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ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT GROUP



Midterm Technical Segment of the 29th Senior Officials Meeting Date: 16 May 2023 Time: 15:00 – 17:00 CEST Venue: MS Teams	EMG SOM29/midterm Distribution: EMG Members
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Meeting Report Summary

1. Introduction

The mid-term meeting of the technical segment of the EMG Senior Officials was held virtually on 16 May 2023. The meeting was chaired by EMG Secretary, Ms. Ligia Noronha.

EMG members were updated on the progress of the various working areas of the EMG and prepared for the upcoming 29th Meeting of the Senior Officials of the EMG to be held in October 2023. 33 UN entities were present.

1. Overview of progress made by the EMG in response to SOM28 decisions and future plans

Lead entities presented progress made in the seven ongoing EMG workstreams. A summary is available in the progress report *EMGSOM29/midterm/02*. All seven workstreams are expected to continue in 2024:

- (a) IMG on Biodiversity
- (b) Consultative Process on a Pollution-Free Planet
- (c) Issue Management Group on Human Rights and Environment
- (d) Network of Technical Focal Points for the UN Sustainability Strategy
- (e) Consultative Process on a UN System-Wide Framework of Strategies on the Environment
- (f) EMG Nexus Dialogue Series
- (g) Strengthening UN system-wide support to Resident Coordinator Offices and the UN Country Teams to address the triple planetary crisis

2. Preparation for the 29th meeting of the EMG Senior Officials

The 29th Senior Officials Meeting will be organized as follows:

- **Technical Segment:** 26th September 2023, 15:00 – 17:00 CEST
- **Senior Segment:** 10th October 2023, 14:00 – 15:30 CEST

EMG members made reference the following topics for possible consideration of the EMG in 2024:

- The integration of a wider humanitarian perspective into the EMG including issues such as:
 - conflict over natural resources and the humanitarian response to the climate crisis;
 - bringing UN entities together at the humanitarian-peace-development nexus;
 - the interplay between the triple planetary crisis and humanitarian factors, for instance from the point of view of food security and increasing fragility.
- Closer collaboration between the UN system and the development banks in the context of reforming the international financial architecture.

Other proposals included connecting with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) and its subgroup on climate change. Co-chairs of relevant issue-based coalitions could be invited to the EMG SOM with the aim of establishing a connection between the EMG and the regional apparatus.

3. Any Other Business and Closure of the meeting

No other issues were discussed.