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**Fifth Programme for the Development and  
Periodic Review of Environmental Law  
(Montevideo Programme V):  
delivering for people and the planet  
First global meeting of national focal points  
Nairobi, 6–9 June 2022\*  
Agenda item 2 (c)\*\***

**Organizational matters: organization of work**

## **Annotated agenda for the resumed first global meeting**

### **Item 1**

#### **Opening of the meeting**

1. The resumed first 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.<sup>1</sup> on Monday, 6 June 2022.
2. The Director of the Law Division of the United Nations Environment Programme will deliver opening remarks.

### **Item 2**

#### **Organizational matters**

##### **(a) Election of officers**

3. During the online segment of the first global meeting of national focal points, held from 2 to 4 June 2021, national focal points elected the following officers for the meeting:

Co-Chairs: Mr. Timothy R. Epp (United States of America)

Mr. Marcelo J. Cousillas (Uruguay)

Rapporteur: Ms. Kunzang (Bhutan)

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\* The first global meeting is being held in two segments – an online segment held from 2 to 4 June 2021 and an in-person segment to be held in Nairobi from 6 to 9 June 2022. The report of the online segment is set out in document UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/6. The consideration of the following agenda items was completed during the online segment and will not be reopened during the in-person segment: election of officers and adoption of the agenda (agenda item 2, sub-items (a) and (b)) and steering committee for implementation (agenda item 6).

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

<sup>1</sup> All times are Nairobi time (UTC + 3).

**(b) Adoption of the agenda**

4. The provisional agenda of the first global meeting was adopted by the national focal points during the online segment of the meeting, held in June 2021 (UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/1).

**(c) Organization of work**

5. In the light of the exceptional circumstances arising from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the first global meeting is being held in two segments. The first segment was held online from 2 to 4 June 2021. The second segment will be held in Nairobi from 6 to 9 June 2022, with online participation available for those who cannot attend in person. During the resumed meeting, the Co-Chairs will invite national focal points to consider the proposed organization of work as set out in annex I to the present document. As is indicated in paragraph 10 below, national focal points may wish to defer the consideration of item 4 (c), “Emerging issues in environmental law”, to allow for the full consideration of item 4 (b), “Priority areas for implementation”. 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**

6. Paragraph 6 (a) (ix) of Montevideo Programme V requires the secretariat to maintain a current list of national focal points. Updated information on the status of nominations of national focal points as at 20 March 2022 is set out in document UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/3/Rev.1.

### **Item 4**

#### **Implementation of the fifth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law**

**(a) Status of implementation, activities and funding**

7. 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 resumed meeting, the secretariat will present an updated report outlining the status of implementation, activities and funding of the Programme as at 20 March 2022 (UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/2/Rev.1). 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**

8. Paragraph 6 (b) (i) of Montevideo Programme V requires national focal points to identify priority areas for the implementation of the Programme. During the online segment, the secretariat presented a document (UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/4), proposing priority areas for implementation and modalities and mechanisms for providing related support to countries. After the discussion, national focal points agreed to focus their work on legal responses to address the air pollution crisis, identified as initial priority area 1 in the annex to that document, pending further consideration of priority areas for implementation during the resumed meeting.

9. Pursuant to the guidance provided by national focal points during the online segment of their first global meeting, the secretariat has prepared a revised document on priority areas for implementation for consideration by the national focal points during the resumed meeting (UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/4/Rev.1).

**(c) Emerging issues in environmental law**

10. Because of the limited time available for the resumed meeting and to enable full consideration of agenda item 4 (b), “Priority areas for implementation”, national focal points may wish to defer the consideration of item 4 (c) to their second global meeting.

### **Item 5**

#### **Partnerships and stakeholder engagement**

11. 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 with relevant stakeholders, as appropriate, 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. During the resumed meeting national focal points and stakeholders will be invited to provide comments on arrangements for partnerships and stakeholder engagement for the implementation of the Programme, focusing on the questions set out in document UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/7 on partnerships and stakeholder engagement.

## **Item 6**

### **Steering committee for implementation**

#### **(a) Designation of the steering committee for implementation**

12. During the online segment in June 2021, in accordance with paragraph 6 (c) of Montevideo Programme V, the national focal points designated a steering committee for implementation to serve until the end of the second global meeting of national focal points.<sup>2</sup> Two members of the steering committee, Mr. Md. Ashfaqu Islam Babool (Bangladesh) and Ms. Tanja Pucelj-Vidović (Slovenia), have since resigned. Ms. Pucelj-Vidović has been replaced by Ms. Nataša Petrovčič and Mr. Md. Ashfaqu Islam Babool has been replaced by Mr. Mohammad Abdul Wadud Chowdhury.

#### **(b) Modalities of work for the steering committee for implementation**

13. In accordance with paragraph 6 (c) of Montevideo Programme V, the secretariat developed draft modalities of work for the steering committee for implementation, which were presented for consideration and possible adoption by the national focal points during the online segment (UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/5). The national focal points adopted the draft modalities of work, as set out in the annex to the report of the online segment (UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/6).

## **Item 7**

### **Date and venue of the second global meeting of national focal points**

14. In the light of the planning challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, national focal points may wish to request the secretariat to establish the dates and venue of the second global meeting of national focal points in consultation with the steering committee for implementation and to communicate the dates and venue to national focal points.

## **Item 8**

### **Other matters**

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

## **Item 9**

### **Adoption of the outcomes of the meeting**

16. During the in-person segment, the Co-Chairs will present a summary of the resumed meeting, which will be finalized by the Rapporteur with the assistance of the secretariat and circulated in writing to participants. A formal report of the in-person segment of the meeting will be prepared by the secretariat and circulated to participants in due course.

## **Item 10**

### **Closure of the meeting**

17. It is expected that the Co-Chairs will close the meeting by 6 p.m. on 9 June 2022.

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<sup>2</sup> 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

	6 June 2022	7 June 2022	8 June 2022	9 June 2022
	Side events will be held each morning			
Plenary sessions 3–6 p.m. <sup>1</sup>	Opening of the meeting (agenda item 1)	Priority areas for implementation (agenda item 4 (b)) (cont.)	Priority areas for implementation (agenda item 4 (b)) (cont.)	Partnerships and stakeholder engagement (agenda item 5) (cont.)
	Organization of work (agenda item 2 (c))		Partnerships and stakeholder engagement (agenda item 5)	Date and venue of the second global meeting of national focal points (agenda item 7)
	National focal points (agenda item 3)			Other matters (agenda item 8)
	Status of implementation, activities and funding (agenda item 4 (a))			Adoption of the outcomes of the meeting (agenda item 9)
	Priority areas for implementation (agenda item 4 (b))			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 (b)	UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/1	Provisional agenda
2 (c)	UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/1/Add.2	Annotated agenda for the resumed first global meeting
3	UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/3/Rev.1	National focal points
4 (a)	UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/2/Rev.1	Status of implementation, activities and funding
4 (b)	UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/4/Rev.1	Priority areas for implementation
5	UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/7	Partnerships and stakeholder engagement