

Presentation on the Rules of Procedure of the United Nations Environment Assembly

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Rules of Procedure

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 - General Assembly
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Synopsis

- Constitutional and Institutional questions
- Bureau
- Discussion phase
- Action or voting phase
- Consensus and voting
- Subsidiary bodies

Constitutional and institutional questions

- General Assembly resolution 67/213 of 21 December 2012 decided in OP 4(b), to establish **universal membership** in the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, and mandates it, as from its first universal session to be held in Nairobi in February 2013, using its applicable rules of procedure and applicable rules and practices of the General Assembly, pending the adoption of its new rules of procedure.

Constitutional and institutional questions

- General Assembly resolution 67/251 deals with the change of the designation of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme.
- Meaning of universal membership – refers to the fact that all 193 Member States of the United Nations are members of and participate on an equal basis in UNEA.

Bureau

Rule 18 (1)

“During the final meeting of a regular session, the United Nations Environment Assembly shall elect a President, eight Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur from among its members. These officers shall constitute the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly. The Bureau shall assist the President in the general conduct of business of the United Nations Environment Assembly. The chairpersons of such sessional committees or working parties as may be established under rule 61 below shall be invited to participate in meetings of the Bureau.”

Bureau

- Rule 18 (2): In electing its officers, the United Nations Environment Assembly shall ensure that each of the five regions is represented by two members in the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly.
- Five regions are: African, Asian, Eastern

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