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BRIEFING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTION ON MINERAL RESOURCE GOVERNANCE (4/19)



Overview of the Briefing Session

- UNEP Welcome
- Proposer States Welcome
- Briefing on MRG Resolution
- Q&A
- Meeting close

UNEA-4 resolution 19 “Mineral Resource Governance”

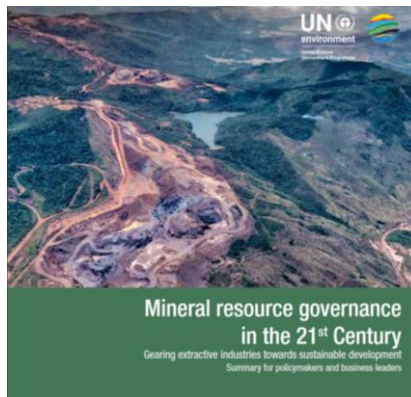
The United Nations Environmental Assembly at its 4th session approved a resolution entitled “Mineral Resource Governance” (Document No. UNEP/EA.4/Res.19), requesting UNEP Executive Director to:

“...collect information on sustainable practices, identify knowledge gaps and options for implementation strategies, and undertake an overview of existing assessments of different governance initiatives and approaches relating to sustainable management of metal and mineral resources, and report thereon to the United Nations Environment Assembly at its fifth session”.

UNEA-4 resolution 19 “Mineral Resource Governance”

It builds on work developed by UNEP in the context of:

- The 2019 IRP report “Mineral Resource Governance in the 21st Century: Gearing Extractive Industries Towards Sustainable Development”,
- The 2019 UNEP / GRID-Geneva report “Sand and Sustainability: Finding New Solutions for Environmental Governance of Global Sand Resources” and,
- The 2017 UNEP / GRID Arendal report “Mine Tailings Storage: Safety Is No Accident” and the following 2018 UNEP report “A Roadmap for improved mine waste management”.



Key components of the follow-up to the MRG resolution

Discussion paper

- Discussion paper on mineral resource governance (MRG) outlining the context for the resolution and importance of the topic, based on existing knowledge, highlighting the key findings of, among others, the three reports, and outlining key questions for discussion

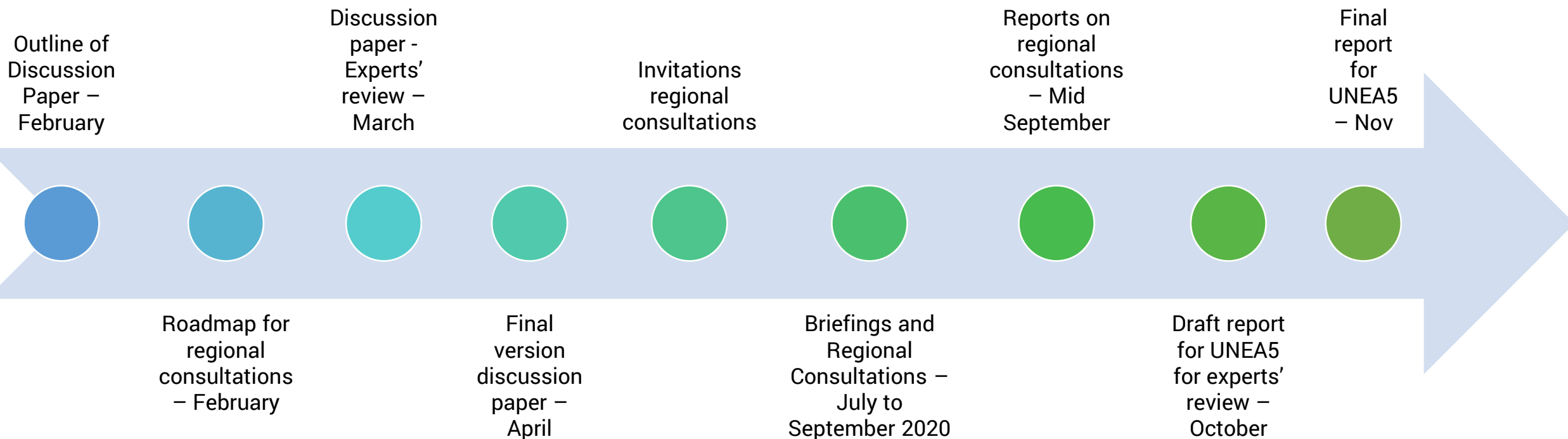
Virtual regional stakeholder consultations

- Briefings with member states, sub-regional and regional consultations are being held as part of the implementation of the resolution.

Report to UNEA5

- Preparation of a report to be submitted to UNEA5, building on the discussion paper and on the outcomes of the regional consultations.

Timeline for the follow-up of the MRG resolution



Objectives of the Regional Consultations

- Support the strategic implementation of the UNEA-4 resolution by UNEP, and feed the outcomes of the implementation of the resolution into UNEA-5; and in doing so:
- Assess what works and does not from the various overlapping initiatives and national minerals policies on sustainability practice in mining drawing from above reports;
- Report back in terms of current governance frameworks of key issues – such as mine tailings; sand extraction; conflict minerals; critical metals (what has worked and not and why?);
- Identify the knowledge gaps on good governance observed in different part of key mineral value chains;
- Explore how these gaps can be addressed given the knowledge, implementation capacity and awareness differentials in different mining geographies; and
- Explore the kind of institutional and governance frameworks best suited to support sustainable development with regard to mineral extraction and use (across the whole life-cycle).

Consultation Questions

1 GLOBAL TRENDS IN MINERALS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Questions for consultation:

- How are mineral governance trends playing out across different regions?
- Do different people, countries and environments experience these trends differently?
- What are the environmental, social and governance implications of these trends?
- What lessons can be learnt from these trends for the governance of mineral resources?
- What are the main risks associated with the mining sector in your region and what has been the governance response to these risks?
- What are the gaps in our current understanding of the sustainable development of minerals?

2 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM RECENT REPORTS ON MINERAL GOVERNANCE

Questions for consultation:

General

- Which of the findings of these reports resonate with your experience and observations? Which do not?
- Do you or your organization support the recommendations of these reports?
- If so, what resources, skills, capabilities and decisions are required to implement the recommendations?
- If not, what alternatives or amendments would you suggest?
- What future action should be planned in light of the above?

Consultation Questions

3 OPTIONS FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF MINERAL RESOURCES

Questions for consultation:

- What meaningful action could be undertaken at the international level to strengthen mineral resource governance?
- What are the gaps in the governance of minerals in your jurisdiction?
- How can member-states, companies, and civil society be supported to advance sustainable development of minerals at all scales?
- Which governance options could progress sustainable development most in your contemporary context?
- How could such initiatives be supported and what are the opportunities and barriers to implementation?
- Do member-states, companies and civil society have enough knowledge on the available governance options and the implications of their implementation?
- Are there other governance options not suggested that should be considered?

4 BEST PRACTICES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

Questions for consultation:

- What other best practice cases exist to inspire the next phase of sustainability in the extraction and use of minerals?
- What can the mineral sector learn from the governance of other types of natural resources?
- How do different stakeholders lead on promoting and achieving best practice?
- What regional variations exist in the social, environmental, geological and governance contexts that shape the outcomes of best practice examples?

Feedback Options and More Information

- Website: <https://greengrowthknowledge.org/initiatives/unea-4-mineral-resource-governance-resolution>
- Submissions on the Discussion Paper:
 - Survey <https://survey.app.uq.edu.au/UNEA-MRG>
 - Written submissions [please send any written submissions by 27 August 2020 to UNEA.MRG@ggkp.org]
 - Video Submissions [please send your short videos (2min) to us via WeTransfer to UNEA.MRG@ggkp.org]
- Information:
 - Foundational studies (available on the website link above)
 - Podcasts: <https://bit.ly/MinGov>
- Feedback:
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Thank you



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