Fifth Montevideo Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law (Montevideo Programme V):

Second global meeting of national focal points
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National Focal Points

Note by the secretariat (*informal*)

I. Introduction

1. In its resolution 4/20 of 15 March 2019, the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) adopted the fifth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law for the decade beginning in 2020 (Montevideo Programme V). In that resolution, the Environment Assembly also, inter alia, invited Member States that had not yet done so to designate national focal points for the Montevideo Programme, pursuant to its resolution 2/19, by which the Environment Assembly invited Member States to designate national focal points for exchanging information and building capacities in order to collaborate with and guide UNEP in strengthening the application of the Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law and to monitor and evaluate its implementation. In accordance with paragraph 6 (a) (ix) of Montevideo Programme V, UNEP, as the secretariat of the Programme, is mandated to maintain a current list of its national focal points.

2. Paragraph 6 (b) of Montevideo Programme V states that national focal points should preferably be senior government officials who are experts in environmental law, and outlines the following eight functions of national focal points:

    a. Identify the priority areas for the implementation of Montevideo Programme V;

    b. Collaborate with and guide the secretariat in the implementation of Montevideo Programme V;

    c. Review, as appropriate, Montevideo Programme V, including progress reports prepared by the secretariat, and promote its implementation, with the support of the secretariat;

    d. Provide the secretariat with available national data in the field of environmental law development and implementation to fulfil its tasks and identify needs and priorities at all relevant levels;

    e. Support efforts to liaise and collaborate among other government officials and key stakeholders at all relevant levels appropriate to the implementation of activities under the Montevideo Programme;

    f. Participate in the biennial global and other relevant meetings of the national focal points, which will be held face to face or remotely, as appropriate;

    g. Provide strategic advice, guidance and direction to the secretariat in the delivery of the Montevideo Programme;

    h. Contribute to catalysing action to address emerging environmental issues through the law.

3. At the virtual and in-person (hybrid) segments of the first global meeting of national focal points, held on 2-4 June 2021 and 6-9 June 2022, respectively, the secretariat introduced a report on the status of designation of national focal points.[2] As of 20 March 2022, the secretariat had received 141 designations of national focal points from 141 Member States. Of those, 60 (43 per cent) were women and 81 (57 per cent) were men.

[1] UNEP/Env.Law/MTV/GNFP2.1
[2] UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/3 and UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/3/Rev.1

4. Following the first global meeting, the secretariat has continued to receive designations of national focal points, including changes to already appointed national focal points. As of 29 May 2024, there are a total of 181 designations, from 146 Member States. Of those, 85 are women (47 per cent) and 96 are men (53 per cent). In addition, the secretariat has also received designations from the Cook Islands, the European Union, Niue, and the State of Palestine.

5. Annex I to the present note lists all the national focal points, including their gender, organization and title, as of 29 May 2024. Annex II lists Member States according to the United Nations regional groups, highlighting whether or not they have designated focal points.

6. National focal points are invited to contact the secretariat at unep-montevideo@un.org in case of any errors or omissions in the annexes.

Annex I

National focal points

	Member State	*National focal point(s)*	*Gender*	*Organization*	*Title*
1.	Afghanistan	Idrees Malyar	M	National Environmental Protection Agency	Deputy Director General in Policy and International Affairs
2.	Algeria	Soualem Lazhar	M	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Director in charge of Sustainable Development, Human Rights, Scientific, Technical and Cultural Affairs
3.	Angola	Miranda Cândido Kiala	M	Ministry of Environment	Director, Law Office
4.	Antigua & Barbuda	Maureen Hyman-Payne (main)	F	Ministry of Legal Affairs, National Security and Labour	Parliamentary Secretary / Attorney at Law
		Nneka Nicholas (alternate)	F	Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment	Attorney at Law / Legal Consultant
5.	Argentina	Corina Beatriz Lehmann	F	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship	Minister, Directorate of Environmental Affairs
6.	Armenia	Arsen Nikoyan	M	Ministry of Environment	Deputy Head, Department of International Cooperation
7.	Australia	Fleur Downard (main)	F	International Environment and UN Section, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Director
		Penny Dunn (alternate)	F		Assistant Director
		Amy Graham (alternate)	F		Senior Policy Officer
8.	Austria	Elfriede-Anna More	F	Federal Ministry of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology	Director of International Climate, Environment and Energy Affairs

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9.	Bahrain	Hassan Hassan Abdullah	M	Supreme Council for Environment	Legal Advisor, Legal Unit
10.	Bangladesh	Mohammad Abdul Wadud Chowdhury	M	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Joint Secretary
11.	Barbados	Yolande Howard (main)	F	Ministry of Environment and National Beautification	Permanent Secretary
		Travis Sinckler (alternate)	M		Senior Environmental Officer
		Nicole Scholar-Tasker (alternate)	F		Environmental Officer
12.	Belarus	Ivan Prykhodzka	M	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection	Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection
13.	Belgium	Leen Chanet	F	International Policy, Government of Flanders, Department of Environment & Spatial Development	Legal Policy Officer
14.	Benin	Marianne Pulcherie Sessito Donoumassou Simeon	F	Ministère du Cadre de Vie et du Developpement Durable	Chercheur en Droit de l'environnement, Chargée des affaires juridiques
15.	Bhutan	Nima Om	F	Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources	Chief Legal Officer
16.	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Ever Tarquino Mamani (main)	M	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Agua	Area Legal
		Victoria Coaquira Moruno (alternate)	F		Responsable Programa Nacional de Gestión de Calidad del Aire
17.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Azra Rogović-Grubić	F	Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations	Senior Advisor

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18.	Brazil	Marcos Dementev Alves Filho	M	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Advisor to the Department for Environmental Affairs
19.	Burkina Faso	Gontran Some	M	Ministry of Environment, Green Economy and Climate Change	Director of Institutional Development and Legal Affairs
20.	Burundi	Willy Ndayikeza	M	Ministry of Water Environment, Land and Urban Planning	Director of Land Protection Sustainable Development and Member of Advisory Group of International Water Quality Guidelines for Ecosystems
21.	Cabo Verde	José Paulo Pinto	M	National Environment Directorate of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment	Jurist
22.	Cambodia	Monyneath Vann	M	General Secretariat of the National Council for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Environment	Deputy Secretary General
23.	Cameroon	Jean Kenfack	M	Ministry of Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development	Director Legal Affairs Division
24.	Canada	Philip Lupul	M	Oceans, Environment and Aerospace Law Division (JLO) Global Affairs Canada	Deputy Director
25.	Chad	Kemba Kya Dambil	M	Ministry of Agriculture and Environment	Director of Legal Affairs
26.	Chile	Patsy Nicole Contardo Urra (main)	F	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Legal Advisor, Division of Environment, Climate Change and Oceans

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		Constance Nalegach (alternate)	F	Ministry of the Environment	Head of the Office of International Affairs
		Andrés Troncoso (alternate)	M		Lawyer
27.	China	Liu Guozhi 刘国智	F	Department of International Cooperation Ministry of Ecology and Environment	Senior Programme Officer, Division of International Organizations
28.	Colombia	Daniela Almario Aristizabal (main)	F	Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development	Lawyer
		Luisa Fernanda Altuzarra (alternate)	F		In Charge of United Nations Portfolio
29.	Comoros	Fouad Issoufa Ali	M	National Agency for Civil Aviation and Meteorology	Responsible for Environmental Law (Marine and Terrestrial) and Climatology
30.	Congo	Makanga née Debolo Vouala Judicaëlle Audrey	F	Direction Generale de l'Environnement	Cheffe de Service Droit
31.	Costa Rica	Ana Lorena Polanco Morales	F	Ministerio de Ambiente y Energía (MINAE)	Directora Jurídica
32.	Cote d'Ivoire	Eugene Zagre	M	Ministere de l'Environnement et du Developpement Durable	Directeur des Affaires Juridiques et du Contentieux
33.	Croatia	Igor Vuković	M	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development	Head of the Independent Sector for Legal Affairs
34.	Cuba	Yuraiky Seoane Puig	F	Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología y Medio	Especialista Principal
35.	Czechia	Eva Adamova	F	Ministry of the Environment	Senior Officer, Multilateral Relations Unit

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36.	Democratic Republic of Congo	Maribe Nsompo Mujinga	F	Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development	Director of the Legal Unit of the General Secretariat
37.	Dominican Republic	Rosa Haydee Otero Nieves (main)	F	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources	Director of International Relations
		Edilio Florian (alternate)	M		Legal Director
		Nildia Rosario (alternate)	F		Head of the Legal Documents Department
		Rosa de la Cruz (alternate)	F		Director of International Agreements and Treaties
38.	Ecuador	Patricia Fernanda Miño-Vargas	F	Dirección de Asesoría Jurídica Ministerio de Ambiente, Agua y Transición Ecológica	Directora de Asesoría Jurídica
39.	Egypt	Mohamed Nasr	M	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Director of Environmental Affairs and Sustainable Development
40.	El Salvador	Carlos Elias Roque Bueso	M	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales	Asesor del Despacho
41.	Estonia	Annemari Vene (main)	F	Ministry of Environment	Advisor
		Aire Rihe (alternate)	F		Advisor
42.	Eswatini	Nonophile I. Mavuso	F	Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs	Legal Advisor
43.	Ethiopia	Ayele Hegena Anabo	M	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Director General of Policy, Environmental Law and Standards Directorate
44.	Fiji	Sivendra Michael	M	Ministry of Environment and Climate Change	Permanent Secretary

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		Senimili Baleicakau	F		Director of Environment
45.	Finland	Charlotta von Troil	F	Ministry of the Environment	Senior Ministerial Advisor, Legislative Affairs
46.	France	Hugo Lequertier	M	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Political Advisor
47.	Gabon	Jean-Christian Mouele Loundo	M	Ministere des Eaux, des Forêt de la Mer de l'Environnement, chargé du Plan Climat et du PIan d'Affectation des Terres	Directeur central des affaires juridiques
48.	Gambia	Reneta Jack	F	Ministry of Justice	Senior State Counsel
49.	Georgia	Nana Totibadze	F	Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture	Specialist of the Law-Making Division of the Legal Department of the Ministry
50.	Germany	Marcus Schroeder	M	German Federal Ministry for the Environment	Head of the Horizontal International Issues Unit
51.	Ghana	Abena Ayensu	F	Ministry of Environment	Senior Legal Officer
52.	Greece	Katerina Skouria (main)	F	Ministry of Environment and Energy	Officer, Legal Department
		Stamouli Evangelia (alternate)	F		Officer at Secretary General's Office
53.	Guatemala	Gabriela Iveth Villatoro San Juan (main)	F	Ministerio de Ambiente y Recursos Naturales	Coordinadora de Asesoría Jurídica
		Ruth Liliana Lopez Salazar (alternate)	F		Asesora del Despacho Superior
54.	Guinea	Paul Traore	M	Ministere de l'Environnement et du Developpement Durable	Juriste
		Mariama Diallo	F		Ingenieure Chimiste
55.	Guinea-Bissau	Welena da Silva	M	Ministerio do Ambiente e Biodiversidad	Juriste

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56.	Guyana	Khemraj Parsram (main)	M	Environmental Protection Agency	Executive Director
		Frances Carryl (alternate)	F		Legal Officer
57.	Haiti	Junior Augustin Jean Philippe	M	Ministry of Environment	Director of the Legal Unit
58.	Honduras	Melvin Ariel Madrid Rivas (main)	M	Secretaria de Recursos Naturales y Ambiente (MiAmbiente+)	Secretario General
		Carol Karen Maldonado Zuniga (alternate)	F		Asistente Secretario General
59.	Hungary	Maria Galambos	F	Ministry of Energy	International Coordinator
60.	Indonesia	Rasio Ridho Sani	M	Ministry of Environment and Forestry	Director General for Law Enforcement of Environment and Forestry
61.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Gholamhossein Darzi	M	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Deputy Director for International Environment and Sustainable Development Affairs
62.	Iraq	Tallal Badr Abdulla	M	Ministry of Health and Environment	Senior Legal Consultant
63.	Israel	Dalit Dror	F	Ministry of Environmental Protection	Legal Advisor, Head of the Legal Department
64.	Italy	Cristiano Piacente	M	Ministry of Environment	Coordinator for Legal Affairs
65.	Jordan	Mohammad Al-Agha	M	Ministry of Environment	Director of Legal Affairs Unit
66.	Kazakhstan	Akhmedjan Primkulov	M	Ministry of Environment, Geology and Natural Resources	Vice Minister
67.	Kenya	Annie Syombua David	F	Ministry of Environment & Forestry	Legal Officer
68.	Kiribati	Nenenteiti Teariki-Ruatu	F	Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development	Director of the Environment and Conservation Division

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69.	Kuwait	Nouf Bahbahani	F	Environment Public Authority	Director, International Relations Department
70.	Kyrgyzstan	Sadykov Kanatbek Rakhmanberdievich (main)	M	Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan	Deputy Minister
		Akhmaral Trogeldiyeva (alternate)	F		Head Specialist of the Department of Project Coordination
71.	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Phakkavanh Phissamay (main)	F	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Director General of Department of Planning and Finance
		Bounpakone Phongphichit (alternate)	M		Director of Planning and Cooperation Division
72.	Latvia	Kristīne Kazerovska	F	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia	Deputy Director, Environmental Protection Department
73.	Lebanon	Nazek Al-Khatib	F	Ministry of Justice	Judge
74.	Lesotho	Matseliso Machai-Ndumo	M	Ministry of Environment and Forestry	Director Legal Services
75.	Liberia	Salimatu Lamin-Gilayeneh	F	Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia	Energy & Environment Programme Coordinator and Legal Advisor
76.	Liechtenstein	Heike Summer	F	Office for Environment	Head of Bureau of International Affairs and Climate
77.	Lithuania	Roberts Bulkevičius	M	Ministry of Environment	Advisor of the Law and Personnel Division
78.	Madagascar	Ratsimisaraka Thelesphone	M	Ministry of Environment, Ecology and Forests	Jurist
79.	Maldives	Fazeela Ahmed Shaheem	F	Ministry of Environment and Energy	Associate Legal Counsel
80.	Mauritania	BA Moussa	M	Ministry of Environment and	Counsel

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				Sustainable Development	
81.	Mauritius	Najiyah Dauharry-Jeewa	F	Attorney General's Office	Principal State Counsel
82.	Mexico	José Rubén Jiménez Pineda	M	Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales	Director de Área
83.	Micronesia	Andrew Yatilman	M	Office of Environment and Emergency Management	Director
84.	Monaco	Alain Piquemal	M	Département des Relations Extérieures et de la Coopération Ministère d'Etat	Conseiller d'Etat Représentant Permanent de la Principauté de Monaco auprès du PNUE
85.	Mongolia	Radnaabazar Chadraabal	M	Ministry of Environment and Tourism	Director
86.	Montenegro	Suzana Otasevic	F	Ministry of Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism	Independent Advisor II, Directorate for Ecology
87.	Morocco	Razi Bouzekri	M	Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development	Director of Environmental Assessment and Control and Legal Affairs
88.	Mozambique	André Fenias Nhaca	M	Ministry of Land and Environment	Technician
89.	Myanmar	Kyaw San Naing	M	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation	Director, Policy, and Legal Division
90.	Namibia	Betty Schroder	F	Ministry of Environment and Tourism	Principal Project Coordinator and Advisor
91.	Nepal	Mahendra Prasad Shankhi	M	Ministry of Forests and Environment	Under-Secretary (Law)
92.	Netherlands	Gudi Alkemade	F	The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Netherlands to the United Nations in Nairobi	Deputy Permanent Representative

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93.	New Zealand	Charlotte Skerten	F	Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Manatū Aorere	Lead Advisor
94.	Nicaragua	Uriel Morales Acuña	M	Ministerio del Ambiente y los Recursos Naturales (MARENA)	Director General de Calidad Ambiental
95.	Nigeria	Ibrahim Mohammed Musa	M	National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency	Assistant Legal Advisor and Chief State Counsel
96.	North Macedonia, Republic of	Frosina Antonovska	F	Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning	Cabinet Legal Advisor & Expert on Environmental Law
97.	Norway	Linda Lund	F	Ministry of Climate and Environment	Senior Advisor
98.	Pakistan	Muhammad Farooq (main)	M	Ministry of Climate Change	Sr. Joint Secretary
		Muhammad Asif Sahibzada (alternate)	M		Director General (Environment & Climate Change)
99.	Panama	Jenny Villarreal Jaramillo	F	Ministerio de Ambiente	Jefa de la Oficina de Asesoría Legal
100.	Paraguay	Victor Andres Gonzalez Bedoya	M	Ministerio del Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible	Director de la Dirección de Asesoría Jurídica
101.	Peru	Héctor Daniel Benítez Castro (main)	M	Ministry of Environment	Director (e) of Environmental Management Policies and Instruments; and Director (e) of Environmental Impact Assessment Management
		Mirbel Alberto Epiquien Rivera (alternate)	M		Director (e) of Ecosystems and Species Conservation

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102.	Philippines	Norlito A. Eneran	M	Department of Environment and Natural Resources	Legal Specialist in Environmental Management of the General Directorate of Environmental Management Policies and Instruments
103.	Poland	Edyta Sysło	F	Ministry of Climate and Environment	Chief Expert
104.	Portugal	Águeda Silva (main)	F	Ministry of Environment and Climate Action	Senior Officer, Department of International Affairs
		Peter Pitrez (alternate)	M		Senior Officer, Department of International Relations Division
105.	Qatar	Metab Ali Metab Al Kubaisi	M	Ministry of Municipality and Environment	Environmental Consultant General Coordinator for Training and Development
106.	Republic of Korea	Suk-tae Hwang	M	Ministry of Environment	Director General for International Cooperation
107.	Romania	Maria-Claudia Aaron-Andrieș (main)	F	Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests	EU Affairs Counselor
		Gabriela Dorojan (alternate)	F		Director
108.	Rwanda	Sangwa Erneste	M	Rwanda Environment Management Authority	Concession and Transboundary Compliance Specialist
109.	Saint Lucia	Kate Wilson	F	Ministry of Education, Innovation, Science, Technology and Vocational Training	Legal Officer
110.	Samoa	Shirley Malielegaoi	F	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Head of Legal Division

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111.	Sao Tome & Principe	Mateus Ferreira	M	Ministry of Infrastructure, Natural Resources and Environment	Advisor
112.	Saudi Arabia	H.H Prince. Khaled Ben Saud Ben Khaled	M	General Authority of Meteorology and Environmental Protection	(Deputy to the Chairman) Technical Affairs, Director
113.	Senegal	Khadidiatou Drame	F	Ministere de l'Environnement et du Developpement Durable	Juriste en service
114.	Seychelles	Sharon Gerry	F	Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change	Senior Legal Officer
115.	Sierra Leone	Gibrilla Kamara	M	Environment Protection Agency	Manager, Legal Affairs, Compliance and Enforcement Department
116.	Singapore	Ranjeet Singh (main)	M	Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment	Permanent Representative of Singapore to UNEP and Divisional Director
		Kexian NG (alternate)	F		International Policy Division
		Moh Tiing Liang (alternate)	M		State Counsel, International Affairs Division
		Chng Yee Siang (alternate)	M		Senior Deputy Director, International Policy Division
		Marcus Chew (alternate)	M		Senior Assistant Director, International Policy Division
117.	Slovakia	Matej Opatíc	M	Ministry of Environment	Senior State Advisor, Department of Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation
118.	Slovenia	Tanja Pucelj Vidović	F	Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Energy	Secretary, Environment Directorate

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119.	Solomon Islands	Joe Horokou	M	Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology	Director for the Environment and Conservation Division
120.	Somalia	Muhamud Muhamed Khadar	M	Ministry of Environment and Climate Change	Director of Environment
121.	South Africa	Sibusiso Kobese	M	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Director, Law Reform
122.	Sri Lanka	Anil Jasinghe	M	Ministry of Environment	Secretary
123.	Sudan	Salem Younus Idris Ahmed	M	Higher Council for Environment and Natural Resources	Legal Advisor
124.	Suriname	Meredith Henry-Cumberbatch	F	Ministry of Spatial Planning and Environment	Legal and Policy Advisor
125.	Sweden	Staffan Löwhagen	M	Ministry of Environment	Deputy Director
126.	Switzerland	Vincent Bohnenblust (main)	M	Swiss Federal Office for the Environment	Legal Officer
		Andrea Zbinden (alternate)	F		Senior Policy Advisor
127.	Syrian Arab Republic	Iman Blal	F	Ministry of Local Administration and Environment	Engineer, Planning and International Cooperation Directorate
128.	Thailand	Athapol Chroenshunsa (main)	M	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Director-General
		Chanan Tiranarat (alternate)	M		Environmentalist Senior Professional Level
129.	Timor-Leste	Carlos Lopes Ximenes	M	Secretariat of State for the Environment	Director of Environmental Law and Proceeding
130.	Togo	Kayi Obidon Emefa Ajavon	F	Ministère de l'environnement et des ressources forestières	Juriste environnementaliste et cheffe

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131.	Trinidad & Tobago	Maurice Wishart (main)	M	Environmental Management Authority	Manager, Legal Services
		Rhea Robinson (alternate)	F		Legal Officer II
132.	Tunisia	Ezzedine Berzine	M	Ministry of the Environment	General Director of Environmental Legislation, Legal Affairs, and Litigation
133.	Türkiye	Cem Bahadir Şener	M	Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change	Lawyer
134.	Uganda	Sarah Naigaga (main)	F	National Environment Management Authority	Senior Legal Officer
		Henry Bbosa (alternate)	M	Ministry of Water and Environment	Senior Climate Change Officer
135.	Ukraine	Roman Shakhmatenko	M	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources	Deputy Minister
136.	United Arab Emirates	Nasir Mohammed Sultan (main)	M	Ministry of Climate Change and the Environment	Director of Law Affairs
		Duha Abdullah Almulla (alternate)	F		Environmental Researcher
137.	United Kingdom	Eva Huehne	F	Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) Government Legal Department	Senior Lawyer, International Environment, Marine and Fisheries
138.	United Republic of Tanzania	Andrew Marcelin Komba	M	Vice President's Office	Director for Environment
139.	United States of America	Rachel Westrate	F	US Environmental Protection Agency	International Environmental Program Specialist
140.	Uruguay	Marcelo J. Cousillas	M	Dirección Nacional de Medio Ambiente (DINAMA) Ministerio de Medio Ambiente (MVOTMA)	Director Asesoría Jurídica

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141.	Uzbekistan	Makhliyo Karimova	F	Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change	Head of the Law Department
142.	Vanuatu	Philip Benedict	M	Ministry of Climate Change	Internal Audit
143.	Venezuela	Ada Carolina Fernandez Urdaneta	F	Ministry of People's Power for Ecosocialism	Legal Advisor
144.	Viet Nam	Phan Tuan Hung	M	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Director General
145.	Zambia	Karen Banda	F	Environmental Management Agency	Manager - Legal Services
146.	Zimbabwe	Farai Nyahwa	M	Environmental Management Agency	Corporate Secretary

In addition, the secretariat has received designations of national focal points for the following non-Member States of the UN, as well as the European Union.

	National focal point(s)	*Gender*	*Organization*	*Title*
Cook Islands*	Roselyn Strickland (main)	F	National Environment Service	Environment Legal Counsel
	Tekura Moeka'a (alternate)	F		Manager Environment Policy and Planning
European Union **	Rasa Ščeponavičiūtė	F	European Union Delegation to the Republic of Kenya	EU Deputy Permanent Representative to UNEP
Niue*	Josie Tamate	F	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Director General
Palestine*	Murad Monzir Almadani	M	Environment Quality Authority	Legal Advisor

* Cook Islands, Niue and Palestine are not Member States of the UN.

** The European Union does not refer to a national focal point of a single member state of the UN, but a representative of a group of States.

Annex II

National Focal Points by United Nations regional groups

National focal points, African States

Algeria – yes	Eswatini – yes	Niger – no
Angola – yes	Ethiopia – yes	Nigeria – yes
Benin – yes	Gabon – yes	Rwanda –yes
Botswana – no	Gambia – yes	São Tomé and Príncipe – yes
Burkina Faso – yes	Ghana – yes	Senegal – yes
Burundi – yes	Guinea – yes	Seychelles – yes
Cabo Verde– yes	Guinea-Bissau – yes	Sierra Leone – yes
Cameroon – yes	Kenya – yes	Somalia – yes
Central African Republic – no	Lesotho – yes	South Africa – yes
Chad – yes	Liberia – yes	South Sudan – no
Comoros – yes	Libya – no	Sudan – yes
Congo – yes	Madagascar – yes	Togo – yes
Côte d'Ivoire – yes	Malawi – no	Tunisia – yes
Democratic Republic of the Congo – yes	Mali – no	Uganda – yes
	Mauritania – yes	United Republic of
Djibouti – no	Mauritius – yes	Tanzania – yes
Egypt – yes	Morocco – yes	Zambia – yes
Equatorial Guinea – no	Mozambique – yes	Zimbabwe – yes
Eritrea – no	Namibia – yes	

National focal points, Asia-Pacific States

Afghanistan – yes	Kyrgyzstan – yes	Saudi Arabia – yes
Bahrain – yes	Lao People's Democratic Republic – yes	Singapore – yes
Bangladesh – yes		Solomon Islands – yes
Bhutan – yes	Lebanon – yes	Sri Lanka – yes
Brunei Darussalam – no	Malaysia – no	Syrian Arab Republic – yes
Cambodia – yes	Maldives – yes	Tajikistan – no
China – yes	Marshall Islands – no	Thailand –yes
Cyprus – no	Micronesia (Federated States of) – yes	Timor-Leste – yes
Democratic People's Republic of Korea – no	Mongolia – yes	Tonga – no
	Myanmar – yes	Türkiye * – yes
Fiji – yes	Nauru – no	Turkmenistan – no
India – no	Nepal – yes	Tuvalu – no
Indonesia – yes	Oman – no	United Arab Emirates – yes
Iran (Islamic Republic of) – yes	Pakistan – yes	Uzbekistan – yes
Iraq – yes	Palau – no	Vanuatu – yes
Japan – no	Papua New Guinea – no	Viet Nam – yes
Jordan – yes	Philippines – yes	Yemen – no
Kazakhstan – yes	Qatar – yes	
Kiribati * – yes	Republic of Korea – yes	
Kuwait – yes	Samoa – yes	

National focal points, Eastern European States

Albania – no	Georgia – yes	Romania – yes
Armenia – yes	Hungary – yes	Russian Federation – no
Azerbaijan – no	Latvia – yes	Serbia – no
Belarus – yes	Lithuania – yes	Slovakia – yes
Bosnia and Herzegovina – yes	Montenegro – yes	Slovenia – yes
Bulgaria – no	North Macedonia – yes	Ukraine – yes
Croatia – yes	Poland – yes	
Czechia – yes	Republic of Moldova – no	
Estonia – yes		

National focal points, Latin American and Caribbean States

Antigua and Barbuda – yes Argentina – yes Bahamas – no Barbados – yes Belize – no Bolivia (Plurinational State of) – yes Brazil – yes Chile – yes Colombia – yes Costa Rica – yes Cuba – yes Dominica – no	Dominican Republic – yes Ecuador – yes El Salvador – yes Grenada – no Guatemala – yes Guyana – yes Haiti – yes Honduras – yes Jamaica – no Mexico – yes	Nicaragua – yes Panama – yes Paraguay – yes Peru – yes Saint Kitts and Nevis – no Saint Lucia – yes Saint Vincent and the Grenadines – no Suriname – yes Trinidad and Tobago – yes Uruguay – yes Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) – yes

National focal points, Western European and other States

Andorra – no Australia – yes Austria – yes Belgium – yes Canada – yes Denmark – no Finland – yes France – yes Germany – yes Greece – yes	Iceland – no Ireland – no Israel* – yes Italy – yes Liechtenstein – yes Luxembourg – no Malta – no Monaco – yes Netherlands – yes New Zealand – yes	Norway – yes Portugal – yes San Marino – no Spain – no Sweden – yes Switzerland – yes Türkiye * – yes United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland – yes United States of America* – yes

* Special cases

Israel: In May 2000, Israel became a full member of the Western European and other States, on a temporary basis (subject to renewal), in the group's headquarters in the United States, thereby enabling it to put forward candidates for election to various United Nations General Assembly bodies. In 2004, Israel obtained a permanent renewal of its membership.

Kiribati: As of 2010, Kiribati (geographically in Oceania) is not a member of any regional group, despite other Oceania nations belonging to the Asia-Pacific States regional group. Despite its membership of the United Nations, Kiribati has never delegated a permanent representative to the United Nations.

Türkiye: Türkiye participates fully in both the Western European and other States and the Asia-Pacific States regional groups, but for electoral purposes it is considered a member of the Western European and other States only.

United States of America: The United States of America is not a member of any regional group but attends meetings of the Western European and other States as an observer and is considered to be a member of that group for electoral purposes.