



“A healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity”

The UN General Assembly has agreed through two Resolutions 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 commemorate the 50 years since the convening of the UN Conference on the Human Environment. It is also 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.

The Government of Sweden will host the meeting with the support of the Government of Kenya. Leadership Dialogues have been designed to be collaborative and multi-stakeholder, and will address three themes:

- **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
- **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.

Objective

The UNDP Mauritius Country Office has been mandated to facilitate national consultations and will be working in close collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change.

The objective of the national consultations is to stimulate an inclusive whole-of-society and whole-of-government dialogue on the main themes of Stockholm+50 as they relate to each national context.

In this context, you are invited to submit your comments on each of the three Leadership Dialogues, and on the following guiding questions. You are welcome to answer as many questions as you wish - any input will be appreciated.

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Leadership Dialogue 1: Reflecting on the urgent need for actions to achieve a healthy planet and prosperity of all.

1 How can we restore and regenerate a positive relationship with nature? List 2 or 3 good practices and pathways that you would like to see scaled up to enable a move to a healthy planet?

In view of supporting the SDG 13 on Climate Action, a simple yet effective way to restore and regenerate a positive relationship with nature is to plant trees. A global restoration project on **“One Family-One Tree”** can be launched to help in combatting greenhouse gases emissions, global warming and the drastic effects on climate change around the globe.

In line with this project, the SDG 15 on Life on Land would be highly enhanced. Motivating nations to protect and preserve their forests and at the same time conserving their local biodiversities can help to reduce the loss of natural habitats which are part of our common heritage. This gesture can also support the global food and water security alongside climate change mitigation, adaptation, peace and security. According to me, it is high time to sensitise the global population on the fact that forests are home to around 80% of all terrestrial species of animals, plants and insects!

2	What are the actions that you (your group) would take to scale up the change towards a healthy planet? What policies/structures need to be in place for you to take such action? Being an active member of the Eco Club of a private secondary school in Mauritius, our mission and vision are in line with the SDG 13 (Climate Change) and SDG 15 (Life on Land). The Eco Club spare no effort to keep on sensitising the 1200 young learners at school on the importance of protecting and conserving our biodiversity by planting trees and safeguarding our forests which are home to many endemic species. Tree planting, distribution of medicinal and endemic plants to the regional community alongside beach cleaning are among our prominent activities that the Eco Club organises at school along with the neighbouring community including our senior citizens. These activities are organised to mark the Environment Day Celebrations every year at school.
3	How could marginalised and vulnerable groups benefit from policies and initiatives designed to restore a more sustainable and resilient relationship with nature (that mitigates nature risks)? To ensure that marginalised and vulnerable groups become partners in this noble project, the local authorities should start by creating an awareness campaigns and sensitising these people on the importance of protecting and preserving their own biodiversity. The authorities should educate them accordingly to develop a curiosity, interest and eventually a passion to fight against the cases of climate change. Age, sex, language and ethnicity should not be barriers in promoting and sustaining this initiative and it shall help to curb the drastic effects of climate change (SDG 13) and sustain life on land (SDG 15).

4 How can we safeguard the rights of people and nature, including among others, indigenous peoples and local communities, environmental defenders, women, youth, future generations?

The global population including youngsters should be taught how to live in harmony with the nature. Indigenous peoples, local communities, environmental defenders, women, youngsters and the future generations should all be sensitised and educated on the urgent need and significance of protecting and preserving their immediate biodiversity by developing a green mind, adopting naturalistic habits and living an eco-friendly lifestyle.

5 What are the new or prioritized set of metrics and indicators needed for tracking our progress towards a healthier and more prosperous planet?

The prioritised set of metrics needed for tracking the progress of the UNDP project are firstly to ensure that a maximum number of nations have understood the aim and the sustainable development goals set.

Local authorities should through surveys and referendums, ensure that their people are acquainted to the necessary path to follow to give a helping hand in achieving these sustainable goals.

Governments should include their population including youngsters and senior citizens to find solutions to existing local problems in an innovative and collaborative manner via sensitisation campaigns, workshops, seminars and hands on activities.

The engagement of the local community in building a resilient lifestyle aligned with the philosophies of the UNDP project should be gauged, facilitated and encouraged constantly by the authorities for a successful change.

Leadership Dialogue 2: Achieving a sustainable and inclusive recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic

- ✓ Continual sensitisation of the population of the causes and consequences of this pandemic.
- ✓ Motivation of the population to adopt appropriate and effective sanitary precautions to avoid the spread of this disease.
- ✓ Communicating facts and figures to the population to create more awareness on the pandemic.
- ✓ Regular motivational communicate from the authorities to transform people into responsible citizens.
- ✓ Educating the young generations on the impacts of this pandemic through educational institutions.
- ✓ Adopting and maintaining sanitary protocols both for local habitants and foreign nationals transiting/ visiting the country for any purpose.

1 What are the most promising sustainable and inclusive recovery practices currently being applied by public, private and civil society groups at individual, community, city, regional, country level? And how could we scale them up?

- ✓ Self-protection through proper wearing of face masks in public places and maintaining a physical distance of 1 metre from others as far as possible is a very efficient way to protect oneself.
- ✓ Discouraging or simply banning the organisation of events which lead to crowds.
- ✓ The number of persons attending private gatherings such as funeral ceremonies, prayers and/or wedding ceremonies has been restricted to a minimum of 50.
- ✓ Social or cultural events are permitted to accommodate a minimum of 50 persons only.
- ✓ Access to certain offices, ministries, shopping malls, restaurants, cinemas among others is allowed only to fully vaccinated persons (3 doses of vaccines).

	These measures have shown their efficacy over the recent months since the number of infected persons, admissions in our local hospitals and number of deaths have declined.
2	What recovery and pre-existing practises need to be changed to ensure an inclusive and sustainable recovery? ✓ The isolation period of 7 days for infected persons should be reviewed since the active life time of the new variants are still unpredictable. ✓ The record of temperature before having access to institutions should be discontinued since not all infected persons suffer from same symptoms. ✓ Moreover, infected persons may be travelling in public transports or simply roaming in public areas where temperature check does not exist. ✓ Restricted access to certain areas should be reviewed.
3	How do we ensure that all countries/communities can benefit from opportunities stemming from a sustainable and just transition? ✓ Global forum should be organised to unite delegates from various countries to share their experiences, skills and knowhow on the current pandemic. ✓ The help and support of international successful expertise and practices should be solicited to heal the world. ✓ The cost of medicines related to the treatment of these viruses should be decreased and made accessible to all in pharmacies. This shall decrease the overcrowding number of patients visiting hospitals and the burn out of the medical staffs. ✓ The population should be encouraged to seek for medical assistance in government hospitals only in case of serious comorbidities and /or severe complications. ✓ The treatment of this virus should be encouraged to be made on a personal basis for people who are asymptomatic.

4	How can we create better performing industries and supply chains for a just transition to more sustainable economies? Which sectors are most critical? ✓ Global liaison and International Partnership to share ideas, skills and expertise. ✓ Continuous efforts to transform this planet into a global village with easy access to communication and sharing of information. ✓ An international knowledge hub to promote fluent communication on emerging issues related to economy, health, climate change, food and security, education, terrorism and family welfare including peace and happiness of people.
5	What are some of the commitments and “responsible” principles that need to be made by key industry sectors and by finance and investment institutions? ✓ Money laundering should be tracked effectively. ✓ Entry of illicit materials including drugs in countries should be monitored correctly. ✓ Public debts should be reduced. ✓ People should be encouraged to invest on natural resources.
6	What are the decent green jobs of the future? What are the new skills needed, what is needed from business? from government? from academia? Decent Green Jobs of the Future: ✓ Urban Farmer ✓ Eco Builder ✓ Renewable Energy Engineer ✓ Recycler ✓ Sustainability Expert

Needs from business/government/academia:

- ✓ Partnership between national and international organisations
- ✓ Workshops and Seminars
- ✓ Project Works
- ✓ New Courses at Tertiary Level
- ✓ Sensitisation Campaigns
- ✓ Reward System for Competitions and Projects from Authorities

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.

1 What are the biggest challenges we are facing in implementing the commitments to the 2030 Agenda and other environmental commitments (MEAs)?

- ✓ Educating the population on the aims and specific objectives of this 2030 Agenda.
- ✓ Changing the living habits of people.
- ✓ Organisation of Events to promote sensitisation.
- ✓ Involvement of national and international organisations to work as a team.
- ✓ Execution of ground work on specific locations.

How do we create an enabling environment for delivery on the ground?

- ✓ A well planned action plan with specific targets.
- ✓ Distribution of responsibilities among all stakeholders.
- ✓ Organisation of activities/events at all levels for all categories of persons.
- ✓ Reward system to arouse for interest and increase motivation.

2	What are the good practices and pathways that you would like to see scaled up to accelerate the implementation of the environmental dimension of Sustainable Development in the context, of the Decade of Action? ✓ A change in lifestyles. ✓ Engagement of youngsters. ✓ Participation of all stakeholders including private, public and NGOs. ✓ Concrete ground work. ✓ People in action.
3	How to transform governance and legal systems that maintain long-term economic stability and ecological and social wellbeing for all? ✓ Enforce existing laws. ✓ Educate people. ✓ Sensitise and create awareness. ✓ Encourage and reward people to come up with concrete projects. ✓ Inspire the population for a change in habits.
4	What measures are needed to align public, private and development finance with existing commitments and priorities? ✓ Partnership ✓ Finance/Sponsorships ✓ Sharing of Knowledge/Skills/Expertise ✓ Team Spirit ✓ Motivation & Reward ✓ No Discrimination

5	What type of partnerships from the UN and beyond are needed to accelerate a green and sustainable economic transformation that leaves no one behind? ✓ Finance/Sponsorships ✓ Innovative Projects ✓ Resource Persons ✓ Experts to share Knowledge/Skills/Expertise ✓ Motivation & Reward
6	What capacities and technologies are needed to improve human wellbeing in harmony with nature? nature? ✓ Eco friendly Energy Sources ✓ Recycling of Wastes ✓ Use of biodegradable plastics ✓ Compost Making ✓ Tree Planting ✓ Distributing of Plants ✓ Regular Sensitisation Campaigns ✓ Adapted Curriculum ✓ Use of Solar Panels ✓ Exploitation of Tidal and Wind Energy

Question for All:

• What kind of follow-up activities would you like to see from Stockholm+50? ✓ A change in lifestyles. ✓ Access and use of eco-friendly energy sources at domestic levels. ✓ A review of existing curriculum at all levels. ✓ Concrete projects emerging globally. ✓ Intense partnership among all stakeholders.
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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

If you want to learn more about the Stockholm +50 National Consultation and interact with us, go to our [Sparkblue page](#) or reach out to Mr Madookur Desha, National Coordinator (**madoo.desha@undp.org**)

If you have any additional information that might help us facilitate this consultation process, feel free to send any additional relevant document for consideration.

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