



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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**URGENT
MEMORANDUM**

FOR : The Directors
Climate Change Service
Biodiversity Management Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau

FROM : The OIC Director
Policy and Planning Service

**SUBJECT : 5th ASIA PACIFIC MINISTERIAL FORUM IN COLOMBO, SRI
LANKA ON 03-06 OCTOBER 2023**

DATE : 26 SEP 2023

This has reference to the letter from H.E Eng Naseer Ahamed, Minister of the Environment, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), inviting the DENR Secretary for the upcoming 5th Asia Pacific Ministerial Forum (5th AP Forum) to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka on 03-06 October 2023.

In this regard, we would like to request your inputs on the country's statement for the Ministerial segment of the 5th AP Forum, particularly **Agenda 6: Ministerial Dialogue on Sustainable Multilateral Actions to Tackle Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss and Pollution in Asia and Pacific** to be delivered by SENR during the 5th AP Forum.

For reference, enclosed is the copy of invitation and the tentative programme agenda. We would appreciate receiving your inputs **by 27 September 2023, COB** through our email address: psddivision@gmail.com copy policy@denr.gov.ph.

For your preferential action, please.


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MEMO NO. 2023 - 843



FIFTH FORUM OF
MINISTERS & ENVIRONMENT
AUTHORITIES OF ASIA PACIFIC



OCTOBER 2023, COLOMBO, SRI LANKA (HYBRID)

Reference: 5th AP Forum

26 June 2023

Excellency,

We have the honour to invite you to the 5th Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (5th AP Forum), which will take place in Colombo, Sri Lanka on 3-6 October 2023, in-person with the option of online participation. The Forum will be jointly organized by the Ministry of Environment of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

The Forum is a platform for governments, intergovernmental organizations, and major groups and other stakeholders, to discuss environmental priorities and contribute regional perspectives to the Sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6) scheduled to be held in Nairobi, Kenya from 26 February to 1 March 2024. The theme of UNEA-6 is: "Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution".

The high-level segment of the Forum will be convened at the senior officials' level on 4 October 2023, followed by the ministerial segment on 5 October 2023. The Asia-Pacific Major Group and Stakeholders Forum and the Asia-Pacific Science-Policy-Business Forum on the Environment (parallel event) will take place on 3 October 2023. The Government of Sri Lanka is planning to organize a day-long field trip on 6 October 2023. Additionally, there will be an opportunity to organize side events related to the UNEA-6 theme.

We would be grateful if your office could kindly confirm your participation and that of your delegation members, preferably before 30 July 2023 to Dr. Anil Jasinghe (dirir@env.gov.lk), Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Ms. Dechen Tsering (unep-apmf@un.org), UNEP Regional Director and Representative for Asia and the Pacific. Kindly note that each delegation is required to complete the registration process through the [Forum's website](#). Relevant documents, including provisional agenda, registration, timetable of meetings, pre-session documents, and information note for participants, will be made available in due course on the [Forum's website](#).

We count on your leadership and look forward to the active participation of your organization during the Forum sessions in October 2023.

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

H.E. Eng. Naseer Ahamed
Minister of Environment
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Inger Andersen
Executive Director
The United Nations Environment Programme
(UNEP)

H.E. Ms. Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyza
Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Philippines



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OCTOBER 2023, COLOMBO, SRI LANKA (HYBRID)

Fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific

Tentative Programme Agenda

Senior Officials Meeting of the Fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific, 4 October 2023, Wednesday	
08:00-09:00	Registration
Agenda item 1: Opening of the Senior Officials Meeting of the Fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific	
09:00-09:30	<p>Dr. Anil Jasinghe, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Sri Lanka and Chair of the Senior Officials Bureau, Fourth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (Chair)</p> <p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Anura Dissanayake, Secretary to the Prime Minister, Sri Lanka (5 min)<input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Dechen Tsering, Regional Director and Representative, UN Environment Programme, Asia and the Pacific (5 min) <p>Inaugural address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> H.E. Mr. Firas Khouri, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives Bureau, and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Nairobi (7 min) <p>Election of Officers and adoption of the agenda</p>
Agenda item 2: Review of the implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations Environment Assembly in Asia and the Pacific	
09:30-10:30	<p>Review of the implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations Environment Assembly in Asia and the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Introduction by the Secretariat (10 min)<input type="checkbox"/> Country Statements <p><i>The agenda item will provide an opportunity for Member States to report on progress on implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly and provide guidance on priorities to be addressed in the region. Lead countries sponsored resolutions at preceding United Nations Environment Assembly are India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Mongolia, Samoa, and Sri Lanka.</i></p>

	<p><i>Summary presentation from the Regional Consultations of the Asia Pacific States in preparation for the third session of Intergovernmental Negotiation Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including the marine environment.</i></p>
<p>Agenda item 3: Regional input to the 6th United Nations Environment Assembly outcome (UNEA-6)</p>	
<p>10:30-12:00</p>	<p>A). 6th United Nations Environment Assembly theme: 'Effective, inclusive, and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Introduction by the Secretariat (10 min) <input type="checkbox"/> Country Statements <input type="checkbox"/> Stakeholders Statements (Intergovernmental, International, UN Organizations, Major Groups and Stakeholders) <p><i>The senior officials and other stakeholders may wish to review the report and provide regional inputs, including priorities, environmental success stories and important initiatives, on the theme 'Effective, inclusive, and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution'.</i></p> <p><i>Statements from the Asia Pacific Science-Policy-Business Forum on the Environment, and the Asia Pacific Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum, linked to the Forum theme, held prior to the high-level segment will be delivered in this agenda item.</i></p>
<p>12:00-14:00</p>	<p>Lunch Break (Parallel Side Events)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Side Event 4: UNEP, your partner of choice (Host: UNEP) <input type="checkbox"/> Side Event 5: Pacific Climate Change and Ocean Management Initiatives (Host: SPREP)
<p>14:00-16:00</p>	<p>B). Outcome for the 6th United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6)</p> <p>Draft resolutions for the 6th United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Introduction by UNEP's Committee of Permanent Representative Bureau Member <input type="checkbox"/> Country Statements <p><i>Member States may consider sharing relevant concept(s) to be submitted to the Secretariat of the Governing Bodies of the United Nations Environment Programme. The senior officials may wish to briefly present the potential concept or draft resolutions at the Forum. Guidance to Member States on the submission of draft resolutions and decisions to the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly</i></p> <p>C). Draft Ministerial Declaration for the 6th United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Introduction by the Representative of the UNEA-6 President <input type="checkbox"/> Country statements <input type="checkbox"/> Stakeholders Statements (Intergovernmental, International, UN Organizations, Major Groups and Stakeholders) <p><i>A process of consultation on a draft political declaration, addressing the theme of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly 'Effective, inclusive, and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution', was initiated by the President of the Assembly. The main objective is to develop, in a transparent and inclusive manner, a joint vision and achievable actions to address the theme.</i></p> <p><i>The senior officials and other stakeholders are invited to provide regional inputs to the draft declaration that will be adopted at the 6th United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6).</i></p>

Agenda item 4: Endorsement of the report of the Senior Officials Meeting of the Fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific	
16:00-17:30	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction by the Secretariat <input type="checkbox"/> Endorsement of the report of the Senior Officials Meeting of the Fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific
18:30-21:00	Side event and welcome reception by UNEP <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Side Event 6: One Health and its environmental dimension in the Asia Pacific region (Host: FAO, UNEP, WHO, WOAH)</i>
Ministerial Segment of the Fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific	
5 October 2023, Thursday	
07:30-08:30	Registration
Agenda item 5: Opening of the Ministerial Segment of the Fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific	
08:30-10:00	Opening Performance (30 min) <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Programme Welcome address. <input type="checkbox"/> H.E. Mr. Naseer Ahamed, Minister of Environment, Sri Lanka (7 min). <input type="checkbox"/> H.E. Ms. Leila Benali, President of 6 th United Nations Environment Assembly and Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of Morocco (Video Message, 7 min). <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (7 min). Keynote address <input type="checkbox"/> Prime Minister, Fiji (Video Message) <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President, Islamic Republic of Iran (7 min) <input type="checkbox"/> Representative of Major Group for Children and Youth (4 min) <input type="checkbox"/> H.E. Ranil Wickremesinghe, President of Sri Lanka (10 min)
10:00-10:30	Photo Session (Choreograph) & Break
10:30-10:45	<input type="checkbox"/> H.E. Mr. Lim Sang-jun, Vice Minister of Environment, Republic of Korea, and Chair Representative of the Fourth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (7 min) (Chair). <input type="checkbox"/> Election of officers and Adoption of the agenda.
Agenda item 6: Ministerial Dialogue on Sustainable Multilateral Actions to Tackle Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss and Pollution in Asia and the Pacific	
10:45-12:00	The three planetary environmental crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution are interrelated and often transboundary in nature and highlights the urgent need for collective global and regional actions to mitigate climate change, halt biodiversity loss, and reduce environmental pollution to ensure the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment.

	<p>Regional multilateral actions are the bridge between global aspirational targets, such as the SDGs, Paris Agreement and Kunming-Montreal Framework, and operational targets in the national policies and strategies. In this context, science-based decision making for regional multilateral actions should be focused on knowledge sharing, capacity building and science harnessed national policies and regional multilateral cooperative programmes and actions.</p> <p>Further strengthening the linkages between global and regional environmental governance mechanisms including through, for example, relevant UN Environment Assembly Resolutions and Multilateral Environmental Agreement (MEA) priorities being considered more systematically by regional intergovernmental and thematic forums and processes.</p> <p>The ministers, Heads of the Delegation, and other high-level representatives will have an opportunity to share perspectives on well-coordinated global and regional mechanisms and effective actions to achieve various MEA targets including SDG targets, related to climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution in Asia and the Pacific. Ministers and other high-level representatives are also invited to share successes, best practices, and suggest concrete actions towards achieving sustainable multilateral actions at national, subregional, and regional levels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Introduction by the Secretariat <input type="checkbox"/> Country statements
<p>12:00-14:00</p>	<p>Lunch break (Parallel Side Events)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Side Event 7: Together for clean air: Strengthening multilateral action to address air pollution in Asia Pacific (Host: Republic of Korea)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Side Event 8: Accelerating the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (Host: UNEP)</i>
<p>14:00-14:30</p>	<p>Continued Agenda item 6: Ministerial Dialogue on Sustainable Multilateral Actions to Tackle Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss and Pollution in Asia and the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Country statements <input type="checkbox"/> Stakeholders Statements (Intergovernmental, International, UN Organizations, Major Groups and Stakeholders)
<p>Agenda item 7: Multistakeholder's dialogue: Multilateral Environmental Cooperations to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution (challenges and opportunities)</p>	
<p>14:30-16:00</p>	<p>Stockholm+50 has emphasized the global interconnectedness of the environment and the need to collectively address the three planetary environmental crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution – for present and future generations. The Stockholm+50 called for greater accountability to deliver on national and international responsibilities and address the three planetary environmental crises in integrated ways. Reinforce and reinvigorate the multilateral system, through ensuring an effective rules-based multilateral system that supports countries in delivering on their national and global commitments, to ensure fair and effective multilateralism, strengthening the environmental rule of law, including by promoting convergence and synergies within the United Nations system and between multilateral environmental agreements. Cooperations by all actors is essential to accelerate the transfer of knowledge, technology, and know-how, and to scale up the availability and access to and affordability of digital goods and services and critical infrastructure in developing countries.</p>

	<p>The overall goal of strengthening the engagement of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) in UNEA-6 is to promote coherence between the resolutions of the Assembly and the decisions of the governing bodies of the MEAs. Besides, multilateral cooperation is to support the Environment Assembly in enhancing its relationship with the MEAs and its contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, by strengthening convergence of action and dialogue on common strategies and sharing of experiences, while providing increased visibility to the decisions of the governing bodies of the MEAs.</p> <p>Ministers, Heads of the Delegation, MEA Secretariats, other stakeholders, and representatives will have an opportunity to share their Asia Pacific regional perspectives on effectiveness of the multilateral environmental cooperations, including finance, technology, and capacity building, at national, subregional, and regional levels, to achieve internationally agreed goals including SDGs on climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Chair (Bureau Member) <input type="checkbox"/> Introduction by the Secretariat (UNEP DED) <input type="checkbox"/> Panelist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Speaker A o Speaker B o Speaker C o Speaker D
Agenda item 8: Presentation of Senior Officials Meeting report and draft outcomes of the Fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific	
16:00-17:30	Under this item, the Ministers and Heads of Delegation may wish to take note of the key elements of the report of the Senior Officials Meeting and draft outcome of the Fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific.
Agenda item 9: Adoption of the outcome of the Fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific	
17:30-17:45	<p>Adoption of the outcome of the Fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific</p> <p><i>The Ministers and Heads of Delegation will consider the draft report of the Senior Officials Meeting and the draft ministerial outcome for adoption. The outcome will reflect policy perspectives and commitments in Asia Pacific to address the theme of the six sessions of the United Nations Environment Assembly "Effective, inclusive, and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution".</i></p>
Agenda item 10: Closing Session	
17:45-18:00	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> UNEP representative <input type="checkbox"/> Chair of the Fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific
18:15-19:30	<input type="checkbox"/> Side Event 9: Climate Justice Forum (Host: Sri Lanka)
19:30-21:30	Gala Dinner hosted by Government of Sri Lanka



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The present document contains the provisional agenda for the fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (section I) and the annotation to the provisional agenda (section II).

I. Provisional agenda

A. Senior Officials Meeting (4 October 2023)

1. Opening of the senior officials meeting of the fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (*Member States primarily served by United Nations Environment Programme Asia and the Pacific Office):
 - (a) Opening addresses
 - (b) Election of officers
 - (c) Adoption of the agenda
2. Review of the implementation of the resolutions of the UN Environment Assembly in Asia and the Pacific.
3. Regional input to the 6th session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (26 February-1 March 2024) outcome, including:
 - (a) United Nations Environment Assembly theme: Effective, inclusive, and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution
 - (b) Draft resolutions of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its sixth session
 - (c) Draft Ministerial Declaration of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its sixth session
4. Endorsement of the report of the senior officials of the fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (*Member States primarily served by United Nations Environment Programme Asia and the Pacific Office)

B. Ministerial Segment (5 October 2023)

5. Opening session.
 - (a) Opening addresses
 - (b) Election of officers
 - (c) Adoption of the agenda
6. Ministerial dialogue: Effective, inclusive, and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution (Statements)
7. Multistakeholder's dialogue: Multilateral Environmental Cooperations to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution (challenges and opportunities)
8. Presentation of senior officials report and draft outcomes of the fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific
9. Adoption of the outcomes of the fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (*Member States primarily served by UN Environment Programme Asia and the Pacific office)
10. Closing session.

*** The geographical coverage of the UN Environment Asia-Pacific office includes 41 Member States: Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Cook Islands, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Kiribati, Korea (Democratic People's Republic of), Korea (the Republic of), Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, New Zealand, Niue, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Viet Nam.**

II. Annotation

A. Senior Officials Meeting (4 October 2023)

1. Opening of the Senior Officials Meeting of the fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (*Member States primarily served by United Nations Environment Programme Asia and the Pacific Office):

(a) Opening address

The senior official segment will be opened by the Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Sri Lanka and Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme for Asia and the Pacific. The inaugural address will be delivered by the Asia Pacific Vice President of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly Bureau.

(b) Election of officers

The senior officials will elect a bureau for the senior officials meeting of the fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific, which will comprise of a chair and two vice-chairs.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Provisional agenda (UNEP/APEnvForum(5)/L.1)

Annotation

The senior officials will consider and adopt the provisional agenda, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

2. Review of the implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations Environment Assembly in Asia and the Pacific.

Documentation

Progress in implementation in Asia and the Pacific of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly and the key flagship programme and events delivered as secretariat. (UNEP/APEnvForum (5)/1)

Annotation

Document UNEP/APEnvForum (5)/1 contains an update on the implementation in Asia and the Pacific of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its first, second, third, fourth and fifth sessions and also reporting on flagship programmes and events.

The agenda item will provide an opportunity for Member States to report on progress and innovative practices on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly and provide guidance on priorities to be addressed in the region. Lead countries sponsored resolutions at preceding United Nations Environment Assembly are India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Mongolia, Samoa, and Sri Lanka.

3. Regional input to the 6th session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (26 February-1 March 2024) outcome.

- (a) United Nations Environment Assembly theme: Effective, inclusive, and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution

Documentation

Effective, inclusive, and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution in Asia and the Pacific (UNEP/APEnvForum (5)/2)

Annotation

The theme of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly: 'Effective, inclusive, and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution'. The senior officials will have in front of them a draft regional report in which the document highlighted many opportunities for scaling up multilateral actions to address the triple planetary crisis, support the implementation of UNEA resolutions, and accelerate progress towards achieving the sustainable development goals in Asia and the Pacific, in areas, including: i) Multilateral Actions to Tackle the Climate Crisis; ii) Multilateral Actions to Tackle the Nature and Biodiversity Loss Crisis; iii) Multilateral Actions to Tackle the Pollution and Waste Crisis; iv) Multilateral Actions for a Circular Economy; and v) Scientific basis of multilateral action – science policy interface and platforms to inform actions.

The senior officials and other stakeholders may wish to review the report and provide regional inputs, including priorities, environmental success stories and important initiatives.

Statements from the Asia Pacific Science-Policy-Business Forum on the Environment, and the Asia Pacific Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum, linked to the Forum theme, held prior to the high-level segment will be delivered in this agenda item.

- (b) Draft resolutions of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its sixth session

Documentation

Draft resolutions and guidance of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its sixth session (UNEP/APEnvForum (5)/3)

Annotation

Member States may consider sharing relevant resolution concept (s) to be submitted to the Secretariat of the Governing Bodies of the United Nations Environment Programme for the United Nations Environment Assembly at its sixth session. The senior officials may wish to briefly present the potential concept or draft resolutions at the Forum.

- (c) Draft Ministerial Outcome of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its sixth session

Documentation

Draft declaration of the UN Environment Assembly at its fifth session (UNEP/APEnvForum (5)/4)

Annotation

A process of consultation on a draft political declaration addressing the theme of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly 'Effective, inclusive, and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution', was initiated by the President of the Assembly. The main objective is to develop, in a transparent and inclusive manner, a joint vision and achievable actions to address the theme.

The senior officials are invited to provide regional inputs to the draft declaration that will be adopted at the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6).

4. **Endorsement of the report of the senior officials of the fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (*Member States primarily served by United Nations Environment Programme Asia and the Pacific Office)**

Documentation

Draft report of the senior officials meeting of the fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (UNEP/APEnvForum(5)/5)

Annotation

The senior officials will review a draft report for endorsement and recommend it for adoption by the ministers at the Ministerial Segment. The draft report will reaffirm the priorities for the future in Asia and the Pacific and demonstrate the commitment of member states to achieving the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly theme 'Effective, inclusive, and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution'.

B. Ministerial Segment (5 October 2023)**5. Opening of the session.****(a) Opening addresses**

The President of sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6), the Minister of Environment, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme will deliver welcome statement and provide an overview of the meeting, followed by statements by other high-level representatives.

(b) Election of officers

The ministers and heads of delegation will elect a bureau for the fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific and will comprise a chair and two vice-chairs.

(c) Adoption of the agenda**Documentation**

Provisional agenda (UNEP/APEnvForum(5)/L.1)

Annotation

The ministers and heads of delegation will consider and adopt the provisional agenda, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

6. Ministerial dialogue: Effective, inclusive, and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution (Statements)

Documentation

Background Document (UNEP/APEnvForum (5)/2)

Annotation

The triple planetary crises (TPC) of climate change, nature and biodiversity loss and pollution are interrelated and often transboundary in nature and highlights the urgent need for collective global and regional actions to mitigate climate change, halt biodiversity loss, and reduce environmental pollution to ensure the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

Regional multilateral actions are the bridge between global aspirational targets, such as the SDGs, Paris Agreement and Kunming-Montreal Framework, and operational targets in the national policies and strategies. In this context, science-based decision making for regional multilateral actions should be focused on knowledge sharing, capacity building and science harnessed national policies and regional multilateral cooperative programmes and actions.

Further strengthening the linkages between global and regional environmental governance mechanisms including through, for example, relevant UN Environment Assembly Resolutions and Multilateral Environmental Agreement (MEA) priorities being considered more systematically by regional intergovernmental and thematic forums and processes.

The ministers, and other high-level representatives whave an opportunity to share perspectives on well-coordinated global and regional mechanisms and effective actions to achieve various MEA targets including SDG targets, related to climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution in Asia and the Pacific. Ministers and other high-level representatives are also invited to share successes, best practices, and suggest concrete actions towards achieving sustainable multilateral actions at national, subregional, and regional levels.

7. Multistakeholder's dialogue: Multilateral Environmental Cooperations to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution (challenges and opportunities)

Documentation

Information Note (UNEP/APEnvForum (5)/INF/1)

Annotation

Stockholm+50 has emphasized the global interconnectedness of the environment and the need to collectively address the triple crisis of our common environment – climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution – for present and future generations. The Stockholm+50 International Meeting called for greater accountability to deliver on national and international responsibilities and address the triple planetary crisis in integrated ways. Reinforce and reinvigorate the multilateral system, through ensuring an effective rules-based multilateral system that supports countries in delivering on their national and global commitments, to ensure fair and effective multilateralism, strengthening the environmental rule of law, including by promoting convergence and synergies within the United Nations system and