



First e-briefing for the Nitrogen Working Group of the United Nations Environment Programme

Implementation of the UNEA-4 Resolution on Sustainable Nitrogen Management
NWG Briefing-1/Doc. 1

Zoom Call: 8-9 June 2020

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Monday 8 June 1300-1510 British Summer Time (1200-1410 UTC)

Session 1: Opening and INMS Briefing for the International Nitrogen Assessment

1300 Welcome: 'Globalization and the Nitrogen Challenge,' on World Oceans Day (8 June 2020). Moving forward under COVID-19. **Leticia Carvalho**, Coordinator, Marine and Freshwater Branch, Ecosystem Division, UNEP.



1310 Mandate and Context
Mark Sutton, UKCEH, Director of the International Nitrogen Management System (INMS), Nitrogen Science support for environment and sustainable development. INMS and progress in developing the International Nitrogen Assessment (INA).

1325 **Hans van Grinsven** and **Jill Baron**, Co-leads INMS Component 1: Tools and Methods for nitrogen assessment. Preparing to report in the INA.

1335 **Wim de Vries** and **Jean Ometto**, Co-leads, INMS Component 2: Scaling up nitrogen flows and impacts, including future scenarios. Preparing to report in the INA.

1345 **Cargele Masso**, Co-lead of INMS Component 3: Developing Regional Assessments for Nitrogen Management. Preparing to report in the INA.

1355 **Clare Howard**, INMS Coordinator (UK) and Co-lead INMS Component 4: INA awareness raising, process and complementary products.

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- 1405 **Discussion with Member States and intergovernmental conventions.** Short reactions are invited that may supplement written comments, especially on the proposed outline of the INA (Background Document to be circulated). To the extent that time permits other participants will be invited to contribute to the discussion. Key questions invited:
- Any important gaps in the overall plan for the INA?
 - Any priority issues that Member States would like to included?
 - Any particular uncertainties in the process?
- 1440 **Isabelle Van der Beck**, UNEP GEF International Waters Task Manager for INMS: Reflection on Progress, Successes and Remaining Challenges.
- 1445 **Steffen Hansen**, Global Environment Facility (GEF): Reflection from GEF Programme Officer for INMS. Future needs and opportunities for sustainable nitrogen management. The challenge of sustainable financing.
- 1450 **Discussion with Member States and intergovernmental conventions.** Gaps, challenges and opportunities for international action on Sustainable Nitrogen Management
- 1500 Formal Close - The Nitrogen Song by Grammy® Winner Ricky Kej.
- 1510 End of Session 1.

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Session 2: What do we need from inter-convention nitrogen coordination?

- 1300 **Mark Sutton**, Director INMS. Briefing update: Needs and opportunities for an 'Inter-convention Nitrogen Coordination Mechanism' (INCOM). Next steps, including proposal for a Task Team to follow up development of the Terms of Reference.

Statements from Intergovernmental Conventions and Programmes

Each speaker to include the following:

- Why does nitrogen need to be addressed by their international convention or programme?
 - What are the primary information needs, gaps and barriers?
 - How could nitrogen coordination help advance the goals of their convention?
 - What advice to offer on developing the Terms of Reference and approach of INCOM?
- 1310 **David Cooper**, Deputy Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, Montreal, Canada: Needs and goals for nitrogen management to protect biodiversity.
- 1320 **Anna Engleryd**, Government of Sweden, Chair of the Executive Body, UNECE Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (Geneva Air Convention): Needs for Air Pollution Mitigation.
- 1330 **Dirk Nemitz**, Programme Officer, Secretariat of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change: Climate, nitrogen, the Koronivia Process and the road to COP26.

- 1340 **Habib, El-Habr**, Coordinator of the Global Programme for Action on the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA), UNEP, Nairobi: Coordination to protect the coastal and marine environments from nutrient pollution.
- 1350 **Sophia Mylona**, Ozone Secretariat, United Nations Environment Programme, Nairobi, Kenya: Relevance of nitrous oxide for the Vienna Convention on stratospheric ozone depletion.
- 1355 **Aimable Uwizeye**, Livestock Division, United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), Rome, Italy: Relevance of international coordination to mitigate nitrogen pollution in global livestock systems
- 1400 **Ana Islas Ramos**, Nutrition and Food Systems Division, United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), Rome, Italy: Linking Nitrogen and Nutrition.

Statements from Member States

Comments invited from Member States especially on:

- Primary information needs, gaps and barriers.
- Advice on developing the Terms of Reference and approach of INCOM.
- Expression of views in the approach for the Terms of Reference for INCOM.
- Emerging initiatives from Member States that can contribute to the process.

- 1405 **India: Dr Ramesh Ramachandran**, National Focal Point, Government of India, and chair of the Global Partnership on Nutrient Management, Chennai, India. Following up the UNEA-4 Nitrogen Resolution (UNEP/EA.4/Res.14).
- 1410 **Sri Lanka: Mr A H L D Gamini Wijesinghe**, Additional Secretary (Environment Projects & Education Training), Ministry of Environment and Wildlife Resources. Following up the Colombo Declaration and outcomes from the launch of the UN Campaign on Sustainable Nitrogen Management.
- 1415 **Romania: Mrs Naiana Milea**, Director of the Integrated Nutrient Pollution Control Management Unit, Ministry of Waters and Forests. Mobilizing investment in nitrogen management.
- 1420 **Statement from Germany: Dr. Stefanie Wolter**, National Focal Point, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety.
- 1422 **Statements from Member States, continued** (1-2 minute statements)
- 1445 **Conclusions**, including:
1. Agreement on establishment of Task Group to refine Terms of Reference (ToRs) for the Interconvention Nitrogen Coordination Mechanism (INCOM)
 2. Agreement on timescale for proposals from Task Group on ToRs.
 3. Agreement on date of next e-briefing for the Nitrogen Working Group (provisionally September 2020).
- 1505 **Prof. N. Raghuram**. Closing statement from the Chair of the International Nitrogen Initiative (INI).
- 1510 Close.