

SCHEDULE OF UN ACTIVITIES THAT MAY OF INTEREST TO ISA MEMBERS

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Event	Description	Date / location	For more information
<p>The Restoration Factory: Generating an Ecosystem of Restoration Enterprises</p>	<p>UNEP and Bridge for Billions present 'the Restoration Factory' as a model for developing a pipeline of investment-ready sustainable land use and landscape restoration businesses. Join us to learn about how the Restoration Factory supports entrepreneurship as a vehicle to generate real environmental and social impacts in collaboration with key local partners. The conversation will be led by: Jonathan Gheysens, Programme Officer at UN Environment Programme Climate Finance Unit and Afia Bobia, Entrepreneurship & Innovation Manager in Africa at Bridge for Billions.</p>	<p>2 November 2022 11am - 12.30pm CET Online event</p>	<p>The Restoration Factory: Generating an Ecosystem of Restoration Enterprises (unep.org)</p>
<p>Regional Actions for Operationalizing the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Blue Economy</p>	<p>The Sustainable Ocean Economy or the Blue Economy has been recognized as a multifaceted and crosscutting concept that drives economic growth and innovation while ensuring ocean sustainability and rule-based ocean governance in the ASEAN Region. The leaders of ASEAN Community have committed to promote the Blue Economy through the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Blue Economy, adopted on October 2021 at the 38th ASEAN Summit. In the Declaration, the Blue Economy is defined as the sustainable, resilient and inclusive use, governance, management and conservation of oceans, seas as well as marine and coastal resources and ecosystems for economic growth across various sectors. ASEAN member states are committed to promote and advance the blue economy in their respective countries within the framework of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the ASEAN Charter.</p>	<p>3 November 2022 Online event</p>	<p>Regional Actions for Operationalizing the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Blue Economy (unep.org)</p>
<p>Climate Action Day</p>	<p>In light of the 2022 UN Climate Change Conference, COP27, students and teachers from across the world will get together at a global online discussion to share ideas, solutions, and innovative projects for climate action. In an interactive session, youth leaders and innovators will present their ideas and recommendations. The online event will be an opportunity for schools to showcase their sustainability practices and environmental projects. It will also</p>	<p>3 November 2022 Online event</p>	<p>Climate Action Day (unep.org)</p>

	present the outcomes of the Climate Action Project, a six-week climate education initiative that has reached over 2.7 million people in 149 countries.		
Sharm El-Sheikh Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 27)	<p>Science has established beyond doubt that the window for climate action is closing rapidly. In November 2022, Egypt will host the 27th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP27) in Sharm El-Sheikh, with a view to building on previous successes and paving the way for future ambition.</p> <p>A golden opportunity for all stakeholders to rise to the occasion and tackle effectively the global challenge of climate change facilitated by Egypt on the African continent.</p> <p>Egypt assumes the incoming Presidency of COP 27 with a clear recognition of the gravity of the global climate challenge and appreciation of the value of multilateral, collective and concerted action as the only means to address this truly global threat.</p>	<p>6 – 18 November 2022</p> <p>Sharm el-Sheikh International Convention Centre, Egypt</p>	<p>Sharm El-Sheikh Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 27) (unep.org)</p>
Towards a net positive textile industry by 2050 - setting ambitious targets and inspiring leaders	<p>Fashion can and must take a leadership role in leading and accelerating the transition to circularity. In the form of globally aligned industry targets, the Global Fashion Agenda (GFA) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) are proposing a unique, converged industry effort to provide a clear route of travel, using the pathways for different stakeholders set out in UNEP's textile roadmap report, meeting the 1.5-degree pathway and GFA's vision of a Net Positive fashion industry. The event will mark the launch of the global consultation on the targets.</p>	<p>8 November 2022</p> <p>14:30-15:30 GMT +2</p> <p>Online</p>	<p>Towards a net positive textile industry by 2050 - setting ambitious targets and inspiring leaders (unep.org)</p>
5th International Symposium & Field Workshop: Living with Climate Change	<p>"The increasing success of our series of international symposiums entitled "Living with the Landscape", first initiated with Sinai Peninsula's first conference in 2008, and followed by the second in the Siwa Oasis 2009, the third in Aswan 2010 and the fourth in Dahab 2020 is genuinely our motivation to continue this year with the Fifth symposium entitled "Consequences and Adaption". Despite the great financial and administrative obstacles, in what has become our yearly environmental tradition, we as usual, continue to work in order to offer you the same quality opportunity of academic cooperation and cross-nations collaboration among academics from all corners of the globe. Our main issue this time is discovering and discussing people's ways of adaption with their natural environment.</p>	<p>8 – 11 November 2022</p> <p>El Mesala Hotel, Egypt</p>	<p>Final full file.pdf - Google Drive</p>
Natural Disasters Expo California	<p>Consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heat & Fire Expo <p>"The Heat & Fire USA is the leading wildfire prep, management, and recovery event, showcasing the latest tools, strategies, and insights among investment and global industry leaders."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Earthquake Expo 	<p>9 – 10 November 2022</p> <p>Anaheim Convention Center, CA</p>	<p>Natural Disasters Expo California UN-SPIDER Knowledge Portal</p>

	<p>"The Earthquake Expo USA is the leading seismic prep, management, and recovery event, showcasing the latest tools, strategies, and insights among investment and global industry leaders."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flood Expo <p>"The Flood Expo USA is the leading flood prep, management, and recovery event, showcasing the latest tools, strategies, and insights among investment and global industry leaders."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Storm Expo <p>"The Storm Expo USA is the leading hurricane and storm prep, management, and recovery event, showcasing the latest tools, strategies, and insights among investment and global industry leaders."</p>		
<p>How combatting plastic pollution and illegal traffic in plastic waste can help reduce carbon emissions?</p>	<p>This high-level event seeks to improve awareness of actions across the plastics value chain to end plastic pollution. It discusses the existing governance for transboundary movements for plastic waste by the Basel Convention and explores reducing GHG emissions in the plastic value chain as a climate mitigation pathway.</p> <p>The event will showcase the importance of responsible trade in plastics, and the environmentally sound management of plastic waste, which would also tackle climate change, promote healthy oceans, and protect biodiversity.</p>	<p>10 November 2022</p> <p>13:15 - 14:45 (GMT+2)</p> <p>UNFCCC UN side events allocated side event conference room in the blue zone</p>	<p>How combatting plastic pollution and illegal traffic in plastic waste can help reduce carbon emissions? (unep.org)</p>
<p>3rd UN Regional Forum on Business and Human Rights in Eastern Europe and Central Asia</p>	<p>In 2011, the UN Human Rights Council unanimously endorsed the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), which have strengthened its position as the authoritative global framework on business and human rights (BHR) and provide a fundamental basis for governments and businesses to contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). However, implementation of the UNGPs in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ECIS) region remains uneven. The numerous crises in the region further complicate the effective implementation of the Guidelines. The current situation imposes additional responsibilities on both authorities and companies to comply with internationally recognized human rights standards and corresponding constitutional guarantees in times of conflict. The UNDP scoping study on the state of implementation of the UNGPs on business and human rights in Europe and Central Asia, which will be presented during the event, addresses some of these challenges and seeks to identify current trends and key developments in the region. One of the main issues in this context is the responsibility of companies to conduct heightened human rights due diligence (hHRDD) in times of crisis.</p>	<p>10 - 11 November 2022</p> <p>Istanbul (hybrid)</p>	<p>3rd UN Regional Forum on Business and Human Rights in Eastern Europe and Central Asia OHCHR</p>

	<p>The 3rd UN Regional Forum on Business and Human Rights in Eastern Europe and Central Asia will take place on 10-11 November 2022 in Istanbul (in a hybrid format). The event is organized by UNDP, the UN Working Group on BHR and other partners. This is the annual UN meeting which follows the 1st and 2nd Regional Forums on Business and Human Rights held in 2020 and 2021 and seeks to serve as the ECIS BHR regional platform that allows exchanges among the ECIS countries about their experiences and challenges in advancing the business and human rights agenda. The platform gathers representatives of national governments, multilaterals, civil society, NHRIs, trade unions, academia, and businesses (of all kinds, state-owned enterprises, extractive industry companies, transnational supply chains and SMEs).</p> <p>The 3rd UN Regional Forum will discuss the key challenges to the implementation of the UNGPs in the region, with a focus on the obstacles arising from the crises. These will include the development of laws and policies, the introduction and implementation of Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD) by businesses, and the role of the State as an economic actor in crisis decision-making. In addition, it will address key regional trends, challenges and opportunities for the business and human rights agenda in the ECIS region, with particular attention to the implications brought by conflicts and other crises, including the war in Ukraine on the political, economic, and human rights situation in the region; upcoming EU's directive on HRDD, human rights protection in extractive industries, the role of trade unions, persistent discrimination and inequalities in business practices, and shrinking civic space for human rights defenders. The event will also explore views on the development of a regional roadmap for scaling up implementation of the UNGPs over the next decade.</p>		
<p>Ensuring healthy diets for all in face of a warming planet: Challenges, opportunities, and solutions - OFFICIAL COP27 SIDE EVENT</p>	<p>Current diets are unsustainable and exacerbate global warming, while climate change threatens the equitable achievement of good nutrition. This event examines food, nutrition and climate change's interlinked challenges and recommends key multi-stakeholder policy actions for reducing GHG through healthy and sustainable diets.</p>	<p>11 November 2022 13:15 – 14:45 CET Room: Khufu (300 people)</p>	<p>Ensuring healthy diets for all in face of a warming planet: Challenges, opportunities, and solutions - OFFICIAL COP27 SIDE EVENT (unep.org)</p>
<p>Unmanaged waste: the hidden cause of climate change</p>	<p>The waste sector contributes 10% of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions globally. The high-level side event on Unmanaged Waste: a hidden cause of climate change will show the value of combating waste trafficking, and supporting environmentally sound management of waste to reduce GHG emissions, and pollution and promote a circular economy as a climate mitigation strategy. Specific high-impact waste streams will be showcased to illustrate the importance of their sound management for climate change, healthy oceans, and biodiversity.</p>	<p>11 November 2022 Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt</p>	<p>Unmanaged waste: the hidden cause of climate change (unep.org)</p>

Partnerships for the transfer and diffusion of transformational adaptation technologies	: Transformational adaptation is a proactive approach that goes beyond minimizing the negative impacts of climate change, by the creation of added value, demanding more fundamental changes to the existing systems. The event aims to highlight solutions, approaches, and partnerships for transformational adaptation, as well as to identify concrete ways forward to leverage global initiatives and strategically use various funding windows to reach full-scale implementation.	12 November 2022 17:30-18:30 GMT+2 In person at the EU Pavillion	Partnerships for the transfer and diffusion of transformational adaptation technologies (unep.org)
Raising ambition and accelerating the clean energy transition	This session will highlight the urgent need to raise ambition on emissions reduction targets. It will focus on the critical importance of accelerating the clean energy transition to reach the objectives of the Paris Agreement and promote sustainable development. Entry points for facilitating the energy transition and ensuring it is done in a just and inclusive manner will be presented. To inspire action on clean energy within their own countries, parliamentarians will also be informed of innovative renewable energy practices that are taking place around the world.	13 November 2022 15:25 – 16:45 (GMT+2)	Raising ambition and accelerating the clean energy transition (unep.org)
Accelerating young skills and talent for green jobs	As a legacy of Stockholm+50 ILO, UNEP and UNICEF/Generation Unlimited have joined forces to develop a “Green Jobs for Youth Pact.” Working with and for young people, it is a bold and unique partnership for action to close the skills gap in developing countries, targeting climate vulnerable sectors and contributing to a systemic change harvesting benefits for people, planet and prosperity. The COP 27 side event is a unique opportunity to launch the Green Jobs for Youth Pact and enhance collaboration between governments, youth, employers’ and workers’ organizations, and educators working together to promote a just transition by strengthening capacities and skills, for youth, needed to deliver an economic and social transformation in a 1.5 degree world. Event organized by UNEP, ILO, and UNICEF’s Generation Unlimited.	16 November 2022 13:15 – 14:45 (GMT+2) Blue Zone, Room 2, COP27. Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt	Accelerating young skills and talent for green jobs (unep.org)
World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) Campaign for Africa	Antimicrobial agents, including antibiotics, have saved millions of lives by substantially reducing the burden of diseases in people, animals, and plants and hence improving quality of life, contributing to better food security and safety, and aiding in increased life expectancy.	18 - 24 November 2022 Dakar, Senegal	World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) Campaign for Africa (unep.org)
11th UN Forum on Business and Human Rights	Since its creation in 2011, the annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights has brought together thousands of participants from governments, international organizations, business, trade unions, civil society, communities, lawyers, and academia from around the world. Centred on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) – the global framework for States and businesses to prevent and address the impacts of business-related	28 - 30 November 2022	11th UN Forum on Business and Human Rights OHCHR

	<p>activities on human rights – the Forum has provided a unique multi-stakeholder platform for discussing trends and challenges in implementing the UNGPs and realizing a more sustainable global economy. As the UNGPs turned 10 in June 2021, the convergence of the COVID-19 and climate crises, amid a number of other major global challenges, underlined why the need to bridge the gaps between economic actors and respect for people and the planet is more pressing than ever. Set against this backdrop, and with the UNGPs as the central reference point for efforts toward bridging these gaps, the 11th annual Forum takes stock of efforts at securing accountability and access to remedy, in order to focus on how the implementation of the UNGPs can be accelerated from a rights holder perspective. Due to the ongoing worldwide challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Forum will most likely take place in a hybrid format, virtually and in person at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, subject to public health regulations. Established by the UN Human Rights Council, the Forum is guided and chaired by the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights. It is organized by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).</p>	Hybrid – in person (Geneva, Switzerland)	
<p>Fifteenth session of the Forum on Minority Issues</p>	<p>All participants are required to register for the Forum using an online registration system Indico following this link. Registrations will be open from 4 October and will close 21 November 2022. No application will be accepted after this date.</p> <p>Limited number of pre-recorded interventions by minority delegates will be accommodated bearing in mind time limitations. Participants from minority groups who wish to intervene via a pre-recorded video statement must register as soon as possible on Indico no later than 4 November.</p>	<p>1 - 2 December 2022</p> <p>Room XX, Palais des Nations, Geneva</p>	<p>Fifteenth session of the Forum on Minority Issues OHCHR</p>
<p>Permanent Forum of People of African Descent</p>	<p>The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights is pleased to announce that the first session of the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent will take place from 5 to 8 December 2022 in Palais des Nations of the United Nations Office in Geneva, Switzerland.</p> <p>In August 2021, the General Assembly adopted resolution 75/314, which operationalized the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent as “a consultative mechanism for people of African descent and other relevant stakeholders” and “as a platform for improving the safety and quality of life and livelihoods of people of African descent.” The Permanent Forum also operates as an advisory body to the Human Rights Council, in line with the programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent and in coordination with existing UN mechanisms promoting action to combat racism against people of African descent.</p> <p>This year’s session will focus on strategies to combat systemic racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.</p>	<p>5 - 8 December 2022</p> <p>Palais des Nations of the United Nations Office in Geneva, Switzerland</p>	<p>Permanent Forum of People of African Descent OHCHR</p>

<p>UN Biodiversity Conference (COP 15)</p>	<p>Despite on-going efforts, biodiversity is deteriorating worldwide and this decline is projected to worsen with business-as-usual scenarios. The UN Biodiversity Conference will convene governments from around the world to agree to a new set of goals for nature over the next decade through the Convention on Biological Diversity post-2020 framework process. The framework sets out an ambitious plan to implement broad-based action to bring about a transformation in society's relationship with biodiversity and to ensure that, by 2050, the shared vision of living in harmony with nature is fulfilled. The Conference will also look at the implementation of the protocols of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) that deal with the fair and equitable sharing of benefits from the use of nature, and the safe transport, handling and labelling of Living Modified Organisms. The first part of COP-15 included the opening of the Meetings and addressed agenda items that were identified as essential for the continuation of the operations of the Convention and the Protocols by the Bureau. This included meetings about administrative matters and technical issues related to CBD programmes. There was also a high-level segment on 12 and 13 October 2021. Participants focused on the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. All sessions at COP-15 will be streamed live at cbd.int/live and the main schedule is also available.</p>	<p>7 - 19 December 2022</p> <p>Montreal, Canada</p>	<p>UN Biodiversity Conference (COP 15) (unep.org)</p>
<p>Americas and the Caribbean Regional Seminar</p>	<p>The Americas and the Caribbean Regional Seminar to the Enjoyment of all Human Rights will take place from 8 to 9 November 2022 in the UPEACE Campus, San Jose, Costa Rica. In accordance with resolution 47/11 of the Human Rights Council, the seminar brought together Member States, relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, international and regional organizations, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and other stakeholders to identify challenges and gaps and share good practices and experiences regarding the contribution of development to the enjoyment of human rights. A report of the five regional seminars will be presented to the fifty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council.</p>	<p>8 - 9 December 2022</p> <p>UPEACE Campus, San Jose, Costa Rica</p>	<p>Americas and the Caribbean Regional Seminar OHCHR</p>