

Briefing to Member States on the Implementation of UNEA Resolution 5/12 on Environmental Aspects of Minerals and Metals Management

14 February, 11.00-12.30 EAT and 18.00-19.30 EAT

Connection Details

- Briefing Session 1(AM): Tuesday, 14 February 2023 at 11h00 EAT: [Click here to join](#)
- Briefing Session 1(PM): Tuesday, 14 February 2023 at 18h00 EAT: [Click here to join](#)

Background and Objective

The United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) at its resumed fifth session adopted [UNEA resolution 5/12 on environmental aspects of minerals and metals management](#). The resolution encourages Member States and invites relevant stakeholders along the full life cycle of minerals and metals, from both the public and private sectors, to align their mining practices and their investments in mining with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and with their obligations and decisions under multilateral environmental agreements, as appropriate. In addition, the resolution requests the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Executive Director, subject to available resources, to convene transparent and inclusive intergovernmental regional consultations to feed into a global intergovernmental meeting, with the aim of developing non-prescriptive proposals to enhance the environmental sustainability of minerals and metals along their full life cycle, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The resolution also requests the Executive Director to strengthen scientific, technical and policy knowledge regarding sand, and to compile a report on knowledge gaps in relation to the environmental aspects of tailings management.

The regional intergovernmental consultations will be convened from April to July 2023, with the global intergovernmental meeting following on 7 and 8 September 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland. Further information and latest updates on the regional and global consultations, as well as relevant background documents and additional resources, can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.greengrowthknowledge.org/initiatives/environmental-aspects-minerals-and-metals-management/activities>

This briefing will provide Member States, particularly nominated National Focal Points, with updates on the proposed implementation plan for UNEA resolution 5/12 and share information on Member States' and other stakeholders' opportunities and modalities for engagement in the process. In a dedicated Q&A discussion portion, Member States will have the opportunity to provide feedback, suggestions and advice to UNEP in relation to the proposed

implementation plan. It is envisaged that at least one more briefing will be convened before the global intergovernmental meeting.

This briefing session is convened by the co-chairs of the intergovernmental consultations on minerals and metals management, Ms. Martine Rohn-Brossard, Deputy Head of International Affairs Division of the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment and Ms. Saqlain Syedah, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to UNEP. UNEP will provide secretariat support.

Agenda

11.00-11.15 18.00-18.15	Welcome, Opening Remarks and Introductions of the Co-Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Elisa Tonda, Chief, Resources and Markets Branch, Economy Division, UNEP H.E. Ms. Saqlain Syedah, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to UNEP Ms. Martine Rohn-Brossard, Deputy Head of International Affairs Division of the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment
11.15-11.35 18.15-18.35	Update on proposed implementation plan for UNEA resolution 5/12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charlotte Ndakorerwa, Programme Officer, Economy Division, UNEP/ Angela Kariuki, Legal Officer, Law Division, UNEP Pascal Peduzzi, Director UNEP-GRID-Geneva <p>Moderated by H.E. Ms. Saqlain Syedah, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to UNEP</p>
11.55-12.25 18.55-19.25	Questions and answers session Open floor discussion <p>Moderated by Ms. Martine Rohn-Brossard Deputy Head of International Affairs Division of the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment</p>
12.25-12.30 19.25-19.30	Key next steps and adjournment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Ms. Saqlain Syedah High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to UNEP