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## MEMORANDUM

**FOR** : The Directors  
Biodiversity Management Bureau  
Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau  
Environmental Management Bureau  
Forest Management Bureau  
Climate Change Service  
  
The Executive Director  
National Water Resources Board

**FROM** : The OIC Director  
Policy and Planning Service

**SUBJECT** : **INFORMAL PLENARY MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**DATE** : **31 JAN 2023**

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This refers to the letter dated 06 January 2023 of Assistant Secretary Kira Christianne D. Azucena of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), informing the Department of the conduct of an informal plenary meeting of the General Assembly to discuss vital issues on water, climate, and pandemic preparedness, and requesting for comments/inputs to develop the country's position on said issues.

### Background

- In his letter dated 20 December 2022, the General Assembly President, H.E. Csaba Korosi, had informed All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations of his intentions to convene an informal plenary meeting of the General Assembly on 07 February 2023 in New York;
- The informal plenary meeting will be an avenue to hear briefings from eminent scientist and academics, and to bring their contributions to the consideration of the General Assembly;
- The briefings will be held in three (3) separate sessions on the same day, with each session to be followed by an interactive discussion and will be open to Member States, Observers of the GA, and ECOSOC-accredited NGOs; and
- The discussions will focus on science-based evidence in support of sustainable solutions to the following vital issues:
  - **Economics of Water**
  - **Climate, Conflict and cooperation**
  - **Early warning for pandemic preparedness**

## Action Requested

In this regard, we would like to request your inputs on the country's position, concerns and interests, in the following vital issues:

Issues	Relevant Offices	Concerns	Interests
Economics of water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Biodiversity Management Bureau</li><li>- Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau</li><li>- Environmental Management Bureau</li><li>- Forest Management Bureau</li><li>- National Water Resources Board</li></ul>		
Climate, conflict and cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Biodiversity Management Bureau</li><li>- Climate Change Service</li><li>- Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau</li><li>- Forest Management Bureau</li></ul>		
Early warning for pandemic preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Climate Change Service</li><li>- Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau</li></ul>		

We would appreciate receiving your feedback, send to: [psddivision@gmail.com](mailto:psddivision@gmail.com) and/or [policy@denr.gov.ph](mailto:policy@denr.gov.ph), **on or before 01 February 2023** in order to facilitate the submission of the Department's position/inputs to the DFA.

For your information and appropriate action, please.

  
MELINDA C. CAPISTRANO



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**DFA-UNIO's letter to agencies re Informal Plenary Meeting of the UN General Assembly to hear briefings from Eminent Scientists and Academics**

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Sat, Jan 7, 2023 at 9:09 AM

To: NEDA Office of the Secretary <osec@neda.gov.ph>, DENR Office of the Secretary <osec@denr.gov.ph>, Office of the Secretary <osec@climate.gov.ph>, dohosec@doh.gov.ph

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Attached is DFA-UNIO's letter to agencies regarding the Informal Plenary Meeting of the UN General Assembly to hear briefings from Eminent Scientists and Academics.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**2 attachments**

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**DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
KAGAWARAN NG UGNAYANG PANLABAS**

**OFFICE OF UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

06 January 2023

Sir/Madam:

Attached is a copy of a letter dated 20 December 2022 from the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Csaba Korosi, regarding his intention to convene an informal plenary meeting of the General Assembly in New York on 07 February 2023 to hear briefings from eminent scientists and academics, and to bring their contributions to the consideration of the General Assembly.

The briefings will be held in three (3) separate sessions on the same day, with each session to be followed by an interactive discussion and will be open to Member States, Observers of the GA and ECOSOC-accredited NGOs. The discussions will focus on science-based evidence in support of sustainable solutions to the following vital issues:

- Economics of water;
- Climate, conflict and cooperation; and
- Early warning for pandemic preparedness.

To enable PH's meaningful participation in the briefings, the Department of Foreign Affairs would like to request your inputs on the country's positions, concerns and interests in these vital issues. Please email them to [unio@dfa.gov.ph](mailto:unio@dfa.gov.ph) copy [unio.div2@dfa.gov.ph](mailto:unio.div2@dfa.gov.ph) by **23 January 2023**.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,  
For the Secretary of Foreign Affairs:

**KIRA CHRISTIANNE D. AZUCENA**  
Assistant Secretary

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**PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

20 December 2022

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that I will convene an informal plenary meeting of the General Assembly to hear briefings from eminent scientists and academics on **7 February 2023 at 10:00 am** in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. This is in keeping with my intention of holding impact-oriented consultations with representatives of the scientific community and bringing their contributions to the consideration of the General Assembly.

The briefings, open to Members States, Observers of the General Assembly and ECOSOC accredited NGOs, will focus on science-based evidence in support of sustainable solutions on the “Economics of Water”, “Climate, Conflict and Cooperation” and “Early Warning for Pandemic Preparedness”. The briefings will be held in three separate sessions on the same day. Each session will be followed by an interactive discussion.

For further information, your office may contact Ms. Sneha Dubey ([sneha.dubey@un.org](mailto:sneha.dubey@un.org)) and Ms. Veronika Csiszar ([veronika.csiszar@un.org](mailto:veronika.csiszar@un.org)), Advisors for Sustainable Development at my Office.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Csaba Kőrösi

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Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
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