

# Accelerating integrated action for a healthy planet and prosperity of all – a dialogue with UN Heads of Agencies

**Side event at the Stockholm+50 International Meeting**

**2 June 2022, 13.30 – 14.45 CEST**

**In-person in Stockholm (Room 3, Stockholm International Fairs)**

**Organized by:** The Secretariat of the UN Environment Management Group

## **Background**

In 1972 in Stockholm, governments agreed to defend and improve the human environment for present and future generations in harmony with the “fundamental goals” of peace and of worldwide economic and social development. Fifty years later, heads of United Nations entities reflected on the impact of the 1972 Stockholm Conference on the United Nations system, the success stories and challenges of the past 50 years, and the challenges and opportunities going forward.

The UN Environment Management Group (EMG) released the reports [\*Delivering on the vision of the 1972 Stockholm Declaration and achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development\*](#) and [\*The Impact of the Stockholm Conference on the UN System: Reflections of 50 Years of Environmental Action\*](#) as a contribution from the UN system to the Stockholm+50 International Meeting. The report includes reflections by more than 30 Heads of Entities on achievements and challenges since the Stockholm Conference in 1972 as well as their forward-looking views on accelerating actions for a Healthy Planet and Prosperity for All.

This side event will feature a roundtable discussion with Heads of UN Agencies, whose organizations support Member States in addressing the environmental agenda in different ways. Moderated by Dr. Pamela Chasek (IISD), Heads of Agencies will discuss how they in their respective roles will contribute to accelerating delivery of the environmental dimension of the SDGs in light of recent global UN processes. They will share their views on opportunities and priorities for environmental action as the UN system begins the next 50 years towards achieving a healthy planet for the prosperity of all.

The event will result in a summary of perspectives of leaders in the UN system on the path towards 2030.

## **Roundtable**

- Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director, The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
- Ms. Zoritsa Urosevic, Executive Director of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
- Ms. Caroline Dumas, IOM Director General Special Envoy for Migration and Climate Action

- Ms. Elizabeth Mrema, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- Martha Rojas Urrego, Executive Secretary, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands
- Ms. Ivonne Higuero, Secretary-General, Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
- Mr. Rolph Payet, Executive Secretary, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
- Ms. Amy Fraenkel, Executive Secretary, Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)
- Ms. Megumi Seki, Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat
- Ms. Monika Stankiewicz, Executive Secretary of the Minamata Convention on Mercury
- Ms. Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Ms. Sonja Leighton-Kone, Acting Deputy Executive Director, UN Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Dr. Shamila Nair-Bedouelle, Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Dr. Naoko Yamamoto, Assistant Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO)
- Ms. Jyotsna Puri, Associate-Vice President of the Strategy and Knowledge Department, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin, Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- Ms. Andrea Meza, Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

Moderator: Dr. Pamela Chasek, IISD

#### Draft Agenda

<b>3 minutes</b>	Opening remarks	Ms. Sonja Leighton-Kone, Acting Deputy Executive Director, UNEP
<b>4 minutes</b>	Setting the stage for the discussions: What can the UN system deliver better together?	Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator, UNDP (TBC)
<b>3 minutes</b>	3 Key Messages from the Stakeholder Forum	Mr. Jan-Gustav Strandenaes, Senior Policy Adviser on Governance, Stakeholder Forum
<b>55 minutes</b>	Moderated roundtable discussion	Panelists group 1 Panelists group 2
<b>10 minutes</b>	Questions from the audience – an intergenerational perspective	Mr. Arthur Dahl, President, International Environment Forum  Youth representative (TBC)