

Roadmap towards the adoption of the "Guidelines for Enhancing Major Groups Participation at UNEP's Governance Level"

This Roadmap is an indicative document aimed at mapping out the major steps for the production of the "Guidelines for Enhancing Major Groups Participation at UNEP's Governance Level". This process was initiated in February 2007 with the Global Civil Society Steering Committee which was created in late 2006 during the Regional Consultative Meetings (http://www.unep.org/civil_society/GCSF/steeringcommittee.asp).

2007				
June	July	August	September	October
Production of the First draft "Guidelines for Enhancing Major Groups Participation at UNEP's Governance Level" by the Global Civil Society Steering Committee 2006: 1 July 2007	First round of consultations: Open global electronic consultation for collection of comments and inputs from major groups from 2 July to 15 August 2007 (http://www.unep.org/civil_society/About/consultation-participation.asp)	Production of the Second draft "Guidelines": incorporation of comments and inputs by the Global Civil Society Steering Committee 2006, from 15 August to 30 September 2007		Second round of consultations on the Second draft "Guidelines": UNEP Regional Consultative Meetings (RCM) in preparation for the 9th Global Civil Society Forum (GCSF): Monterrey, Mexico, 12-14 October 2007; Cairo, Egypt, 21-23 October 2007; and Seoul, Republic of Korea, 25-26 October 2007 (http://www.unep.org/civil_society/GCSF/index.asp)
2007		2008		
November	December	January	February	March
UNEP RCM (continued): Geneva, Switzerland, 31 October -2 November 2007; Washington DC, United States of America, 1-2 November 2007; and Manama, Bahrain, 11-13 November 2007 (regional statements - optional)	Production of the Third and final draft "Guidelines" by the New "Committee" from 15 November to 31 December 2007 (1) Nominations of representatives of nine major groups by civil society to the New "Committee" underway from 15 November 2007 to 31 January 2008 (Major groups statements - optional)	Circulation of the final draft "Guidelines" from 1 January to 19 February 2008	9th GCSF, Monaco, 19 February 2008: presentation and adoption by the Forum of the "Guidelines" and official submission to the Executive Director of UNEP	Feedback on the "Guidelines" from the Executive Director of UNEP

(1) Provided that the main recommendations contained in the draft "Guidelines" are validated by civil society during the Second round of consultations, that is during the RCM, UNEP Secretariat will write immediately after the Regional Consultative Meetings to the accredited organisations, clustered in nine major groups, to request them to nominate representatives to the new "Committee". The representatives of the nine major groups will join the "Global Facilitation Committee" as the nominations are being made between mid-November 2007 and end-January 2008.