

UN Environment Management Group Nexus Dialogue on Sustainable Nitrogen Management

Title: EMG Nexus Dialogue on Sustainable Nitrogen Management

Date: 20 April

Venue: UN Environment House, Geneva, Switzerland, Room 2

Modality: In-person (with possibility for online participation by EMG members)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda items</u>
8.30 – 9:00	<i>Registration and coffee</i>
9:00 – 10:00	<p>Introduction and Welcome by the EMG secretariat, FAO and UNEP, setting the scene and outlining the objectives and structure of the Nexus Dialogue</p> <p>EMG Secretariat – EMG Nexus Dialogue on Sustainable Nitrogen Management FAO – Why focusing on sustainable nitrogen management? UNEP – UN Environment Assembly resolutions and intergovernmental processes</p>
10:00 – 10:45	<p>Roundtable introductions by participants: Participants introduce themselves and speak to the interest and engagement of their UN entity in relation to sustainable nitrogen management.</p>
10:45 – 11:00	<p>Key Opening Intervention: Addressing nitrogen pollution from source to sea.</p>
11:00 – 12:00	<p>Moderated Panel Discussions and Q&A: Panelist will reflect on the production aspect as well as the pollution aspect of nitrogen use and comment on the need to step up sustainable nitrogen management, whilst introducing the topics proposed for the Small Group Dialogues in the afternoon. Interventions by the panellists will be followed by a Q&A session with participants.</p>
12.00 – 13.00	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:00 – 15:30	<p>Small Group Dialogues (<i>three groups will address the same topics in parallel</i>)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable nitrogen use, including enhancing nitrogen use efficiency in crops and animal production, and access to innovations • Reducing nitrogen pollution across the atmosphere, in water bodies and on land (emission reduction, waste and wastewater management, etc.) • Policy responses, including nitrogen policies and enhanced policy coherence, targeting nitrogen pollution prevention, mitigation and ecosystem restoration
15:30 – 16:30	Reporting Back and Discussion: Rapporteurs from the Small Groups report back on key messages and recommendations emanating from the dialogues. This is followed by a plenary discussion.
16:30 – 17:00	Next steps including in the context of UN Common Approaches on Biodiversity and Pollution, and the Global Biodiversity Framework
17:00 – 17:15	Way Forward
17:15 – 17:30	Concluding Remarks

Annex 1: Nexus Dialogues

The EMG Nexus Dialogues allow participants to discuss the thematic and institutional interlinkages between environmental issues, frameworks, and agendas, in the context of the wider Sustainable Development Goals.

These Dialogues deliver coherent requirements and collaborative opportunities for UN agencies to support implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda – occasionally leading to the launch of formal EMG processes for promoting coordination and cooperation within the UN system. Ultimately, the Dialogues may trigger UN agencies to establish multi-stakeholder partnerships to strengthen policy coherence and integrated policy development in support of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. Most Dialogues are open to observers.

Past nexus dialogues have been organized by various UN agencies focusing on a wide array of topics. Whereas most dialogues lasted around 2 hours, however, some dialogues have been broken down to a series format having two or three dialogues over time on the same subject.

Below follows an overview of previous Nexus Dialogues:

2017 Nexus Dialogues

26 – 27 April 2017	The Nexus Approach and the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda.
13 – 14 July 2017	Poverty and Environment in the Sustainable Development Goals.
19 October 2017	Strengthening partnerships between the environmental and humanitarian sectors.
3 December 2017	Integrating the environment and health agendas into policies for urban settings.

2018 Nexus Dialogues

2 – 3 May 2018	Biodiversity Mainstreaming in the context of Human Security and Wellbeing.
23 October 2018	Greening with Jobs: A Just Transition to Sustainability.
19 November 2018	Law for environmental sustainability.

2019 Nexus Dialogues

24 January 2019	Environment, Peace and Security.
26 February 2019	Sustainable Infrastructure for the SDGs.
12 March 2019	Sustainable Food Systems (a dialogue at UNEA-4).

2020 Nexus Dialogues

14 – 16 July 2020	COVID-19 and the Environment: A 3-Part Series of Nexus Dialogues.
24 July 2020	Human Rights and the Environment: A 3-Part Series of Nexus Dialogues.
22 – 23 September 2020	Human Rights and the Environment: A 3-Part Series of Nexus Dialogues.
17 November 2020	Mineral Resource Governance.

2021 Nexus Dialogues

29 – 30 March 2021	Gender and Biodiversity: A 2-Part Series of Nexus Dialogues.
27 April, 4 May and 15 June 2021	Addressing COVID-19 for the Environment: A 3-Part Series of Nexus Dialogues.
7 June 2021	Food System Resilience through Integrated Natural Resource Management.
7 September 2021	Sustainable Recovery through Sustainable Fashion: A Focus on the Environmental Dimensions.
23 November and 30 November 2021	Stockholm+50: A 2-Part Nexus Dialogue Series.