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**Fifth Programme for the Development and
Periodic Review of Environmental Law
(Montevideo Programme V):
delivering for people and the planet
Third global meeting of national focal points**
Online, 4 and 5 November 2026
Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: organization of work

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

1. The third 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 2 p.m.¹ on Wednesday, 4 November 2026.
2. The Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Law Division 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.3/1).

(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 third global meeting, the secretariat will present a document outlining the status of nominations of national focal points.

* UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.3/1.

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 the Programme requires the secretariat to report on the implementation, activities and funding of the Programme on a biennial basis. During the third global meeting, the secretariat will present a report outlining the status of implementation, activities and funding of the Programme as at 30 June 2026 (UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.3/2). 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) Midterm review of the Fifth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law

7. In its resolution 4/20, on the Fifth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law, the United Nations Environment Assembly decided to review the Programme no later than 2025 and requested the Executive Director of UNEP to provide a report on that review, including clearly defined and measurable targets, to be considered by the Environment Assembly at the session following the submission of that report.

8. The Co-Chairs will invite the secretariat to present a draft midterm review report, submitted as an information document ahead of the third global meeting, and invite national focal points to consider the findings of the draft report and provide comments for the secretariat to take note of for the finalization of the report.

9. The midterm review report will be finalized after the third global meeting and published as a report of the Executive Director of UNEP for consideration by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its eighth session, to be held from 6 to 10 December 2027.

(c) Priority areas for implementation and emerging issues in environmental law

10. Paragraph 6 (b) (i) of the Programme requires national focal points to identify priority areas for the implementation of the Programme to achieve its objectives. Paragraph 6 (b) (viii) of the Programme requires national focal points to contribute to catalysing action to address emerging environmental issues through the law. In the lead-up to the third global meeting of national focal points and under the guidance of the Steering Committee for Implementation, a series of regional consultations were organized in June and July 2026 with Programme national focal points from all five United Nations regions. The consultations were chaired by the respective members of the Steering Committee for Implementation from each region, with the support of the UNEP Montevideo Programme V secretariat. National focal points were invited to exchange views on the implementation of the Programme, and a discussion was held on potential priority areas, including emerging environmental law and governance issues and proposed actions for consideration by the Programme during its remaining period.

11. The Co-Chairs will invite the members of the Steering Committee for Implementation from each region to provide a summary of the outcomes of the regional consultations, submitted as an information document ahead of the third global meeting, and invite national focal points to provide further reflections and guidance. A summary of the guidance provided by national focal points will be annexed to the midterm review report of Montevideo Programme V.

Item 5

Partnerships and stakeholder engagement

12. According to paragraph 4 (e) of the Programme, 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. According to paragraph 6 (a) (vi) of the Programme, the secretariat will foster the active participation of relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the Programme, and according to paragraph 6 (d), 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. In the lead-up to the third global meeting of national focal points and under the guidance of the Steering Committee for Implementation, a consultation was held in September 2026 with Programme partners and stakeholders. Partners and stakeholders were invited to exchange views on the implementation of the Programme and discuss opportunities for seeking their further engagement, building on the Partnerships and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy.

13. At the third global meeting, the Co-Chairs will invite partners and stakeholders to share their experiences with supporting the implementation of the Programme. The Co-Chairs will invite national focal points, partners and stakeholders to provide further guidance on strengthening partnerships and stakeholder engagement to support the effective development and implementation of environmental law.

Item 6

Steering Committee for Implementation

14. According to paragraph 6 (c) of the Programme, the national focal points will, at their global meetings, designate a Steering Committee for Implementation composed of two or three representatives nominated from each United Nations region, ensuring gender balance to the extent possible. In line with the adopted modalities of work of the Steering Committee for Implementation, the members of the Committee designated during the second meeting of national focal points (held from 3 to 5 June 2024) will serve until the end of the third global meeting.² At the third global meeting, the Co-Chairs will invite the national focal points to designate the members of the Steering Committee for Implementation to serve until the end of the fourth global meeting.

Item 7

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

15. The national focal points may wish to request the secretariat to establish the dates and venue of the fourth global meeting of national focal points, expected to take place in 2028, in consultation with the Steering Committee for Implementation, and to communicate the dates and venue to the national focal points.

Item 8

Other matters

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

Item 9

Adoption of the outcomes of the meeting

17. During the meeting, the Co-Chairs, with the assistance of the secretariat, will prepare a summary of the meeting. The report of the meeting will be prepared by the secretariat and circulated to participants in due course.

Item 10

Closure of the meeting

18. It is expected that the Co-Chairs will close the meeting by 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 5 November 2026.

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*

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
4 November 2026 Online plenary sessions 2–5.30 p.m.	2–3 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)
	3 –5.30 p.m.	Implementation of the Fifth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law (agenda item 4) Status of implementation, activities and funding (agenda item 4 (a)) Midterm review of the Fifth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law (agenda item 4 (b)) Priority areas for implementation and emerging issues in environmental law (agenda item 4 (c))
5 November 2026 Online plenary sessions 2–5.30 p.m.	2–3 p.m.	Agenda items 4 (a)–(c) (<i>resumed</i>) – outstanding points
	3–4 p.m.	Partnerships and stakeholder engagement (agenda item 5)
	4–5 p.m.	Steering Committee for Implementation (agenda item 6) Dates and venue of the fourth global meeting of national focal points (agenda item 7)
	5–5.30 p.m.	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

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>Document title</i>
2 (a)	UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.3/1	Provisional agenda
2 (b)	UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.3/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
4 (a)	UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.3/2	Status of implementation, activities and funding