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# Summary of stakeholder contributions to Stockholm+50

## I. Background

- 1. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/326, the international meeting "Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all our responsibility, our opportunity" was held in Stockholm on 2 and 3 June 2022. It comprised an opening segment, four plenary meetings, three leadership dialogues and a closing segment.
- 2. The international meeting was the culmination of many months of preparatory work involving a wide variety of stakeholders. It was complemented by numerous side events (including special events and associated events) that aimed to capture the ideas and views of and pledges and proposals for action by Member States and stakeholders on a broad range of priority matters.
- 3. These preparatory activities and side events were an important part of the organization of the international meeting. In paragraph 13 of resolution 75/326, the General Assembly invited "all relevant stakeholders, including women, youth, older persons, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and local communities, to contribute to the discussions of the international meeting and their preparation and to build momentum for a healthy planet for the prosperity of all". That was realized through a unique and inclusive open architecture of engagement that gave ownership to the global community to shape their views and make their voices heard in Stockholm. The bottom-up and co-creative facilitation allowed for truly inclusive multi-stakeholder engagement and a real sense of partnership.
- 4. The present document sets out a summary of the various engagements and consultations by different stakeholder groups with support from partners and United Nations agencies delivered at the international meeting.

# II. Regional and national consultations

## A. Regional multi-stakeholder consultations

- 5. In the lead-up to the Stockholm+50 international meeting, a series of regional multi-stakeholder consultations were organized in Africa; Asia and the Pacific; Europe; North America, Latin America and the Caribbean; and Western Asia. The consultations were organized by the Global Opportunities for Sustainable Development Goals (GO4SDGs) initiative and co-designed in close cooperation with the Major Groups and Stakeholders civil society grouping of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- 6. The objectives of the regional consultations were to give voice to and facilitate the engagement of stakeholders and to ensure a bottom-up approach in mapping ongoing initiatives and key actions needed to safeguard our planet and promote action required in the sectors that are most critical for

sustainable development. Over 2,000 people participated in the consultations, providing input for both regional and global recommendations.

- (a) Synthesis report of the regional consultations: www.greengrowthknowledge.org/sites/default/files/2022-05/stockholm\_50\_synthesis.pdf.
- (b) Detailed reports of the five regional consultations: www.stockholm50.global/processes/regional-multi-stakeholder-consultations.

#### B. National multi-stakeholder consultations

- 7. The national consultations aimed to stimulate an inclusive, whole-of-society and whole-of-government dialogue on the themes of Stockhom+50 and the leadership dialogues. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) provided technical support to Stockholm+50 national consultations in 56 countries, facilitated by its country offices. More than 250 Stockholm+50 national events were organized, supported by online dialogues on UNDP's SparkBlue Platform (www.sparkblue.org/stockholm50). Over 50,000 people participated in the consultations, either online or in person.
- 8. The details of the national consultations can be found at: www.stockholm50.global/news-and-stories/outcomes-stockholm50-national-consultations. The global synthesis report of the findings and insights from the national consultations will be published by UNDP later in 2022. More information on the national consultations can be found at: www.stockholm50.global/processes/national-consultations-0.
- 9. A survey was distributed via UNDP country offices and other United Nations and partner networks in multiple languages to offer an additional opportunity for opinions to be shared: www.stockholm50.global/state-planet-global-public-survey.

## III. Stakeholder engagements

10. Many stakeholder contributions are featured on the dedicated page of the Stockholm+50 website: www.stockholm50.global/participate/stakeholder-engagement. The main outcomes for each of the work streams are set out below.

## A. "Towards Stockholm+50": a major groups and stakeholders project

- 11. A major groups and stakeholders-led initiative was supported by UNEP through a project entitled "Towards Stockholm+50", aimed at engaging a wide variety of non-State actors globally to raise awareness of the legacy of 50 years of implementing environmental policies. A series of webinars and a podcast were organized prior to the international meeting and a side event was held on the margins of the meeting.
- 12. The project also supported the regional multi-stakeholder consultations, and in the spirit of joint organization and knowledge exchange, support and information was provided to major groups and stakeholders through the project prior to both the international meeting and its preparatory meeting:
  - (a) Towards Stockholm+50 project: towardstockholm50.org/;
  - (b) Related webinars: towardstockholm50.org/events/;
- (c) Support to Stockholm+50 regional multi-stakeholder consultations: towardstockholm50.org/regional-meetings/.
- 13. A "People's Environment Narrative" document is being produced that will summarize the online consultations and encapsulate reports from the Stockholm+50 preparatory meeting held in New York on 28 March 2022, the seven expert webinars held by the "Towards Stockholm+50" initiative and the regional multi-stakeholder consultations organized in Africa; Asia and the Pacific; Europe; North America, Latin America and the Caribbean; and Western Asia. The report will be available on the towardstockholm50.org website and at unep.org/civil-society-engagement.

#### B. Academic and research community

14. Stockholm+50: Unlocking a Better Future: An independent scientific report authored by Stockholm Environment Institute and the Council on Energy, Environment and Water: www.stockholm50.report/.

- 15. Academic conference: "Sustainable planet, sustainable health how science-based solutions can drive transformative change", co-organized by Stockholm University, KTH Royal Institute of Technology and Stockholm Environment Institute on 1 June 2022: www.sei.org/events/conference-sustainable-planet-sustainable-health/.
- 16. Green Growth Knowledge Platform: a four-part webinar series inviting leading champions from Governments, non-governmental organizations, international organizations, civil society and industry to exchange insights on themes relevant to Stockholm+50: www.greengrowthknowledge.org/news/ggkpwebinar-series-road-stockholm50.
  - (a) Recordings are available on the Platform's Stockholm+50 playlist;
- (b) The webinars were complemented by the Stockholm+50 online community, offering space for exchange and collaboration amongst global stakeholders from all countries, regions, sectors and special interest groups;
- (c) The Platform also published a series of Stockholm+50-focused "Insights" blogs from environmental and sustainability experts, practitioners and enthusiasts, to inform discussion and build momentum towards the international meeting.
- 17. A "Letter to fellow citizens of Earth", modelled on the "Menton Message", which was signed by a group of 2,200 environmental scientists from 23 countries on the eve of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held in Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972, was tabled by a group of scientists following an expert group meeting held in Stockholm on 1 June 2022 and also published in the journal *Nature*: science4stockholm50.world/ and www.nature.com/articles/d41586-022-01511-7.

## C. Business and industry

- 18. Business and industry engagement was led by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development and Stockholm Environment Institute, under the overarching theme of sustainable value chains.
- (a) Stockholm Action Agenda: Transforming Global Value Chains (based on the outcome of business round tables): www.wbcsd.org/Overview/Policy-Advocacy-and-Member-Mobilization-PAMM/Resources/The-Stockholm-Action-Agenda-Transforming-Global-Value-Chains;
  - (b) A wide-ranging global survey (now closed) was conducted on sustainable value chains.

#### D. Indigenous peoples and local communities

- 19. In preparation for the international meeting, a series of in-person and virtual consultations were held on various matters, including the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities and environmental defenders; indigenous women; indigenous youth; and food systems.
- 20. The Stockholm+50 Indigenous Peoples Declaration: wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/40167/STOCKHOLM%2b50%20INDIGENOUS%2 0PEOPLES%20DECLARATION FV.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y.

#### E. Interfaith

- 21. Faith-based organizations established an interfaith working group to support faith communities' understanding of, and engagement in, issues related to Stockholm+50. The aim of the group was to facilitate networking and in-person collaboration, and to inspire and build partnerships between faith groups and civil society, indigenous groups and all other stakeholders. Stockholm+50 Interfaith Statement: "Faith values and reach contribution to environmental policy": wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/40048/Stockholm%2b50%20Interfaith%20Statement %2025%20May%202022.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y.
- 22. Faith for Earth dialogue session at Stockholm+50, Nairobi and online, 4 March 2022.
- 23. More details about faith-led events at Stockholm+50 are available on a dedicated page of the UNEP website: www.unep.org/faith-based-engagement-stockholm50.

## F. Subnational and local authorities

24. Cities and local authorities also participated in the national and regional consultations. They also organized the Cities Stockholm+50 High-level Forum, held in Stockholm on 1 and 2 June 2022.

- 25. Information on the Forum:
- (a) City of Stockholm flyer: wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/39796/Cities%20Stockholm%2b50%20HLF%20-%20Concept%20note.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y;
- (b) Article about the Forum on the Mayors of Europe website: mayorsofeurope.eu/news/cities-stockholm50-high-level-forum-addressed-sustainable-consumption/.

## G. Empowerment of women and gender equality

- 26. The Stockholm+50 national consultations, convened by UNDP, included discussions on gender responsiveness and social inclusivity. The Women's Major Group (accredited to UNEP: www.unep.org/civil-society-engagement/major-groups-modalities/major-group-categories/women) was also engaged in the regional consultations and contributed to discussions on gender-responsive environmental management policies. The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) participated in the discussions at the informal working groups for the leadership dialogues and contributed to the integration of gender equality and women's perspectives into the recommendations made by those groups. One of the Green Growth Knowledge Platform blogs also featured gender equality: www.greengrowthknowledge.org/blog/canstockholm50-be-turning-point-gender-equality.
- 27. At the international meeting, a number of side events on gender equality were held:
- (a) United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association: Resistance and resilience enhancing civic space for women and girls in climate activism:
- (b) Women's Learning Partnership and others: Women on the frontlines of climate change: reports from the field and strategies for action: learningpartnership.org/events/stockholm-50-women-frontlines-climate-change-reports-from-field-and-strategies-for-action;
- (c) International Development Law Organization, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Government of Peru, Rights and Resources Initiative, UN-Women and Generation Equality Action Coalition on Feminist Action for Climate Justice: Feminist climate justice empowering women and girls through the rule of law: www.idlo.int/news/events/stockholm50;
- (d) Green Growth Knowledge Platform Gender Expert Group: Achieving a Healthy Planet for all through a Gender-Just Recovery. www.greengrowthknowledge.org/event/stockholm50-side-event-achieving-healthy-planet-all-through-gender-just-recovery.

#### H. Youth

- 28. The Stockholm+50 Youth Task Force was established as a self-coordinated initiative and was instrumental in organizing many activities, including the Stockholm+50 Youth Assembly, and producing the Stockholm+50 Global Youth Policy Paper. More information on its work is available on the dedicated website of the Task Force at www.youthstockholm50.global/.
- $(a) Stockholm + 50 global youth policy paper: \\ www.youthstockholm 50.global/_files/ugd/4658f6_826352d2e1de48c0b380e3f1a06bd982.pdf;$
- (b) Stockholm+50: The power in youth a toolkit for young environmental advocates: www.youthstockholm50.global/\_files/ugd/4658f6\_f275c06e323a4416a4d36848551f6102.pdf;
- (c) Charting a youth vision for a just and sustainable future (Stockholm Environment Institute and the Council on Energy, Environment and Water): cdn.sei.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/stockholm50-youthreport-10.51414-sei2022.010.pdf.

## I. United Nations entities and multilateral environmental agreements

29. In November 2021, the Environment Management Group organized a two-part United Nations-wide virtual dialogue on the ways in which Stockholm+50 could empower the United Nations system to collectively move forward. The Dialogue highlighted the personal reflections of a diverse array of people who had worked with the United Nations system in many different capacities on lessons learned since 1972. It also explored their recommendations on the future implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development and produced two reports.

- 30. Delivering on the Vision of the 1972 Stockholm Declaration and Achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: A United Nations System Contribution to Stockholm+50 https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/39620/EMG Contribution S50.pdf.
- 31. The Impact of the Stockholm Conference on the United Nations System: Reflections of 50 Years of Environmental Action: wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/39963/Final\_Impact%20of%20the%20Stockholm%2 0Conference%20on%20the%20UN%20System.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y.

## IV. Stakeholder statements

32. Statements made by stakeholder groups in the general debate are available at: www.stockholm50.global/statements.

### V. Alternative voices

- 33. In partnership with the United Nations University Centre for Policy Research, UNEP established an initiative to bring together alternative voices in the global policy sphere. As part of that initiative, a curated collection of ideas was published, entitled "Reimagining the Human-Environment Relationship for Stockholm+50", bringing together ideas both existing and new, and from diverse disciplines and societies, creating a space to recast the human relationship with the environment and inform future policymaking.
- (a) Reimagining the Human-Environment Relationship: A New Political Economy for a Healthy Planet Jason Hickel: collections.unu.edu/eserv/UNU:8832/UNUUNEP Hickel RHER.pdf.
- (b) Environmental Ethics and Policy Workineh Kelbessa: collections.unu.edu/eserv/UNU:8828/UNUUNEP Kelbessa RHER.pdf.
- (c) Governing Prometheans in the Anthropocene: Three Proposals to Reform International Environmental Law Louis Kotzé: collections.unu.edu/eserv/UNU:8841/UNUUNEP Kotze RHER.pdf.
- (d) Indigenous Philosophy and Intergenerational Justice Krushil Watene: collections.unu.edu/eserv/UNU:8829/UNUUNEP\_Watene\_RHER.pdf.
- (e) Navigating the Dynamics of People-Planet Relationships: A Social-Ecological Systems Perspective Elena Bennett and Belinda Reyers: collections.unu.edu/eserv/UNU:8835/UNUUNEP\_BennettReyers\_RHER.pdf.
- (f) Our Copernican Revolution: Climate Change and the Astrobiology of the Anthropocene Adam Frank: collections.unu.edu/eserv/UNU:8827/UNUUNEP Frank RHER.pdf.
- (g) Reimagining the Human-Environment Relationship Religion and the Environment Iyad Abumoghli: collections.unu.edu/eserv/UNU:8838/UNUUNEP Abumoghli RHER.pdf.
- (h) Socioterritorial Voices for Climate Justice: Protest and Resistance in the Andean Amazon Maritza Paredes: collections.unu.edu/eserv/UNU:8837/UNUUNEP\_Paredes\_RHER.pdf.
- (i) Why Climate Change Matters for Human Security Janani Vivekananda: collections.unu.edu/eserv/UNU:8836/UNUUNEP\_Vivekananda\_RHER.pdf.
- (j) From Reimagination to Action: Incentivizing Change David Passarelli and Adam Day: collections.unu.edu/eserv/UNU:8843/UNUUNEP\_PassarelliDay\_Policy\_RHER.pdf.
- (k) Reimagining the Human-Environment Relationship Through a Kaleidoscope David Passarelli and Adam Day: collections.unu.edu/eserv/UNU:8842/UNUUNEP DayPassarelli Kaleidoscope RHER.pdf.

## VI. Side events

- 34. Forty-five in-person side events were held at the Stockholm+50 venue on 2 and 3 June 2022. They were organized by participants at the international meeting and addressed themes relevant to Stockholm+50.
- (a) Side event programme: unenvironment.widen.net/s/pb78zgddgb/2022-05-06\_s50-side-events-programme\_abridged.

(b) Top ideas and initiatives on transformative actions emerging from the discussions at the side events, organized by the 10 "issue areas" of the leadership dialogues: www.stockholm50.global/side-events-outcomes.

# VII. Special events

- 35. Additional in-person events were also held from 1 to 3 June 2022 at the Stockholm+50 venue in support of the Stockholm+50 objectives, selected by the co-hosts, the Governments of Sweden and Kenya.
- 36. An area at the Stockholm +50 venue was dedicated to hosting a multi-stakeholder action hub on sustainable value chains, to showcase solutions and announce initiatives to support sustainability in key value chains:
- (a) Industry transition dialogue (organized by the leadership group for industry transition (LeadIT) and the World Economic Forum, 1 June 2022): www.industrytransition.org/events/industrytransition-dialogue/.
- (b) Financing the transition to a nature-positive future (organized by Leaders Pledge 4 Nature, 1 June 2022): www.leaderspledgefornature.org/updates/naturepositivefuture/.
- (c) One Planet network forum: delivering change sustainable consumption and production for a better future on a healthy planet (31 May and 1 June 2022): www.oneplanetnetwork.org/opnforum2022.
- (d) Stockholm+50 Youth Assembly (Stockholm, 31 May and 1 June 2022): www.youthstockholm50.global/s-50-youth-assembly.
- (e) High-level segment of the meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions: www.brsmeas.org/20212022COPs/HighLevelSegment/Overview/tabid/9138/language/en-US/Default.aspx.
- (f) High-level round-table discussion on solutions to reduce plastic pollution and increase recycling of plastics (organized by Sweden, United States and the UNDP Alliance to End Plastic Waste, 1 June 2022):
  www.government.se/press-releases/2022/06/sweden-and-us-host-high-level-talks-to-reduce-plastic-
- www.government.se/press-releases/2022/06/sweden-and-us-host-high-level-talks-to-reduce-plastic-pollution/.
- (g) SMEs: gamechangers from global to local actions towards sustainability (organized by SEED (hosted by Adelphi) and Meta Mind (Normative), in collaboration with UNEP, GO4SDGs, 10YFP/OPN (10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns/One Planet network) and SME Climate Hub, together with the Governments of Brazil, Germany, Indonesia and Uganda):
- www.stockholm50.global/events/smes-gamechangers-global-local-actions-towards-sustainability.
- (h) Stockholm Action Agenda launch: transforming global value chains (organized by World Business Council for Sustainable Development and Stockholm Environment Institute): www.stockholm50.global/events/stockholm-action-agenda-launch-transforming-global-value-chains.
- (i) Built environment transformation (organized by World Business Council for Sustainable Development and Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction): www.stockholm50.global/events/built-environment-transformation.
- (j) Transformers 1: the Stockholm+100 journey starts now Trailblazing nature-positive sector transitions to save the world (organized by United Nations Science-Policy-Business Forum on the Environment): www.stockholm50.global/events/transformers-1-stockholm100-journey-starts-now-trailblazing-nature-positive-sector.
- (k) Transforming the food and agriculture value chain (organized by World Business Council for Sustainable Development): www.stockholm50.global/events/transforming-food-agriculture-value-chain.
- (l) Value chain co-creation with youth: Stockholm+50 Youth Task Force: www.stockholm50.global/events/value-chain-co-creation-youth.
- (m) Pioneer the possible from Stockholm to Sharm el-Sheikh and beyond (organized by Business Sweden): www.stockholm50.global/events/pioneer-possible-stockholm-sharm-el-sheikh-and-beyond.

(n) Sustainable living within 1.5 degrees: innovative pathways to live better and lighter (organized by Hot or Cool Institute, in cooperation with Ministry of Environment, Colombia; Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany; and GO4SDGs):

www.stockholm50.global/events/sustainable-living-within-15-degrees-innovative-pathways-live-better-and-lighter.

- (o) Youth perspectives from Paris to Stockholm and Sharm el-Sheikh (organized by Youth Love Egypt Foundation): www.stockholm50.global/events/youth-perspectives-paris-stockholm-and-sharm-el-sheikh.
- (p) How to accelerate the mobility value chain sustainable transformation? (Organized by World Business Council for Sustainable Development): www.stockholm50.global/events/how-accelerate-mobility-value-chain-sustainable-transformation.
- (q) Trade facilitation for the circular economy (organized by World Business Council for Sustainable Development): www.stockholm50.global/events/trade-facilitation-circular-economy.
- (r) Driving accountability through Scope 3 transparency (organized by World Business Council for Sustainable Development): www.stockholm50.global/events/driving-accountability-through-scope-3-transparency.
- (s) LDC perspectives on realizing the Stockholm outcomes (organized by Global Green Growth Institute and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change least developed countries group): www.stockholm50.global/events/ldc-perspectives-realizing-stockholm-outcomes.
- (t) Using the clothes we love to protect the nature we need (organized by Government of Kenya, UNEP, Stockholm Environment Institute): www.stockholm50.global/events/using-clothes-we-love-protect-nature-we-need.
- (u) Transformers: women in sustainability (organized by United Nations Science-Policy-Business Forum on the Environment): www.stockholm50.global/events/transformers-women-sustainability.
- (v) Launch of a global corporate accountability framework (organized by World Business Council for Sustainable Development, Stockholm Environment Institute and UNEP): www.stockholm50.global/events/launch-global-corporate-accountability-framework.
- (w) Indigenous peoples' food and knowledge systems: solutions on sustainability, conservation and restoration (organized by UNEP, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Global-Hub on Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems and the Association of World Reindeer Herders): www.stockholm50.global/events/indigenous-peoples-food-and-knowledge-systems-solutions-sustainability-conservation-and.
- (x) A global roadmap for an inclusive circular economy (organized by Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House)): www.stockholm50.global/events/global-roadmap-inclusive-circular-economy.

#### VIII. Associated events

37. A broad range of associated events were independently organized and provided an opportunity for stakeholders to convene Stockholm+50-related events in association with the international meeting. The format and location of such events was flexible and they could be held in person, virtually or in a hybrid format, anywhere in the world, complementing the international meeting and promoting inclusiveness by bringing together and showcasing valuable ideas from diverse voices and contexts on a global stage.

Calendar of associated events: www.stockholm50.global/events?Title=&type of event=Associated+Event.