

UN Environment Management Group Nexus Dialogues

Stockholm+50: A 2-Part Roundtable Nexus Dialogue Series

“Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity”

Taking Stock of Our Responsibility & Opportunity: 23 November 2021

Foreseeing the Future of Our Responsibility & Opportunity: 30 November 2021



EMG Nexus Dialogues on the Stockholm+50 International Meeting

The international UN meeting “Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity” will take place from 2-3 June 2022, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 1972 UN Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment.

The UN Environment Management Group (EMG) is organizing a **2-Part Nexus Dialogue Series on Stockholm+50** to encourage reflections on the achievements and challenges encountered by the UN system in addressing the environmental agenda since the 1972 Stockholm Conference. The Dialogues will highlight personal reflections of a diverse array of people who have worked with the UN system in many different capacities on lessons learned since 1972, and their recommendations on the future implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development.

Touching upon the themes of the Stockholm+50 leadership dialogues, the ideas that emerge from the Nexus Dialogues will support the EMG’s contribution to the **Stockholm+50 International Meeting**.

Structure and Content

The Nexus Dialogues will be held virtually and hosted on Zoom Webinar. Participants from the UN system, civil society, academia and Member States are all invited to engage in an interactive discussion.

<p><u>Time Zones</u></p> <p>8:00-10:00 EST</p> <p>14:00-16:00 CET</p> <p>16:00-18:00 EAT</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Stockholm+50: Part 1: Taking Stock of Our Responsibility & Opportunity 23 November 2021</p> <p>FOCUS</p> <p>Part 1 of the Dialogue will engage participants in reflecting on the journey over the past fifty years - on successes, lessons learned and gaps in mainstreaming and implementing the environmental dimension of sustainable development by the UN.</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. John E Scanlon AO, former Secretary-General of CITES and UNEP Principal Adviser on Policy and Programme, CEO, Elephant Protection Initiative Foundation & Chair, UK Government Challenge Fund</i></p> <p>Welcoming Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Hossein Fadaei, Head of EMG Secretariat (5 minutes) • Ms. Haruko Okusu, Principal Coordination Officer - Stockholm+50, UNEP New York Office (2 minutes) <p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Johanna Lissinger Peitz, Ambassador for Stockholm+50, Senior Advisor at Ministry of Environment, Sweden (5 minutes) <p>Introduction to the panel by the Moderator (5 minutes)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Kerstin Stendahl, Head of Ecosystems Integration Branch, UNEP (5 minutes) • Mr. Ivar Baste, co-Chair for Future of GEO process Steering Committee, Senior Advisor at Norwegian Environment Agency (5 minutes) • Ms. Johannah Bernstein, International Environmental Lawyer, Bernstein & Associates (5 minutes) • Mr. Jamil Ahmad, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, UNEP (5 minutes) • Mr. Jan-Gustav Strandenaes, Senior advisor on governance and sustainability, Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future (5 minutes) <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Steven Stone, Deputy Director, Economy Division, UNEP • Mr. Eduardo S. Brondizio, Distinguished Professor, Anthropology & Adjunct Professor of Dept. of Geography & School of Public & Environmental Affairs, Indiana University Bloomington, nominated by UNESCO • Mr. Jan Cherlet, Senior Environmental and Social Sustainability Advisor, Programme - Humanitarian & Development Division, WFP • Mr. Tim Scott, Senior Policy Advisor, Environment, Nature, Climate, Energy, UNDP • Ms. Adriana Zacarias Farah, Head & Global Coordinator for Global Opportunities for SDGs (GO4SDGs), UNEP
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	<p>Moderated Discussion (70 minutes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In your view, what have been the main successes of the UN system in advancing the environmental agenda since the 1972 Stockholm Conference? Where has ambition been turned into action? What do you think was behind the success? • What do you perceive as the main challenges encountered by the UN system in advancing the environmental agenda since the 1972 Stockholm Conference? What has been missed? • What key lessons should be learned as the UN looks to accelerate the implementation of the environmental dimension of the SDGs and the broader 2030 Agenda in a post COVID-19 world? <p>Summary of Discussion by the Moderator (5 minutes)</p> <p>Concluding Remarks, Mr. Hossein Fadaei, Head of EMG Secretariat (3 minutes)</p>
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- Mr. Adil Najam, Dean, Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University (5 minutes)
- Mr. Adnan Amin, former Director-General, International Renewable Energy Agency and Senior Fellow at Harvard's Belfer Center (5 minutes)
- Mr. Arthur Dahl, President, International Environment Forum (5 minutes)
- Ms. Joan Carling, Environment and Indigenous Rights Defender (5 minutes)
- Ms. Paola Deda, Director, Forests, Land and Housing Division, UNECE (5 minutes)

Discussants:

- Mr. Benjamin Schachter, Human Rights Officer, OHCHR
- Ms. Zinta Zommers, Humanitarian Affairs Officer, Anticipatory Financing, OCHA
- Mr. Felipe Gómez Gallo, President, Student Platform for Engineering Education Development (SPEED), nominated by Youth Constituency, UNEP
- Ms. Sara Cognuck González, Climate Youth Activist from Costa Rica, UNICEF Consultant, nominated by UNICEF

Moderated Discussion (75 minutes):

- Taking stock of the past 50 years, based on your experience, what can the UN do more of, less of, or differently, to contribute to the environmental agenda being effectively implemented and to accelerate the achievement of the environmental dimension of the SDGs? What good practices could be scaled up?
- What urgent actions could be taken now to advance implementation of the environmental dimension of the SDGs?
- We hear of the need for better cooperation and coherence within the UN and between conventions. What is working and not working? What more can and should the UN do?

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