







Concept Note: Stockholm+50 National Consultations-Liberia

Background

Fifty (50) years after the United Nations **Conference** on the Environment held in Stockholm 1972, the UN General Assembly is set to convene an international meeting entitled "Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity", in Stockholm on 2 and 3 June 2022", during the week of World Environment Day. The meeting will be convened by the Government of Sweden with the support of the Government of Kenya.

The meeting is designed to help accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals during the Decade of Action including through a sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

On the heels of this global summit, UNDP has been requested to facilitate an inclusive national consultations using resources provided by the Government of Sweden and leveraging existing incountry programming and partnerships including through its support to Nationally Determined Contributions processes (e.g., UNDP's Climate Promise) and broader work on Nature, Climate, Energy, and other integrated SDG themes.

The consultations will run from January to May 2022. The results of the national consultations are expected to have been recorded and will feed into a global report to inform the Stockholm+50 discussions and its follow-up.

The consultations will be based on the following **Leadership dialogue themes in addition to national sectoral themes**: Reflecting on the urgent need for actions to achieve a healthy planet and prosperity of all; Achieving a sustainable and inclusive recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic; and Accelerating the implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development.

Objective of National Consultations

The overall objective of the national consultations is to stimulate an inclusive, bottom-up debate on Stockholm+50 themes. The idea is to facilitate a consultation process which is based on people's experiences and ideas for "A Healthy Planet for the Prosperity of All.

- The dialogue will aim to harvest recommendations for governments, civil society and private sector on priority actions that can advance national and sectoral policies that address climate change and leverage nature-based solutions. This can build on and inform Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), green economy/green recovery, and SDG frameworks.
- The consultations will also seek to amplify the voices of the poor, youth, women, indigenous groups, local communities, and other marginalized groups; and influence national debates that consider the views of all stakeholders.

Expected Outputs

A National Consultation Report prepared and submitted by April 22, which should be integrated into the Finalize National Consultations Global Report and other derived products by May 2022

Preliminary timeline of key events

Dear Stephen

In terms of the structure of the consultations, we are anticipating the national launch to raise awareness and build momentum towards the national and subnational consultations. We anticipate 2 rounds of regional dialogues after the launch. This will be followed by the national dialogue with stakeholder specific consultations on the sidelines. These will be structured as follows:

	Activity	Proposed Venue	Date and time	Stakeholders
1	National Launch-high level event	Monrovia City Hall	March 7, 2021, 2:00	Senior policy makers executive and legislature, Swedish embassy, other development partners, heads of women and youth civil society and student organization, private sector executives, climate practitioners
2	Regional Dialogue	Grand Bassa County, Buchanan	March 24, 2021	Local leaders, women and youth representatives, local CSOs, private sector, traditional leaders etc
3	Regional Dialogue	Nimba County, Ganta	March 31, 2021	Local leaders, women and youth representatives,

				local CSOs, private sector, traditional leaders etc
4	National Dialogue	National Dialogue- Ministerial Complex	April 13, 2021	Policy makers, development partners, Sectoral agencies, youth and women organizations, private sector, climate practitioners and experts
5	Side consultations-communities	WestPoint, Robertsport, Gbarnga, Cestos	March 12, April 9	Marketers, fishermen, farmers, youth, women
6	Side consultations-Schools	University of Liberia, Stella Maris, Cuttington University etc	March 12, April 9	University students, high school students etc

Key themes:

The S+50 consultations are structured around the following global themes for the leadership dialogue:

- Leadership dialogue 1: Reflecting on the urgent need for actions to achieve a healthy planet and prosperity of all;
- Leadership dialogue 2: Achieving a sustainable and inclusive recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic; and
- Leadership dialogue 3: Accelerating the implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development.

In addition to the global themes, the national dialogue will also feature engagements on the following priority national and sectoral themes:

- National theme 1: Achieving Food security in a changing climate/Post-COVID socio-economic and green recovery
- National theme 2: Reflecting on the urgent need for tackling plastic pollution and promoting circular economy to achieve a healthy environment
- National theme 3: Enhancing sustainable forest management in the context of governance, carbon economy, GEWE, livelihoods of forest communities