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Fifth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law (Montevideo Programme V): delivering for people and the planet
Second global meeting of national focal points
Nairobi, 3–5 June 2024
Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: organization of work

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

1. The second global meeting of national focal points under the Fifth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law (Montevideo Programme V) will be opened at 3 p.m.[1] on Monday, 3 June 2024.

2. The Director of the Law Division of the United Nations Environment Programme will deliver opening remarks.

Item 2

Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

3. The Co-Chairs will invite the national focal points to consider and adopt the provisional agenda (UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.2/1).

(b) Organization of work

4. The Co-Chairs will invite the national focal points to consider the proposed organization of work as set out in annex I to the present document. A list of documents produced to assist the national focal points in their work is set out in annex II to the present document.

Item 3

National focal points

5. Paragraph 6 (a) (ix) of Montevideo Programme V requires the secretariat to maintain a current list of national focal points. At the second global meeting, the secretariat will present a document outlining the status of nominations of national focal points.

* UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.2/1.

[1] All times are Nairobi time (UTC + 3).

Item 4

Implementation of the Fifth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law

(a) Status of implementation, activities and funding

6. Paragraph 6 (a) (x) of Montevideo Programme V requires the secretariat to report on the implementation, activities and funding of the Programme on a biennial basis. During the second global meeting, the secretariat will present a report outlining the status of implementation, activities and funding of the Programme as at 29 February 2024 (UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.2/2). The report also includes information on partnerships and stakeholder engagement (agenda item 5). National focal points will be invited to provide comments on the report to the secretariat.

(b) Priority areas for implementation

7. Paragraph 6 (b) (i) of Montevideo Programme V requires national focal points to identify priority areas for the implementation of the Programme. During the in-person (hybrid) segment of the resumed first global meeting of national focal points (6–9 June 2022), the national focal points requested the secretariat to prepare reports on clearly defined priority areas to address the climate and biodiversity crises. At the second global meeting, the Co-Chairs will invite the secretariat to present two options papers prepared following the request of the national focal points (UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.2/3 and UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.2/4). The documents outline the consultation process that sought proposals on the options papers and provide a synthesized summary of the core options proposed. The preliminary list of options was considered at the seventh meeting of the steering committee for implementation, held on 26 and 27 February 2024. At the second global meeting, national focal points will be invited to discuss the options presented and to guide the secretariat in the further implementation of Montevideo Programme V.

(c) Emerging issues in environmental law

8. To achieve its objectives, Montevideo Programme V aims, among other strategic activities, to encourage research, including studies and reports, on emerging environmental issues and the relationship between environmental law and other, related legal fields (para. 4 (h)). In addition, paragraph 6 (b) (viii) of Montevideo Programme V requires national focal points to contribute to catalysing action to address emerging environmental issues through the law. During its seventh meeting, the steering committee for implementation decided that the thematic focus of the second global meeting would centre on procedural rights and the protection of environmental defenders. At the second global meeting, the Co-Chairs will request the secretariat to provide an update on initiatives concerning the advancement of procedural rights across different regions. Furthermore, the Co-Chairs will invite input from national focal points and other relevant stakeholders.

9. The Co-Chairs will also invite national focal points and stakeholders to raise any additional emerging issues that they believe could warrant further consideration under the Programme, for the secretariat to take note and bring forward for further consideration by the steering committee at its meetings during the intersessional period.

Item 5

Partnerships and stakeholder engagement

10. Paragraph 4 (e) of Montevideo Programme V states that the Programme will support collaboration and the promotion of partnerships across the United Nations and with other relevant entities, including civil society organizations, in the field of environmental law. Paragraph 5 (c) of the Programme stipulates that the Programme and its activities will be developed and implemented in cooperation, coordination or partnership, as appropriate, with relevant stakeholders, promoting public participation. Paragraph 6 (a) (vi) of the Programme states that the secretariat will foster the active participation of relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the Programme, and paragraph 6 (d) states that academics and eminent experts in the field of environmental law, relevant civil society organizations and the private sector may be invited to assist in the implementation mechanism of the Programme, as appropriate and feasible. At the second global meeting, the Co-Chairs will invite the secretariat to present the partnerships and stakeholder engagement strategy (UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.2/5), which was developed during the intersessional period and adopted by the steering committee for implementation at its seventh meeting, held on 26 and 27 February 2024.

Item 6

Steering committee for implementation

11. Paragraph 6 (c) of Montevideo Programme V states, among other things, that the national focal points will, at their global meetings, designate a steering committee for implementation composed of two to three representatives nominated from each United Nations region, ensuring gender balance to the extent possible. Following the adopted modalities of work, as set out in the annex to the report of the online segment (UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/6), the members of the steering committee designated during the online segment of the first global meeting of national focal points (2–4 June 2021) will serve until the end of the second global meeting.[2] At the second global meeting, the Co-Chairs will invite the national focal points to designate the steering committee for implementation to serve until the end of the third global meeting.

Item 7

Dates and venue of the third global meeting of national focal points

12. The national focal points may wish to request the secretariat to establish the dates and venue of the third global meeting of national focal points, expected to take place in 2026, in consultation with the steering committee for implementation, and to communicate the dates and venue to the national focal points.

Item 8

Other matters

13. The national focal points may wish to consider any other matters related to their work.

Item 9

Adoption of the outcomes of the meeting

14. At the second global meeting, the Co-Chairs will present a summary of the meeting, which will be finalized by the Rapporteur with the assistance of the secretariat and circulated in writing to participants. The report of the second global meeting will be prepared by the secretariat and circulated to participants in due course.

Item 10

Closure of the meeting

15. It is expected that the Co-Chairs will close the meeting by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 5 June 2024.

[2] More information on the steering committee and its membership is available at https://leap.unep.org/content/basic-page/steering-committee.

Annex I

Organization of work

	3 June 2024	*4 June 2024*	*5 June 2024*
	Side events will be held during the lunch break (1–3 p.m.)		
Plenary sessions 10 a.m.–1 p.m.[1]		Priority areas for implementation (agenda item 4 (b))	Partnerships and stakeholder engagement (agenda item 5) Steering committee for implementation (agenda item 6) Dates and venue of the third global meeting of national focal points (agenda item 7)
Plenary sessions 3–6 p.m.	Opening of the meeting (agenda item 1) Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 2 (a)) Organization of work (agenda item 2 (b)) National focal points (agenda item 3) Status of implementation, activities and funding (agenda item 4 (a))	Emerging issues in environmental law (agenda item 4(c))	Other matters (agenda item 8) Adoption of the outcomes of the meeting (agenda item 9) Closure of the meeting (agenda item 10)

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Annex II

List of documents

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4 (a)	UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.2/2	Status of implementation, activities and funding
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5	UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.2/5	Partnerships and stakeholder engagement strategy