Draft Resolution on Promoting Synergies

March 4, 2024
Sharing deep concerns on 3 planetary crisis

We are not on track

Crisis of SDGs

Climate change + 2.5 °C

Pollution

Biodiversity loss
Importance of “Synergy” in the report

✓ Many mitigation and adaptation actions generally have **multiple synergies with SDGs**

✓ **Potential synergies with SDGs exceed potential trade-offs**
  (IPCC AR6)

✓ **The importance of optimizing synergies among different entry points for transformation to achieve the SDGs**
  (The Global Sustainable Development Report 2023)

✓ **Seeking win-win synergies by tackling the climate and sustainable development crises together** is the only way to correct the course we are on.
  (The First Global Report on Climate and SDGs Synergies)

✓ **Circular economy and zero carbon action are key to realize Nature Positive**
  (The Global Biodiversity Outlook 2020)
“Synergy” agreed in Global Stock Take at COP28

[Preamble] Underlining the urgent need to address, in a comprehensive and synergistic manner, the interlinked global crises of climate change and biodiversity loss in the broader context of achieving the SDGs, as well as the vital importance of protecting, conserving, restoring and sustainably using nature and ecosystems for effective and sustainable climate action,

[Mitigation] 16 (a). That mitigation efforts embedded within the wider development context can increase the pace, depth and breadth of emissions reductions, as well as that policies that shift development pathways towards sustainability can broaden the portfolio of available mitigation responses and enable the pursuit of synergies with development objectives

[International cooperation] 163. Also encourages Parties and non Party stakeholders to enhance cooperation on the implementation of multilateral environmental conventions and agreements, particularly their work under the Rio Conventions, to facilitate the achievement of the purpose and long terms goals of the Paris Agreement and the SDGs in a synergistic and efficient manner
We have to accelerate progress and raise ambition on climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, and SDGs through synergies simultaneously.

2030 Agenda
SDGs

Paris Agreement
(UNFCCC)

Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Plastic Pollution Convention Negotiations (UNEA)

2020-2030
SDG Summit (2023)
Summit of the Future (2024)

UNFCCC-COP
CBD-COP
Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee

2050
Net-zero
Living in harmony with Nature
Circular economy
1. **Breaking down silos** and strengthening synergies between climate action, environmental protection and the SDGs are critical

2. Strengthening the **evidence base for synergistic action**. Expert Group entrusted to prepare the Global Report on Climate and SDG Synergies.

3. Convening **multi-stakeholder dialogues** at all levels

4. Enhancing policy coherence and integrated planning

5. Leveraging intergovernmental processes to enhance integrated approaches and synergistic action
The reasons why we propose the “Synergy” Resolution

1. To encourage countries to accelerate their efforts to achieve the SDGs by 2030 by fostering a common understanding that enhancing synergies is the key to overcome 3 planetary crisis.

2. To promote efforts to identify specific policy measures to enhance synergies based on scientific knowledge.

3. To develop guidance for policy makers in collaboration with multilateral partners in implementing tangible policies on enhancing synergies.
It encourage Member States to...

a. **Enhance synergies, cooperation or collaboration,** as appropriate, when implementing their respective obligations and commitments under Multilateral Environmental Agreements and other relevant environmental instruments,.....

b. **Enhance knowledge and understanding of the potential co-benefits of synergies, cooperation or collaboration,** as appropriate, by increasing efforts to collect and share good practices, and foster information exchange
Synergy resolution: Request to UNEP

It requests UNEP to...

a. **Assist Member States, upon request, to enhance synergies, cooperation or collaboration,** as noted in OP1

b. **Collect, synthesize and share good practices, tools, success stories and lessons learned,** among member states, relevant partners and stakeholders, through relevant existing regional and global platforms and fora, and building on existing initiatives, to improve synergies, cooperation or collaboration, as referenced in OP1

c. **Report to the Environment Assembly at its seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution**
### Summary of the Synergy Resolution

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Promoting synergies, cooperation or collaboration for national implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and other relevant environmental instruments</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Sponsor</td>
<td>Japan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Co-sponsor</td>
<td>Fiji, Canada, Chile, Switzerland, Norway and Peru</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Abstract | ✓ Scientific findings show increasing environmental pressures and impacts  
✓ Enhancing synergies, cooperation or collaboration are keys to overcome them and implement national environment policies and actions  
✓ Raise awareness by collecting and sharing good practices, and fostering information exchange |