

FACT SHEET: UN ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY - NAIROBI 4-6 DECEMBER 2017 TOWARDS A POLLUTION-FREE PLANET

WHAT IS THE UN ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY?

- The highest level decision-making body on the environment
- Meets every second year; the third meeting takes place in Nairobi on 4-6 December 2017, under the theme "Towards a Pollution-Free Planet"
- Enjoys a universal membership of all 193 UN Member States, and full engagement of UN organisations, specialized agencies, intergovernmental organisations, civil society and the private sector
- Provides a groundbreaking platform for leadership on global environmental policy in a multi-stakeholder context

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

- 27-28 Nov: Civil society will host the [Global Major Stakeholders Forum](#), which facilitates the participation of civil society in the Environment Assembly and associated meetings
- 29 Nov-1 Dec: The [Committee of Permanent Representatives](#) will hold its [Open-Ended Meeting](#) to prepare for the Assembly
- 2-3 Dec: The **Science, Policy and Business Forum** with the theme, 'Science for Green Solutions', will provide unique opportunities to operationalize and promote great ideas driven by science to promote solutions to the pollution challenges
- 4-6 Dec: The [United Nations Environment Assembly](#). This year's Assembly will also launch the interactive Leadership Dialogues, which will provide participants with an opportunity for high-level engagement and discussion on how to achieve a pollution-free planet
- 4-6 Dec: The [Sustainable Innovation Expo](#) will take place during the Assembly and showcase innovative technology from the public and private sector to address the pollution challenges

WHAT ARE THE KEY OUTCOMES FROM THE ASSEMBLY?

- A ministerial **political declaration** on pollution, linked to the Sustainable Development Goals
- **Resolutions and decisions** adopted by UN Member States to address specific dimensions of pollution
- **Voluntary commitments** by Governments, private sector and civil society entities to clean up the planet
- The **Clean Planet Pledge**, a collection of individual commitments to tackle pollution

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO CONTRIBUTE TO A POLLUTION-FREE WORLD?

- SIGN the [Beat Pollution Pledge](#) to fight pollution
- [REGISTER](#) to the Assembly
- [APPLY](#) for the [2017 Sustainable Innovation Expo](#) at the Assembly
- JOIN the [global movement](#) to [#BeatPollution](#)
- ACT and LEARN from the Pollution Campaigns:
 - [Clean Seas](#)
 - [Breathe Life](#)
 - [Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint](#)

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WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Citizens



- Commit to an action
- Sign the Clean Planet Pledge
- Submit your pollution story

Government, Business, Civil Society



Register your voluntary commitments



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TACKLING POLLUTION, A GLOBAL THREAT

Every year:



Lead poisoning in children costs the world some \$977 billion



6.5 million people die from air pollution

WASTE



1/3 of food produced worldwide is lost or wasted

LAND & SOIL



As many as 25 million agricultural workers experience unintentional pesticide poisoning

FRESHWATER



80% of global wastewater enters the environment without proper treatment

MARINE



And all year long, marine litter is found in 100% of sea turtle species

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COSTS OF POLLUTION

In 2015 US\$



Indoor + outdoor air pollution
\$5.3 trillion

Greenhouse gas emissions
\$4.9 trillion

Chemicals, lead, mercury
\$480 billion

General waste
\$216 billion

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