

Stockholm +50

A Healthy Planet for the Prosperity of All – Our Responsibility, Our Opportunity



Stockholm +50 (June 2-3rd, 2022) was an international environmental meeting that commemorated the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment that was held in Stockholm, Sweden in 1972, which resulted in the formation of the United Nations Environment Programme.

Watch the Leadership Dialogues here:

- <u>Stockholm+50 Leadership Dialogue 1</u>: Reflecting on the urgent need for actions to achieve a healthy planet and prosperity for all
- <u>Stockholm+50 Leadership Dialogue 2</u>: Achieving a sustainable and inclusive recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic
- <u>Stockholm+50 Leadership Dialogue 3</u>: Accelerating the implementation of the environmental dimension of Sustainable Development in the context of the UN Decade of Action

Here is an overview of the outcomes of the meeting:

- The <u>Presidents' Final Remarks to Plenary</u> included **10** key recommendations for accelerating action towards a healthy planet for the prosperity of all.
 - Place human well-being at the centre of a healthy planet and prosperity for all
 - Recognize and implement the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment
 - Adopt system-wide change in the way our current economic system works to contribute to a healthy planet
 - $\circ \quad \mbox{Strengthen national implementation of existing commitments for a healthy planet}$
 - Align public and private financial flows with environmental, climate and sustainable development commitments
 - Accelerate system-wide transformations of high-impact sectors, such as food, energy, water, buildings and construction, manufacturing, and mobility
 - o Rebuild relationships of trust for strengthened cooperation and solidarity
 - Reinforce and reinvigorate the multilateral system
 - Recognize intergenerational responsibility as a cornerstone of sound policy-making
 - Take forward the Stockholm+50 outcomes



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Overview of the outcomes of the meeting



- Video: Antonio Guterres (Secretary-General, United Nations) statement at Stockholm +50
 - "I call on all financial actors to abandon fossil fuel finance and invest in renewable energy."
 - "We must place true value on the environment and go beyond Gross Domestic Product as a measure of human progress and well-being."
- <u>Stockholm +50: Unlocking a Better Future Report</u> was released prior to the meeting. Recommendations from this report include:
 - o Redefining the relationship between humans and nature
 - o Ensuring prosperity that lasts for all
 - o Investing in a better future
 - Improving conditions for change
- The <u>Stockholm +50 Global Youth Policy Paper</u> includes 58 policy demands for governments to:
 - Reflect on the urgent need for actions to achieve a healthy planet and prosperity for all
 - \circ Achieve a sustainable and inclusive recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Accelerate the implementation of the environmental dimension of Sustainable Development in the context of the Decade of Action
 - o Ensure inclusive processes for decision-making
- Video: <u>What Comes After Stockholm +50?</u> (International Institute for Sustainable Development)



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Spotlight on Canada

Stockholm +50: Spotlight on Canada:

- At Stockholm+50, Minister Guilbeault co-chaired a <u>Leadership Dialogue</u> with Gustavo Manrique, Ecuador's Minister of Environment, Water and Ecological Transition, which focused on the urgent need for action to achieve a healthy planet and prosperity for all for the future.
- <u>Canada and India signed a Memorandum of Understanding</u> to establish stronger cooperation on environmental protection and climate action. Under the MOU, both countries have agreed to collaborate, exchange information and expertise, and support their respective ambition in a wide range of areas, including increasing renewable energy capacity, decarbonizing heavy industries, reducing plastic pollution, supporting the sound management of chemicals, and ensuring sustainable consumption.
- <u>Canada also joined the Champions Group on Adaptation Finance</u> to support the developing world in preparing for and adapting to the impacts of climate change with a call to double adaptation finance.

Feedback/Responses from other Environmental Organizations

- Solar Impulse Foundation <u>Climate: How not to have a "Stockholm +100"</u>
- Statement from the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty: "<u>UN's Stockholm +50 is First to</u> <u>Recommend Phase-Out of All Fossil Fuels</u>"
- <u>Statement</u> from the World Wildlife Fund: Governments acknowledge failure to prevent the collapse of nature, and now we need to immediately step-up action for people and the planet.
- On June 1 2022, several climate, environment and social scientists wrote <u>a letter</u>, published in the journal Nature, "to fellow citizens of Earth" ahead of Stockholm +50. The letter is similar to the Menton Message, signed by 2,200 scientists ahead of the 1972 Stockholm conference, calling "attention of fellow beings" to the impending environmental crisis. Authors of the 2022 letter are calling on all academics and non-academics to endorse the letter.