentary on e-waste, led by UNITAR, which will detail the challenges and opportunities faced by e-waste, and first-hand stories from different stakeholders.	Sep '18 – Sep '19
	vi. Develop an intervention model – with close support by ILO – for the joint implementation of UN e-waste projects at the national level, to support Member States in a coordinated manner; and secure financing for this objective of the E-waste Coalition, in particular by liaising with the IFC, GEF and the SDG Investment Fund by the Government of Denmark.	Sep '18 – Sep '19
	vii. Capitalise on the following international proceedings, as platforms for increasing awareness about the E-waste Coalition: WEF annual meeting in Davos, World Resources Forum, UNEA4, ILO Global Dialogue Forum on decent work in the management of e-waste, WSIS 2019 and BRS 2019 Conference of the Parties.	Sep '18 – Sep '19

¹Activities will be undertaken with the support of members in the form of personal time, travel, in-kind and financial support, with support provided by the UNEP hosted EMG secretariat and the support provided by the UNEP Sustainable UN Facility (SUN).

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I. Enhanced coherence in programming	B) Issue Management Group on Environment and Humanitarian Action	
	i. Circulate the outline for the online toolkit for Environment in Humanitarian Action for feedback and input by IMG Members.	Sept 2018
	ii. Through joint meetings and voluntary application of the draft Common Approach, continue consultations with the Consultative Process on Environmental and Social Sustainability, providing feedback on the draft Common Approach to Environmental and Social Standards in the UN system to ensure the Common Approach is applicable in humanitarian settings.	Sept 2018 – Sept 2019
	iii. Collect and analyse case studies and prepare recommendations for aligning humanitarian funding with environmental and climate finance flows	Sept – Dec 2018
	iv. Prepare a joint statement for the UNFCCC COP24, acknowledging the role of climate change in conflict and displacement, highlighting the link between climate change adaptation and mitigation and humanitarian response.	Sept-Dec 2018
	v. Prepare Terms of Reference and raise funds for consultancy with the purpose to update advocacy material on environment and humanitarian action.	Sept- Oct 2018
	vi. Initiate discussions on the preparation of a study quantifying the cost of inaction of integration environmental considerations in humanitarian interventions.	January 2019
Expected accomplishment	Activities	Schedule
I. Enhanced coherence in programming	C) Promoting the progressive development of law for environmental sustainability	
	i. Set the date for the Nexus Dialogue on Environmental Law and prepare its agenda.	Sept 2018 – Jan 2019

	ii. Based on the Dialogue outcomes, identify areas for intensified collaboration focusing on law for environmental sustainability	Jan -Feb 2019
	iii. Invite UN entities and MEA secretariats to nominate focal points for an informal network of legal practitioners and develop Draft Terms of Reference for the role of the network and its members.	Jan -Feb 2019
Expected accomplishment	Activities	Schedule
II. Enhanced coherence in advancing environmental and social sustainability of the UN system	A) Consultations on Environmental and Social Sustainability in the United Nations	
	i. Prepare a work plan and budget, and raise funds for the finalization of the Common Approach to Environmental and Social Standards in UN Programming.	Sept-Oct 2018
	ii. Identify a joint project /projects at country level, where UN entities can apply and test the Common Approach to Environmental and Social Standards in UN Programming. Document lessons learned.	Jan-Jul 2019
	iii. Prepare and conduct a public consultation on the Common Approach	Oct-Dec 2018
	iv. Update the Common Approach based on the public consultation and practical application by UN entities, and prepare a presentation of the Common Approach to the Senior Officials at their next meeting.	Jul-Sept 2019
	v. Establish and coordinate a working group focused preparation of a holistic sustainability vision and strategy for the UN system beyond 2020.	Sept18-Sept19

	vi. Arrange a joint meeting with the IMG on Environmental Sustainability Management to consider the draft sustainability vision and strategy, including sustainability reporting.	Feb-March 2019
II. Enhanced coherence in advancing environmental and social sustainability of the UN system	B) Issue Management Group on Environmental Sustainability Management	
	i. Continue the work of assisting with the implementation of Environmental Management Systems in UN entities.	June '18 on
	ii. Use of the new Environmental inventory software to compile the 2017 environmental inventory.	Aug '18- Oct'18
	iii. Delivery of 4 rounds of training sessions for the IMG focal points on the use of the Environmental Inventory Software.	Sept '18 – Dec '19
	iv. Prepare a survey of the Sustainable UN team services and launch it to the Issue Management Group.	Nov '18
	v. 28th meeting of the IMG on environmental sustainability management in the UN system (face-to-face in Geneva).	Nov '18
	vi. Finalise the 2017 environmental inventory covering GHG, waste and water* practices for over 60 UN entities. *first year for water reporting	Dec '18
	vii. Publish the 2018th edition of the Greening the Blue report portraying the 2017 GHG and waste management practices in the UN system, climate neutral entities for 2017 GHG emissions, and number of entities that have or are in the process of having an EMS in place.	Dec '18
	viii. 29th meeting of the IMG on environmental sustainability management in the UN system (online).	Feb '19 – Mar '19
	ix. In the aim to introduce reporting on staff awareness: Set the reporting method for staff awareness in the UN system and prepare a baseline survey on internal environmental management staff awareness in UN entities.	Mar '19 – Sept '19
	x. 30th meeting of the IMG on environmental sustainability management in the UN system (online).	June '19 - Jul '19

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III. Enhanced coherence in advancing environmental and social sustainability of the UN system	C) Environmental Management Peer Reviews of United Nations Entities	
	i. Finalise the report of the recent Peer Review of UNHCR's Kakuma refugee camp and share this for feedback by the Peer Review focal points.	Sep '18 – Dec '18
	ii. Arrange a meeting of the Peer Review body to conclude the review of UNHCR's Kakuma refugee camp.	Sep '18 – Dec '18
	iii. Continue discussions with the UN in Ethiopia and Columbia on peer reviewing their field offices.	Sep '18 – Dec '18
	iv. Continue discussions with UNFCCC on peer reviewing of their headquarters in Bonn.	Sep '18 – Sep '19
	v. Continue discussions with UNOPS regarding peer reviewing a site in Asia-Pacific.	Sep '18 – Sep '19
	vi. Support the development of guidelines and documentation of good practices to support agencies who wish to undertake peer reviews independently, as an output of the peer review process.	Sep '18 – Sep '19
	vii. Complete any remaining Peer Review executive summaries from recent and upcoming reviews.	Sep '18 – Sep '19
	viii. Continue discussions with DFS regarding peer reviewing of peace keeping operations.	Sep '19 –
	ix. Prepare a report on progress to the next meeting of the Senior Officials.	Sep '19 –

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III. Strengthened cooperation among EMG members in support of the environmental dimensions of the SDGs	A) Environment Management Group Nexus Dialogues	
	i. Invite UN agencies to sponsor and identify themes for dialogues and to provide comments for improving the organization of the future dialogues.	Sep '18 – Sep '19

	ii. Encourage UN agencies to participate and contribute to the future dialogues by sharing the experiences of their agency and exchanging ideas on innovative solutions to environmental challenges with other stakeholders.	Sep '18 – Sep '19
	iii. Provide recommendations and reports on nexus issues suggesting practical solutions for UN agencies to mainstream and implement environmental sustainability in their policy, programs and operations.	Sep '18 – Sep '19
	iv. Organize Nexus Dialogues on topics related to the Sustainable Development Goals under review at HLPF 2019 (SDGs 4,8,10, 13, 16, 17) as well as biodiversity and chemical management that are in preparation of their future framework and agendas.	Sep '18 – Sep '19
	v. Develop new communication material on the Nexus Dialogues to promote the importance of the dialogues as well as the prepared outcomes.	Sep '18 – Sep '19
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III. Strengthened cooperation among EMG members in support of the environmental dimensions of the SDGs	B) A UN System-Wide Framework of Strategies on the Environment	
	i. Data Collection for the 2nd edition of the SWFS Report titled 'UN Collaboration on Biodiversity'. EMG secretariat to compile the inputs provided by agencies and collate information in preparation for its analysis.	Sep '18 - Oct '18
	ii. Launch of a dedicated SWFS website	Sep '18
	iii. Preparation of the 0 Draft of the 2018 SWFS Report	Oct '19
	iv. Preparation of the 1st Draft of the 2018 SWFS Report	Nov '19- Dec '19
	v. Preparation of the 2nd Draft of the 2018 SWFS Report and finalization of the report.	Jan '19 - Feb '19
	vi. Launch of the 2nd edition of the SWFS Report titled 'UN Collaboration on Biodiversity' at UNEA 4	Mar '19
	vii. Convene the CSWG to identify the thematic focus of the 2019 SWFS report.	Apr '19

	viii. Annual Exchange event in the margins of HLPF to convene SWFS to share best practice and data for the 3rd edition of the SWFS Report.	May '19 - Jul '19
	ix. Data collection for the 3rd edition SWFS Report	Aug '19- Sep '19
Expected accomplishment	Activities	Schedule
IV. General management and reporting	A) Senior Officials Meetings of the EMG	
	1. Exchange of information and outreach:	
	i. Facilitate the exchange of information and outreach on EMG activities including through the One UN Knowledge Exchange Network, the new EMG website and through the EMG Twitter and Facebook account;	Sept 18-Sept 19
	ii. Prepare the EMG quarterly Newsletter by soliciting inputs and updated from EMG Members on inter-agency collaboration on the environment;	Sept 18-Sept 19
	2. Senior Officials' Meetings of the EMG	
	iii. Prepare and organize a mid-term meeting of the Senior Officials' Technical Segment to review progress of the Work Plan and to facilitate preparation of the SOM25;	May 2019
	iv. Prepare and organize the SOM25 of the EMG 0	Sept 2019
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IV. General management and reporting	B) Reporting on EMG accomplishments and work ahead	
	3. Reporting on EMG accomplishments and work ahead	
	i. Provision of information by the EMG Chair, on EMG accomplishments and work ahead reviewed by EMG members, for submission to the Committee of Permanent Representatives of UN Environment;	As requested
	ii. Provide information on progress and ongoing work to MEAs, HLPF, CEB, HLCP, HLCM, and UNSDG among others as appropriate;	
	iii. Report on the implementation of the EMG project to UN Environment, as required.	