



Distr.: General
29 March 2021

Original: English



United Nations Environment Programme

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

Online, 2–4 June 2021*

Item 2 (c) of the provisional agenda**

Organizational matters: organization of work

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

1. The 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. (Nairobi time (UTC + 3)) on Wednesday, 2 June 2021.
2. The Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme will deliver opening remarks.

Item 2

Organizational matters

(a) Election of officers

3. The secretariat will invite the national focal points to proceed with the nomination and election of officers for the meeting, including two co-chairs and a rapporteur, who will serve until the end of the first global meeting. For the purposes of continuity, the secretariat will propose that the officers be those who served in that capacity during the consultations leading to the preparation of Montevideo Programme V, namely Mr. Tim Epp of the United States of America (Co-Chair), Mr. Marcelo Cousillas of Uruguay (Co-Chair) and Ms. Kunzang of Bhutan (Rapporteur).

(b) Adoption of the agenda

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

* The first global meeting will be held in two parts. The first part will be held online from 2 to 4 June 2021, while the second will be held in person at a location and date to be determined.

** 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 will consist of two sessions. The first session will be held online from 2 to 4 June 2021. The second session will be held in person in 2022 at a location and date to be determined. At both sessions, 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. The organization of work will be amended and reissued in advance of the in-person session. A list of documents produced to assist the 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. At both the online and in-person sessions, the secretariat will present a note outlining the status of nominations of national focal points (UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/3).

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. At both the online and in-person sessions of the first global meeting of national focal points, the secretariat will present a report outlining the status of implementation, activities and funding of the Programme (UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/2). The report will also include information on partnerships and stakeholder engagement (agenda item 5). At each session, 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. At the online session, the Co-Chairs will invite the secretariat to present a document on priority areas for implementation (UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/4). The document proposes priority areas for implementation and the modalities and mechanisms for supporting countries to implement the Programme. At the online session, national focal points will be invited to provide guidance on a limited number of focused and feasible initial priority areas for the implementation of the Programme, which will be reviewed at the resumed, in-person session of the meeting.

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

9. Paragraph 4 (h) of Montevideo Programme V states that the Programme will encourage research, including studies and reports, on emerging environmental issues and on the relationship between environmental law and other, related legal fields. At the in-person session, national focal points and stakeholders will be invited to provide guidance on emerging issues in environmental law that warrant further research under the Programme.

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 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. At both the online and in-person sessions, national focal points and stakeholders will be invited to provide comments on arrangements for partnerships and stakeholder engagement for the implementation of Montevideo Programme V, as outlined in the report on the status of implementation, activities and funding of the Programme (UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/2).

Item 6

Steering committee for implementation

(a) Designation of the 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. At the online session, the Co-Chairs will invite the national focal points to designate the steering committee for implementation to serve until the end of the second global meeting of national focal points.

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

12. Paragraph 6 (c) of Montevideo Programme V also states, among other things, that the secretariat will develop draft modalities of work for the steering committee for implementation to be presented at the first global meeting for consideration and adoption. At the online session, the Co-Chairs will invite the secretariat to present the draft modalities of work for the steering committee for implementation (UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/5) for consideration and adoption. Consideration of the modalities of work for the steering committee for implementation may continue at the in-person session if more time is needed.

Item 7

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

13. At the in-person session, the Co-Chairs will invite the secretariat, under the guidance of the steering committee for implementation, to propose the dates and venue of the second global meeting of national focal points.

Item 8

Other matters

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

Item 9

Adoption of the outcomes of the meeting

15. At the online session, 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. A report of the online session of the meeting will also be prepared by the secretariat and circulated in writing to participants.

16. At the in-person session, 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. A report of the in-person session of the meeting will also be prepared by the secretariat and circulated in writing to participants.

Item 10

Closure of the meeting

17. The Co-Chairs will adjourn the online session at 5 p.m. (Nairobi time (UTC + 3)).

18. The Co-Chairs will close the meeting at the conclusion of the resumed, in-person session.

Annex I

Organization of work

	2 June 2021 (3 to 5 p.m.)^a	3 June 2021 (3 to 5 p.m.)	4 June 2021 (3 to 5 p.m.)
Online session in 2021	Opening of the meeting (agenda item 1) Election of officers (agenda item 2 (a)) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (agenda items 2 (b) and 2 (c)) National focal points (agenda item 3) Status of implementation, activities and funding (agenda item 4 (a)) Priority areas for implementation (agenda item 4 (b))	Priority areas for implementation (agenda item 4 (b)) Partnerships and stakeholder engagement (agenda item 5)	Designation of the steering committee for implementation (agenda item 6 (a)) Modalities of work for the steering committee for implementation (agenda item 6 (b)) Other matters (agenda item 8) Adoption of the outcomes of the meeting (agenda item 9) Closure of the meeting (agenda item 10)*
	Day one (full day)	Day two (full day)	Day three (full day)
In-person session in 2022	Opening of the meeting (agenda item 1)* Organization of work (agenda item 2 (c)) National focal points (agenda item 3) Status of implementation, activities and funding (agenda item 4 (a)) Priority areas for implementation (agenda item 4 (b))	Priority areas for implementation (agenda item 4 (b)) Emerging issues in environmental law (agenda item 4 (c))	Partnerships and stakeholder engagement (agenda item 5) Date and venue of the second global meeting of national focal points (agenda item 7) Other matters (agenda item 8) Adoption of the outcomes of the meeting (agenda item 9) Closure of the meeting (agenda item 10)

^a All times are Nairobi time (UTC + 3).

* The online session will be adjourned and the meeting will resume at the in-person session.

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.1	Annotated provisional agenda
3	UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/3	National focal points
4 (a)	UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/2	Status of implementation, activities and funding
4 (b)	UNEP/Env.Law/ MTV5/GNFP.1/4	Priorities for implementation
6 (b)	UNEP/Env.Law/MTV5/GNFP.1/5	Modalities of work for the steering committee