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Fifth Montevideo 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

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National focal points

Note of the secretariat

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 catalyzing action to address emerging environmental issues through the law.

3. Following the first and second global meetings of national focal points, the secretariat has continued to receive designations of national focal points, including changes to already appointed national focal points. As of

[1] UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.3/1.

22 October 2026, 185 national focal points have been designated by 149 Member States, as well as by the European Union, the State of Palestine, the Cook Islands and Niue, with designations received from all United Nations geographical regions. Of those designated national focal points, 91 are women (49 per cent) and 94 are men (51 per cent).

4. Annex I to the present note lists national focal points, including their gender, organization and title, as of 22 October 2026. Annex II lists national focal points according to the United Nations regional groups, highlighting whether or not they have designated focal points.

5. 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.	Albania	Sofjan Jaupaj	M	Ministry of Tourism and Environment	Deputy Minister
3.	Algeria	Soualem Lazhar	M	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Director in charge of Sustainable Development, Human Rights, Scientific, Technical and Cultural Affairs
4.	Angola	Miranda Cândido Kiala	M	Ministry of Environment	Director, Law Office
5.	Antigua and 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 Justice and Legal Affairs	Attorney at Law / Legal Consultant
6.	Argentina	Eliana Ester Saissac (Main)	F	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship	Minister, Directorate of Environmental Affairs
		Francisco José Mozetic (Alternate)	M	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship	Embassy Secretary
7.	Armenia	Arsen Nikoyan	M	Ministry of Environment	Deputy Head, Department of International Cooperation
8.	Australia	Fleur Downard (Main)	F	International Environment and UN Section, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Director
		Ariana Magini (Alternate)	F		A/g Assistant Director/ A/g UNEP Focal Point
9.	Austria	Elfriede-Anna More	F	Federal Ministry of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology	Director of International Climate, Environment and Energy Affairs
10.	Azerbaijan	Aysel Rzayeva	F	Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources	Head of Subdivision of the International Cooperation Division
11.	Bahrain	Hassan Hassan Abdullah (AlEtaibi)	M	Supreme Court for Environment	Legal Advisor
12.	Bangladesh	Mohammad Abdul Wadud Chowdhury	M	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Joint Secretary

13.	Barbados	Yolande Howard (Main)	F	Ministry of Environment and National Beautification	The Permanent Secretary
		Travis Sinckler (Alternate)	M		Senior Environmental Officer
		Nicole Scholar-Tasker (Alternate)	F		Environmental Officer
14.	Belarus	Ivan Prykhodzka	M	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection	Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus
15.	Belgium	Mehdi Karimi	M	Climate and Environment Directorate, Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation	Policy Officer
16.	Benin	Marianne Pulcherie Sessito Donoumassou Simeon	F	Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development	Researcher in Environmental Law, Legal Affairs Officer
17.	Bhutan	Kunzang Rinzin	M	Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, Legal Division	Deputy Chief Legal Officer
18.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Azra Rogović-Grubić	F	Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations	Senior Advisor
19.	Botswana	Kelebogile Nkgowa (Main)	F	Ministry of Environment and Tourism	Chief State Counsel
		Lone Okakeng Gabalebatse (Alternate)	F		Principal State Counsel
20.	Brazil	Victor Campos Cirne	M	Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Biodiversity Division	Second Secretary
21.	Bulgaria	Bilyana Yordanova	F	Ministry of Environment and Water	Chief Expert, International Cooperation Department
22.	Burkina Faso	Gontran Some	M	Ministry of Environment, Water and Sanitation	Director of Legal Affairs and Judiciary
23.	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
24.	Cabo Verde	José Paulo Pinto	M	National Environment Directorate of the Ministry of	Jurist

				Agriculture and Environment	
25.	Cambodia	Monyneath Vann	M	Ministry of Environment	Under-Secretary of State
26.	Cameroon	Jean Kenfack	M	Ministry of Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development	Director Legal Affairs Division
27.	Canada	Richard Tarasofsky	M	Oceans, Environment and Aerospace Law Division (JLO), Global Affairs, Canada	Deputy Director and Senior Legal Advisor
28.	Chad	Kemba Kya Dambil	M	Department of Agriculture and Environment, Ministry of Agriculture and Environment	Director of Legal Affairs
29.	Chile	Macarena Sarras (Main)	F	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Professional, Division of Environment, Climate Change and Oceans
		Paula Fuentes (Alternate)	F	Ministry of the Environment of Chile	Coordinator for Multilateral Climate Change Affairs, International Affairs Office
		Paulina Sandoval (Alternate)	F	Ministry of the Environment of Chile	Head of the Legal Division
30.	China	Liu Guozhi	F	Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China	Senior Programme Officer, Division of International Organizations
31.	Colombia	Diana Patricia Mejia Molina (Main)	F	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Director of Economic, Social and Environmental Affairs
		Haendel Sebastian Rodriguez Gonzalez (Alternate)	M	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Legal Adviser
		Andrés Mauricio Buriticá Chica (Alternate)	M	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Environmental Affairs Coordination.	Focal point for UNEP matters within the Coordination of Environmental Affairs
		Sergio Raul Chaparro Hernandez (Alternate)	M	Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development	
		Alejandra Rodríguez Cortés (Alternate)	F	Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development	

		Luisa Fernanda Altuzarra Contreras (Alternate)	F	Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development	
32.	Comoros	Fouad Issoufa Ali	M	National Agency for Civil Aviation and Meteorology (ANACM) in the Comoros	Responsible for Environmental Law (Marine and Terrestrial) and Climatology
33.	Congo	Makanga née Debolo Vouala Judicaëlle Audrey	F	General Directorate of the Environment	Head of Legal Department
34.	Costa Rica	Ana Lorena Polanco Morales	F	Director of Legal Affairs	Ministry of Environment and Energy (MINAE)
35.	Côte d'Ivoire	Eugene Zagre	M	Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development	Director of Legal Affairs and Litigation
36.	Croatia	Josip Kovilić	M	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Green Transition	Head of Service for Appeals and Legal Representation
37.	Cuba	Yuraiky Seoane Puig	F	Legal Directorate, Ministry of Science, Technology, and Environment	Principal Specialist
38.	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Maribe Nsompo Mujinga	F	Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development	Director of Environmental Verification and Control
39.	Denmark	Jonas v. Freiesleben	M	Ministry of Environment of Denmark	Senior Advisor | EU and International Affairs
40.	Dominican Republic	Rosa Haydee Otero Nieves	F	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources	Director for International Relations
41.	Ecuador	Patricia Fernanda Miño-Vargas	F	Ministry of Environment, Water and Ecological Transition	Director of Legal Affairs
42.	Egypt	Ambassador Mohamed Nasr	M	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Director of Environmental Affairs and Sustainable Development
43.	El Salvador	Rodrigo Silverio Henriquez Moreno	M	Acting Legal Director	Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources
44.	Estonia	Annemari Vene (Main)	F	Legal Adviser	Ministry of Climate, Legal Department
		Aire Rihe (Alternate)	F	Head of Soil Policy	Ministry of Climate, Biodiversity Protection Department
45.	Eswatini	Nonophile I. Mavuso	F	Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs	Legal Advisor

46.	Ethiopia	Ayele Hegena Anabo	M	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Director General of Policy, Environmental Law and Standards Directorate
47.	Fiji	Sivendra Michael (Main)	M	Ministry of Environment and Climate Change	Permanent Secretary
		Senimili Baleicakau (Alternate)	F		Director of Environment
48.	Finland	Charlotta von Troil	F	Ministry of the Environment	Senior Ministerial Advisor, Legislative Affairs
49.	France	Chloé Godefroy (Main)	F	Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs	Chargée de mission
		Geoffroy Savet (Alternate)	M		Deputy Permanent Representative of France to UNEP
50.	Gabon	Jean-Christian Mouele Loundo	M	Ministry of Water, Forests, the Sea and the Environment, responsible for the Climate Plan and Land Use Planning	Director of Legal Affairs
51.	Georgia	Giorgi Pantskhava	M	Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	Head of the Legal Drafting
52.	Germany	Marcus Schroeder	M	Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection	Head of Unit, Fundamental Issues of International Cooperation
53.	Ghana	Amos Sarfo Opuku	M	Environmental Protection Authority, Ministry of Environment, Accra	Senior Legal Officer
54.	Greece	Katerina Skouria (Main)	F	Ministry of Environment and Energy	Officer, Legal Department
		Stamouli Evangelia (Alternate)	F		Officer at Secretary General's Office
55.	Guatemala	Ana Patricia Orantes Thomas	F	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources	Minister for Natural Resources and the Environment
		Heizell Chinchilla	F		Senior Advisor to the Minister's Office
56.	Guinea	Paul Traore (Main)	M	Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development	Legal Officer
		Mariama Diallo (Alternate)	F		Chemical Engineer
57.	Guinea-Bissau	Welena da Silva	M	Ministry of the Environment and Biodiversity	Director do Autoridade
58.	Guyana	Khemraj Parsram (Main)	M	Environmental Protection Agency	Executive Director

59.	Haiti	Junior Augustin Jean Philippe	M	Ministry of Environment	Director of the Legal Unit
60.	Hungary	Maria Galambos Molnarne	F	Ministry for the Living Environment	International Coordinator
61.	Indonesia	Turyawan Ardi	M	Ministry of Environment and Forestry	Head of Bureau of Legal Affairs and Cooperation
62.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Seyed Mohammad Sadati Nejad	M	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Director General for International Specialized Organizations
63.	Iraq	Tallal Badr Abdulla	M	Ministry of Environment	Senior Legal Advisor
64.	Israel	Neta Drori, Adv.	F	Ministry of Environmental Protection	Legal Advisor
65.	Italy	Cristiano Piacente	M	Ministry of Environment	Coordinator for Legal Affairs
66.	Jamaica	Kimberley Krystal-Ann Myrie Essor (Main)	F	National Environment & Planning Agency	Manager, Legal Services Branch of The National Environment and Planning Agency
		Neidene Robinson (Alternate)	F		Director, Legal & Enforcement Division
67.	Japan	Hiroyuki Chishiki (Main)	M	Ministry of the Environment	Deputy Director, Office for Mainstreaming Biodiversity, Nature Conservation Bureau
		Abe Yukina (Alternate)	F	Ministry of the Environment	Researcher, International Strategy Division, Global Environment Bureau
		Mariko Kimura (Alternate)	F	Embassy of Japan in Kenya	Deputy Permanent Representative to UNEP
68.	Jordan	Mohammad Al-Agha	M	Ministry of Environment	Director of Legal Affairs Unit
69.	Kazakhstan	Inkar Abzhali	F	Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan	Head of Division for Multilateral Cooperation of the Department of International Relations and Investments
70.	Kenya	Linah Meeme (Main)	F	Ministry of Environment, Climate Change & Forestry	Head of Legal Unit
		Annie Syombua David (Alternate)	F	Ministry of Environment & Forestry	Legal Officer
71.	Kiribati	Mitateti Mote Tira (Main)	M	Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agricultural	Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agricultural

				Development (MELAD)	Development (MELAD)
		Nenenteiti Teariki-Ruatu (Alternate)	F		Director of the Environment and Conservation Division
72.	Kuwait	Nouf Bahbahani	F	Environment Public Authority	Director, International Relations Department
73.	Kyrgyzstan	Asel Raimkulova	F	Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision	Deputy Minister
		Omurova Bermet Namirovna	F		Head of the Department of International Cooperation
74.	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Phakkavanh Phissamay	F	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Director General of Department of Planning and Finance (DPF)
75.	Latvia	Kristīne Kazerovska	F	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia	Deputy Director, Environmental Protection Department
76.	Lebanon	Nazek Al-Khatib	F	Ministry of Justice	Judge
77.	Lesotho	Matseliso Machai-Ndumo	F	Ministry of Environment and Forestry	Director Legal Services
78.	Liberia	Salimatu Lamin-Gilayeneh	F	Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia (EPA)	Energy & Environment Programme Coordinator and Legal Advisor
79.	Liechtenstein	Andreas Gsthöl	M	Office for Environment	Head of Division of Environmental Protection
80.	Lithuania	Roberts Bulkevičius	M	Law and Personnel Division at the Ministry of Environment	Advisor of the Law and Personnel Division
81.	Madagascar	Rakotomavo Nathalie Rosette (Main)	F	Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development	Director of Legal Affairs and Litigation
		Ralivelo Lynah Fenohasambarana (Alternate)	F		Director of the Monitoring and Evaluation Programme
82.	Malawi	Neverson Chisiza	M	Ministry of Justice, Malawi	Principal State Advocate in the Attorney General's Chambers
83.	Maldives	Fazeela Ahmed Shaheem	F	Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy	Legal Counsel
84.	Mauritania	BA Moussa	M	Ministry of Environment and	Counsel

				Sustainable Development	
85.	Mauritius	Najiyah Dauharry-Jeewa	F	Attorney General's Office	Acting Assistant Parliamentary Counsel
86.	Mexico	Lic. José Rubén Jiménez Pineda	M	Legal Affairs Coordination Unit	Area Director
87.	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Andrew Yatilman	M	FMS Office of Environment and Emergency Management	Director
88.	Monaco	Alain Piquemal	M	Ministry of State	State Counsellor, Permanent Representative of the Principality of Monaco to UNEP
89.	Mongolia	Radnaabazar Chadraabal	M	Ministry of Environment and Tourism	Director
		Ariuntuya Dorjsuren	F		Senior Officer
90.	Montenegro	Suzana Otasevic	F	Ministry of Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism	Independent advisor II
91.	Morocco	Mohammed Baraoui (Main)	M	Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development	Director of Control, Environmental Assessment & Legal Affairs
		Zineb Benmasoud (Alternate)	F		Responsible for Legal Affairs
92.	Mozambique	André Fenias Nhaca	M	Ministry of Land and Environment	Technician
93.	Myanmar	Kyaw San Naing	M	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation	Director, Policy and Legal Division
94.	Namibia	Betty Schroder	F	Ministry of Environment and Tourism	Principal Project Coordinator and Advisor
95.	Netherlands	Gudi Alkemade	F	Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Nairobi, Kenya.	Deputy Permanent Representative to UNEP and UN-Habitat
96.	New Zealand	Charlotte Skerten	F	Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Manatū Aorere	Lead Advisor
97.	Nicaragua	Uriel Morales Acuña	M	Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources (MARENA)	Director General of Environmental Quality
98.	Nigeria	Ibrahim Musa Mohammed	M	National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency	Assistant Legal Advisor and Assistant Director Legal Services

99.	North Macedonia	Frosina Antonovska	F	Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning	Cabinet Legal Advisor & Expert on Environmental Law
100.	Norway	Solveig Crompton	F	Ministry of Climate and Environment	Senior Advisor
101.	Pakistan	Muhammad Asif Sahibzada (Main)	M		Director General (Environment & Climate Change)
		Muhammad Farooq (Alternate)	M		Sr. Joint Secretary
102.	Panama	Bolivar Canizalez	M	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Head of the Environment and Climate Change office
103.	Paraguay	Victor Andres Gonzalez Bedoya	M	Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development	Director, Directorate of Legal Affairs
104.	Peru	Susana Julieta Gallegos Vargas (Main)	F	Ministry of Environment (MINAM)	Acting Director
		Mirbel Alberto Epiquién Rivera (Alternate)	M		Director of Ecosystems and Species Conservation
105.	Philippines	Norlito A. Eneran	M	Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)	Legal Specialist in Environmental Management of the General Directorate of Environmental Management Policies and Instruments
106.	Poland	Edyta Sysło	F	Department of International Affairs, Ministry of Climate and Environment	Chief Expert
107.	Portugal	Águeda Silva (Main)	F	Portuguese Environment Agency (APA) General Secretariat of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Action	Senior Officer, Department of International Affairs
		Peter Pitrez (Alternate)	M		Senior Officer, Department of International Relations Division
108.	Qatar	Metab Ali Metab Al Kubaisi	M	Office of the Assistant Undersecretary for Environmental Affairs Ministry of Municipality and Environment	Environmental Consultant; General Coordinator for Training and Development
109.	Republic of Korea	Suk-tae Hwang	M	Ministry of Environment	Director General for International Cooperation
110.	Romania	Cristina Petrache (Main)	F	Climate Change and Sustainable Development Directorate Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests	General Director of DG European Affairs and International Relationship
		Maria-Claudia Aaron-Andrieș (Alternate)	F		European Affairs Counsellor

111.	Russian Federation	Olga Zosimova	F	Legal Department of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology of the Russian Federation	Lead Advisor
112.	Rwanda	Sangwa Erneste	M	Rwanda Environment Management Authority	Concession and Transboundary Compliance Specialist
113.	Saint Lucia	Anita Montoute	F	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Sustainable Development	Permanent Secretary
114.	Sao Tome and Principe	Mateus Ferreira	M	Ministry of Infrastructure, Natural Resources and Environment	Advisor
115.	Senegal	Khadidiatou Drame	F	Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development	Juriste en service
116.	Seychelles	Beatrice Morel	F	Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Energy and Natural Resources	Senior Legal Officer
117.	Sierra Leone	Gibrilla Kamara	M	Environment Protection Agency	Manager, Legal Affairs, Compliance and Enforcement Department
118.	Singapore	Ranjeet Singh (Main)	M	Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment	Permanent Representative of Singapore to UNEP
		Kexian NG (Alternate)	F		Divisional Director International Policy Division
		Moh Tiing Liang (Alternate)	M		State Counsel, International Affairs Division
119.	Slovakia	Petra Korbiniova	F	Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic	Official
120.	Slovenia	Tanja Pucelj Vidović	F	Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Energy	Secretary, Environment Directorate
121.	Solomon Islands	Joseph Hurutarau	M	Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology	Director for the Environment and Conservation Division
122.	Somalia	Muhamud Muhamed Khadar	M	Ministry of Environment and Climate Change	Director of Environment
123.	South Africa	Sibusiso Kobese	M	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Director, Law Reform
		Kgauta Mokoena	M		Chief Director, Chemicals and Waste

					Policy Specialist Monitoring Services
124.	Spain	Antonio Nieto Magro	M	Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge	Deputy Director General of International Relations
125.	Sri Lanka	B.K. Prabath Chandrakeerthi	M	Ministry of Environment	Secretary of Sri Lanka's Ministry of Environment
126.	Sudan	Salem Younus Idris Ahmed	M	The Higher Council for Environment and Natural Resources	Legal Advisor
127.	Sweden	Staffan Löwhagen	M	Legal Affairs Section, Ministry of Environment	Deputy Director
128.	Switzerland	Vincent Bohnenblust	M	Federal Office for the Environment FOEN	Legal Officer
		Andrea Zbinden	F		Senior Policy Advisor
129.	Syrian Arab Republic	Iman Blal	F	Ministry of Local Administration and Environment	Engineer, Planning and International Cooperation Directorate
130.	Tajikistan	Faromuz Saidov	M		Environmental Governance and Climate Policy Expert
131.	Thailand	Chaowalit Jangaksorn (Main)	M	Pollution Control Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Director of the legal reform Subdivision
		Preeyaporn Suwanaged (Alternate)	F		Director-General Environmentalist Senior Professional Level
132.	Timor-Leste	Carlos Lopes Ximenes	M	Secretariat of State for the Environment	Director of Environmental Law and Proceeding
133.	Togo	Kayi Obidon Emefa Ajavon	F	Pollution and Environmental Nuisance Control Section Ministry of Environment and Forest Resources	Environmental Lawyer and Section Chief
134.	Trinidad and Tobago	Maurice Wishart (Main)	M	Environmental Management Authority	Manager, Legal Services
		Rhea Robinson (Alternate)	F		Legal Officer II
135.	Tunisia	Nahed Jmour Kelai	F	Ministry of the Environment	Deputy Directorate of Environmental Legislation, Legal Affairs, and Disputes
136.	Türkiye	Cem Bahadir Şener	M	Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change	Lawyer
137.	Uganda	Doreen Tumuhaire	F	National Environment	Ag. Senior Legal Officer

				Management Authority (NEMA)	
138.	Ukraine	Roman Shakhmatenko	M	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources	Deputy Minister
139.	United Arab Emirates	Aisha Mohamed Abdullah Al Abdooli	F	Ministry of Climate Change and the Environment	Director, Green Development & Environment Affairs Department
140.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Eva Huehne	F	Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) Government Legal Department	Senior Lawyer, International Environment, Marine and Fisheries
141.	United Republic of Tanzania	Kemilembe Mutasa	F	Vice President's Office	Director for Environment
142.	United States of America	Patrick Huber	M	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	International Environmental Program Specialist
143.	Uruguay	Marcelo J. Cousillas	M	National Directorate for the Environment (DINAMA) Ministry of Housing, Land Use Planning and Environment (MVOTMA)	Director of Legal Affairs
144.	Uzbekistan	Mukhammadyusufkhon Ikromov	M	National Committee on Ecology and Climate Change	Deputy Head of the Legal Department
145.	Vanuatu	Philip Benedict	M	Ministry of Climate Change	Internal Audit
146.	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Ada Carolina Fernandez Urdaneta	F	Ministry of People's Power for Eco socialism	Legal Advisor
147.	Viet Nam	Phan Tuan Hung	M	Department of Policy and Legislation Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)	Director General
148.	Zambia	Karen Banda	F	Zambia Environmental Management Agency (ZEMA)	Manager - Legal Services
149.	Zimbabwe	Farai Nyahwa	M	Environmental Management Agency	Corporate Secretary

In addition, the secretariat has received designations of national focal points from the European Union, the State of Palestine, the Cook Islands and Niue.

	National focal point(s)	*Gender*	*Organization*	*Title*
Cook Islands* (the)	Roselyn Strickland (Main)	F	National Environment Service	Environment Legal Counsel
	Tekura Moeka'a (Alternate)	F		Manager Environment Policy and Planning
European Union**	Sylvain Gambert	M	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
State of Palestine*	Murad Monzir Almadani	M	Environment Quality Authority	Legal Advisor

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

National focal points, Asia-Pacific States

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

National focal points, Eastern European States

Albania – yes Armenia – yes Azerbaijan –yes Belarus – yes Bosnia and Herzegovina – yes Bulgaria – yes Croatia – yes Czechia – no Estonia – yes	Georgia – yes Hungary – yes Latvia – yes Lithuania – yes Montenegro – yes North Macedonia (Republic of) – yes Poland – yes Republic of Moldova – no	Romania – yes Russian Federation – yes Serbia – no Slovakia – yes Slovenia – yes Ukraine – 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) – no 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 – no Jamaica – yes Mexico – yes	Nicaragua – no Panama – yes Paraguay – yes Peru – yes Saint Kitts and Nevis – no Saint Lucia – yes Saint Vincent and the Grenadines – no Suriname –no 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 – yes 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 – yes 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.