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ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT GROUP



Mid-Term Technical Segment of the 28th Senior Officials Meeting

18th May 2022

Video-audio conference

15:00-17:00 CEST

Meeting Report Summary

1. Introduction

The mid-term meeting of the technical segment of the EMG Senior Officials was held virtually on 18th May 2022. The meeting was chaired by Head of Secretariat Mr. Hossein Fadaei.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Fadaei highlighted the purpose of the meeting: to update the EMG members on the progress of the various working areas of the EMG, and to prepare for the upcoming 28th Meeting of the Senior Officials of the EMG to be held in the autumn.

2. Overview of progress made by EMG Issue Management Groups and Consultative Processes

An overview of progress made in nine ongoing EMG workstreams was presented. The following processes are expected to continue in 2023:

- (a) IMG on Environmental Sustainability Management
- (b) IMG on Biodiversity
- (c) Consultative Process on a Pollution-Free Planet
- (d) Issue Management Group on Human Rights and Environment
- (e) Consultations on Environmental and Social Sustainability in the United Nations System
- (f) Consultative Process on a UN System-Wide Framework of Strategies on the Environment
- (g) EMG Nexus Dialogue Series

The following processes are expected to complete their mandates:

- a) Consultative Process on Sustainable Infrastructure
- b) Task Team on a UN System Contribution to the Stockholm+50 International Meeting

3. New topics for the future work of the EMG

a) Strengthening UN System-wide Support to RCOs/UNCTs for Triple Planetary Crisis Response (presented by UNDP, UNEP and DCO)

The objective of this proposed work stream is to leverage the full potential of the UN system through the EMG, to strengthen system-wide support to governments and national stakeholders to tackle the triple planetary crisis. This includes strengthening how the crisis is addressed in UN Common Country Analysis and cooperation frameworks, strengthening awareness on key entry points for integrated UN policy and programming, testing and operationalizing this support in select UN Country Teams, and strengthening interagency collaboration.

EMG Members supported the proposal, to be presented to the EMG Senior Officials at SOM28.

b) Issue Management Group on Environmental Data and Statistics for the SDGs (presented by UNEP)

The objective of this proposal is to encourage additional EMG engagement on data and statistics for the SDGs, to stimulate further collaboration across the UN Systems, and to analyse and identify emerging tools that can close gaps and issues in this process.

Proposed activities include:

- engaging EMG members in joint efforts to raise awareness on the need for more disaggregated data and to optimise interlinkages across the three pillars of sustainable development.
- analysing environmental indicators to guide effective interventions to achieve the SDGs and identify gaps in datasets and national data capacities
- identifying potential capacity development initiatives and produce manuals and other guidance for governments and other UN agencies
- engaging in knowledge sharing for innovative methodologies that can enhance analysis of SDG indicators with a preference of methodologies that leverage digital tools
- providing practical input to the midpoint review of the SDGs and guidance for the development of a post 2030 framework.

EMG Members supported the proposal, to be presented to the EMG Senior Officials at SOM28.

c) Nexus Dialogue on Environmental Aspects of Minerals and Metals (presented by UNEP)

The objective of the proposal is to organize a Nexus Dialogue, following the successful EMG dialogue in 2020 on the issues of minerals management, to further coherence and foster synergies across existing processes on environmental aspects of minerals and metals management. The dialogue can secure follow up actions across EMG members on the work initiated under relevant UNEA resolutions, identify a common approach for cooperation on the management of minerals and metals, and further engagement in the SG's Working Group on extractive industries.

EMG Members supported the proposed Nexus Dialogue. The Secretariat may start the planning of the Dialogue without bringing the proposal to the SOM.

4. 28th Senior Officials Meeting

The Senior Officials Meeting will likely take place in November 2022. The letter of invitation will be sent out shortly Ideas for the strategic discussion of the SOM including the Stockholm+50 outcome and the issue of addressing the triple planetary crisis at country level.

5. Closure of the meeting

No other issues were discussed.