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INFORMATION

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Working Party on International Environment Issues (Global)

Subject: WPIEI (Global): Roadmap for the work during the Danish Presidency

Delegations will find attached, for information, a roadmap for the work of the Working Party on International Environment Issues (Global) during the Danish Presidency (1 July – 31 December 2025).

Working Party on International Environment Issues (Global)

WPIEI (Global) Roadmap

1 July – 31 December 2025



**Danish
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Work programme

During the Danish Presidency, WPIEI (Global) will focus on two primary priorities. The negotiations on an international legally binding instrument to end plastic pollution and its resumed fifth session (INC-5.2) and the seventh session of the UN Environmental Assembly (UNEA-7).

As part of the preparation for UNEA-7, WPIEI (Global) will also prepare for the 12th Annual Subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (ASC) and engage in key discussions across UNEP bodies such as the subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and other relevant meetings. In addition, WPIEI (Global) will initiate preparation for the UN Water Conference scheduled for December 2026.

Under the Danish Presidency, WPIEI (Global) will focus on the following topics:

- In cooperation with the Polish Presidency prepare the informal in-person meeting of Heads of Delegation to the INC, to be held on 30 June-2 July in Nairobi.
- Preparation and carrying out INC-5.2, scheduled for 5-14 August in Geneva, with the first EU coordination on 4 August. A plastics workshop is foreseen to be held on 17 July back-to-back with the WPIEI (Global) meeting on 18 July.
- Preparations for the 12th Annual Subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (ASC), which will be held on 1-5 September in Nairobi. Particular focus will be placed on UNEP's new Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) and Programme of Work (PoW) as well as expected resolution concept notes to be presented at the ASC.
- Preparations for the Open-ended Committee of the Permanent Representatives (OECPR) and UNEA-7, which will be held on 1-5 and 7-12 December in Nairobi respectively. UNEA workshops back-to-back with WPIEI (Global) meetings from September through November might be scheduled as needed. Preparation of EU+MS lines-to-take (LTT's) and positions for the UNEA-7 ministerial declaration will be part of this process.
- Preparation of LTTs and contributions to UNEP Governing Bodies, as well as updating the WPIEI on outcomes and decisions from these meetings.
- Preparations for the 2026 UN Water Conference (2-4 December 2026), including development of LTTs for the preparatory high-level meetings, which will take place in New York and Dakar respectively.

With respect to the INC process, the Danish Presidency intends to continue the preparatory work for INC-5.2 using the burden-sharing format initiated and developed by the former presidencies. This includes the use of existing Core Team and Lead Expert Groups (LEG) covering the thematic clusters: upstream, downstream, means of implementation (MoI), institutional arrangements and implementation.

For the preparatory work ahead of UNEA-7, existing LEGs for general UNEA/UNEP matters and global water issues will be utilized. In addition, new LEGs are expected to be established after the ASC meeting. Such LEGs are likely to be structured in line with previous UNEA years, although the setup may differ slightly depending on factors such as resource availability as well as expected clusters and resolutions at UNEA-7. LEG Water will also lead preparations for the 2026 UN Water Conference.

The Danish Presidency will use the established means of preparing various EU+MS positions by publishing documents on the Delegates' Portal and requesting contributions or initiating consultations (calls for comments or informal silence procedures) as appropriate.

WPIEI (Global) meetings

Date	Tentative main agenda items	Venue
17 July 2025	INC-5.2 workshop	Full day, Brussels
18 July 2025	<p>WPIEI (Global)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Presidency Team and the work programme of the Presidency • Preparation of INC-5.2 • Preparation of ASC • Debriefing on UNEP activities: Joint Retreat of the UNEA-7 Bureau and the CPR Bureau, Meeting of the CPR Bureau and CPR Subcommittee Meeting • Debriefing on high level preparatory meeting for the 2026 UN Water Conference 	Full day, Brussels
(poss.) 18 September 2025	UNEA-7 workshop	Full day, Brussels (TBC)
19 September 2025	<p>WPIEI (Global)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debriefing on INC-5.2 and next steps • Debriefing on ASC • Debriefing on UNEP activities: Meetings of the CPR bureau, Joint meeting of the Bureau of UNEA-7 and of the CPR, 171st meeting of the CPR and Third intergovernmental consultations on the revised first draft of the ministerial declaration • Global water issues 	Full day, Brussels
(poss.) 14 October 2025	UNEA-7 workshop	Full day, Brussels (TBC)

15 October 2025	WPIEI (Global) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation for UNEA-7 • Debriefing on UNEP activities: Orientation Session for new CPR Members, CPR Subcommittee Meetings and Meetings of the CPR Bureau • Global water issues 	Full day, Brussels
(poss.) 4 November 2025	UNEA-7 workshop	Full day, Brussels (TBC)
5 November 2025	WPIEI (Global) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation for UNEA-7 • Debriefing on UNEP activities: Fourth intergovernmental consultations on the final draft ministerial declaration, CPR Subcommittee Meetings and Meetings of the CPR Bureau • Preparations for preparatory high-level meeting on the 2026 UN Water Conference in Dakar 	Full day, Brussels
24 November 2025	WPIEI (Global) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation for UNEA-7 • Debriefing on UNEP activities: 172nd meeting of the CPR, CPR Subcommittee Meetings and Meetings of the CPR Bureau • Preparations for preparatory high-level meeting on the 2026 UN Water Conference in December 2025 (TBC) 	Full day, VTC (without interpretation)

Relevant EU meetings

Date	Event	Venue
10-11 July 2025	Informal meeting of Environment ministers	Aalborg
18 September 2025	Environment Council meeting (TBC)	Brussels
21 October 2025	Environment Council meeting	Luxembourg
16 December 2025	Environment Council meeting	Brussels

Meetings of UNEP/UNEA bodies

Date	Event	Venue
2-3 July 2025	Joint Retreat of the UNEA-7 Bureau and the CPR Bureau	Nairobi
8 July 2025	Meeting of the CPR Bureau	Nairobi, Hybrid
10 July 2025	CPR Subcommittee Meeting	Nairobi, Hybrid
1-5 September 2025	12 th Annual Subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives	Nairobi
3 September 2025	Meeting of the CPR Bureau	Nairobi, Hybrid
5 September 2025	Meeting of the CPR Bureau	Nairobi, Hybrid
10 September 2025	Meeting of the CPR Bureau	Nairobi, Hybrid
10 September 2025	Joint meeting of the Bureau of UNEA-7 and of the CPR	Online
11 September 2025	Meeting of the Subcommittee of the CPR	Nairobi, Hybrid
16 September 2025	171st meeting of the CPR	Nairobi, Hybrid
17 September 2025	Third intergovernmental consultations on the revised first draft of the ministerial declaration	Nairobi, Hybrid
23-25 September 2025	Orientation Session for new CPR Members	Nairobi
TBC	Meeting of the Subcommittee of the CPR	Nairobi, Hybrid
7 October 2025	Meeting of the CPR Bureau	Nairobi, Hybrid
TBC	Meeting of the Subcommittee of the CPR	Nairobi, Hybrid
TBC	Meeting of the CPR Bureau	Nairobi, Hybrid

TBC	Fourth intergovernmental consultations on the final draft ministerial declaration	Nairobi
24 November 2025	172nd meeting of the CPR	Nairobi, Hybrid
27 November 2025	Joint meeting of the Bureaux of UNEA-7 and of the CPR	Online
2 December	Meeting of the CPR Bureau	Nairobi, Hybrid
3 December	Meeting of the CPR Bureau	Nairobi, Hybrid
5 December	Meeting of the CPR Bureau	Nairobi, Hybrid
7 December	Joint meeting of the Bureaux of UNEA-7 and of the CPR	Nairobi
10 December	Meeting of the UNEA-7 Bureau	Nairobi, Hybrid
12 December	Meeting of the UNEA-7 Bureau	Nairobi, Hybrid

Relevant international meetings

Date	Event	Venue
2-4 July 2025	Aarhus Convention, 29 th meeting of the Working Group of the Parties	Geneva
7-11 July 2025	Montreal Protocol, 47 th Working Group Meeting (OEWG-47)	Bangkok
9 July 2025	Preparatory high-level meeting on the 2026 UN Water Conference	NYC
4-15 August 2025	Second part of the Fifth Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-5.2)	Geneva
18-29 August 2025	Second Preparatory Committee to the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement)	NYC
3-7 November 2025	Montreal Protocol, 37 th Meeting of Parties (MOP-37)	Nairobi
3-7 November 2025	Minamata Convention, 6 th meeting of Parties.	Geneva
5-7 November 2025	MOP of the Protocol on Water and Health	Budapest
10-21 November 2025	UNFCCC COP30	Belém
17-21 November 2025	Aarhus Convention. Eighth Session of Meeting of Parties (MOP 8)	Geneva
20 November 2025	Joint High-level Segment Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Register	Geneva

21 November 2025	Fifth session of the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (MoP 5 PRTR)	Geneva
26-28 November	30th session of the Committee on Environmental Policy	Geneva
8-12 December 2025	45th session of the Executive body of the Air Convention (UNECE LRTAP)	Geneva
29 November – 12 December 2025	UNEA-7	Nairobi
December 2025 (TBC)	Preparatory meeting for the 2026 UN Water Conference	Dakar

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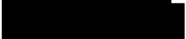








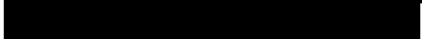





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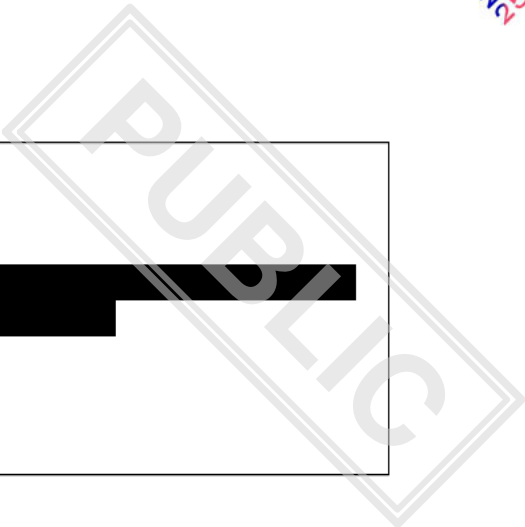
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