

Objectives and Agenda of the Global Intergovernmental Meeting on UNEA resolution 5/12



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Mandates UNEA-5 Resolution 12 “Environmental Aspects of Minerals and Metals Management” (1)

The UNEA-5 resolution focusses on improving the environmental aspects of minerals and metals along their full life cycle and requests UNEP, subject to available resources, to:

*OP 2 “...**convene transparent and inclusive intergovernmental regional consultations**, including with relevant international organizations, with regional and multilateral environmental agreements, and with relevant stakeholders acting as observers, **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.”*

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OP 3 Decides that the intergovernmental regional consultations will:

- (a) **Take stock of existing activities and actions** (...)to enhance the environmental sustainability of minerals and metals and identify, among other things, best practices, responsible business practices, standards, guidelines, technical tools, environmentally sustainable technologies and the use of renewable energy in mining;
- (b) **Identify opportunities for enhanced international cooperation**, including with a view to fostering capacity-building and technological, technical and scientific cooperation in the mining sector, in particular with developing countries;
- (c) **Identify possible ways forward** for consideration by the Environment Assembly at its sixth session, as appropriate

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*OP 4 Requests the Executive Director, (...) to **strengthen scientific, technical and policy knowledge with regard to sand**, and to support global policies and action regarding the environmentally sound extraction and use thereof;*

*OP 5 Also requests the Executive Director, (...), to **compile a report on knowledge gaps in relation to the environmental aspects of tailings management**;*

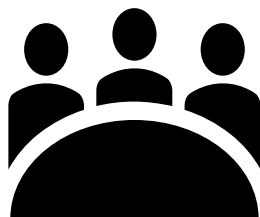
Scope of the Resolution

Excludes mineral fuels

Includes the full life cycle of minerals and metals

including extraction, on-site and off-site processing, refining, management of mining waste and tailings, rehabilitation of sites and closed or abandoned mines, manufacturing, and recycling

Objectives and Expectations of the Global Intergovernmental Meeting



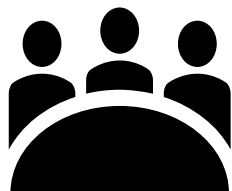
Objectives

- Address mandates of the resolution
- Development of non-prescriptive proposals from Member States reported at UNEA-6
- Co-Chairs' Summary Report
- Progress Report of the UNEP Executive Director to UNEA-6

Expectations

- Active engagement through oral inputs on OP 2 and OP 3(a) and (b) to crystallize, refine, prioritize (where relevant) all non-prescriptive proposals made
- Incorporation of written inputs received on OP 2, OP 3 (a) and (b)
- Guidance provided by background document

Towards the Development of Non-Prescriptive Proposals (1)

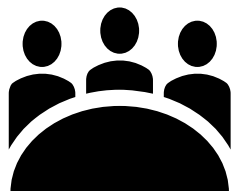


What are non-prescriptive proposals?

- In the context of this process, a non-prescriptive proposal is to be understood as a formal suggestion for enhanced international cooperation or possible ways forward.
- This may include, but is not restricted to, a proposal to encourage or work towards strategies, measures, options, recommendations, activities, principles, goals, agreements, or guidelines.
- Non-prescriptive proposals can lead to shorter-term voluntary, creative and innovative solutions, while member States advance discussions towards multilateral solutions.
- Within the mandate of the UNEA 5/12 resolution lies the expectation that the proposals resulting from this process will be put forward for consideration by the UNEA at its sixth session.

Towards the Development of Non-Prescriptive Proposals (2)

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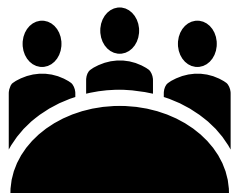


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Format and Structure of the Intergovernmental Global Meeting

Structure: Day 1 opening, intergovernmental discussion on non-prescriptive proposals and reception; Day 2 intergovernmental discussions on non-prescriptive proposals and closing

Format: Facilitated by co-chairs, hybrid

Participants: Member States (National Focal Points); International Organizations, MEAs and accredited organizations as observers

Modalities of engagement: Registration required (closes 1 September); funding available for eligible economies in transition (1 delegate) and accredited MGS

Meeting Date	Title	Meeting Location
07-08 September 2023	Global Intergovernmental Consultation	Geneva, Switzerland International Conference Center



Global Intergovernmental Meeting on Environmental Aspects of Minerals and Metals Management DRAFT STRUCTURE		
	Thursday 7 September 2023	Friday 8 September 2023
8:00 - 10:00	Regional / Political Groups Meetings	Regional / Political Groups Meetings
10:00 - 13:00	Opening (Plenary) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Opening of the meeting.- Adoption of the agenda.- Presentation of background document- Outcomes from regional consultations- Technical Panel Discussion	10:00-11:00 - Recap of Day 1 World café discussions
		Discussion on non-prescriptive proposals (World Café breakouts)
13:00 - 15:00	LUNCH BREAK <i>Side event</i>	LUNCH BREAK <i>Side event</i>
15:00 - 18:00	Discussion on non-prescriptive proposals (World Café breakouts)	Closing (Plenary) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Report back from the World Café discussions.
		Coffee Break
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Consideration of a draft Co - Chair's summary of the meeting.- Other matters.- Close of the meeting.
18:00 – 20:00	Swiss reception	

Resources

UNEA resolution 5/12 on environmental aspects of minerals and metals management:

<https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/39927/ENVIRONMENTAL%20ASPECTS%20OF%20MINERALS%20AND%20METALS%20MANAGEMENT.%20English.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>

UNEA 5/12 implementation webpage:

<https://www.greengrowthknowledge.org/initiatives/environmental-aspects-minerals-and-metals-management>

Background document for the Global Intergovernmental Meeting:

<https://www.greenpolicyplatform.org/guidance/background-document-guide-global-intergovernmental-meeting-unea-512-1>

Written submissions by Member States:

https://www.greenpolicyplatform.org/sites/default/files/downloads/tools/Member%20States_merged.pdf

Written submissions by Accredited Organizations:

<https://www.greenpolicyplatform.org/guidance/submission-written-inputs-accredited-organisations-unea-512-process>

Summary reports of regional consultations:

<https://www.greenpolicyplatform.org/initiatives/environmental-aspects-minerals-and-metals-management/Intergovernmental%20meetings>

Other Resources

UNEP report Sand and Sustainability: 10 Strategic Recommendations to Avert a Crisis:

<https://www.unep.org/resources/report/sand-and-sustainability-10-strategic-recommendations-avert-crisis>

UNEP's work on extractives: <https://www.unep.org/explore-topics/extractives>

Executive summary “Mineral resource governance and the Global Goals: an agenda for international collaboration”:

<https://www.greengrowthknowledge.org/research/mineral-resource-governance-and-global-goals-agenda-international-collaboration>

Compendium of papers prepared for the Global Tailings Review:

<https://globaltailingsreview.org/compendium/>

Additional information

List of National Focal Points :

<https://www.greenpolicyplatform.org/guidance/list-unea-resolution-512-national-focal-points-0>

Upcoming events to raise awareness of the resolution:

- Geneva Environment Network Briefing on the Global Intergovernmental Meeting on Minerals and Metals on 23 August 2023, 11.00-12.30 CEST.
- Briefing to the UN Environment Management Group on Resolution 5/12 on 30 August 2023 (open to EMG members only)
- **Joint Event with the World Resources Forum on "transforming mineral and metal value chains for enhanced sustainability" on 6 September 2023, 16.30-18.00 CEST in Geneva, Switzerland, International Conference Center, Plenary Room A.**

Thank you



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