

UNEP Accreditation

4th Africa Animal Welfare
Conference – Action
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Facts

- There are currently close to 600 organizations accredited to UNEP. Increasing each week.
- They belong to 9 Major Groups:
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/majorgroups/about>
 - Women
 - Children and Youth
 - Indigenous Peoples
 - NGOs
 - Local Authorities
 - Workers and Trade Unions
 - Business and Industry
 - Scientific and Technological Community
 - Farmers

Why being a UNEP-accredited organization?

- To bring experiences, solutions, important issues faced by the people to the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA) Member States;
- To influence policy making process;
- To work with the Major Groups in bringing the voices of civil society to policymakers.



Rights of UNEP-accredited organizations

- Receive and provide comments to documents of UNEA and Committee of the Permanent Representatives (CPR);
- Join open meetings of UNEA and CPR as observers and make oral / written contributions.

Criteria of being a UNEP-accredited organization

- Registered with a Member State of the UNEA/Government for at least 2 years;
- Non-governmental;
- Not-for-profit making;
- Have a major focus on the environment and/or sustainable development;
- Have an international scope: working in more than 1 country.



How to send an application?

- Go to <https://accreditation.unep.org/Register>
- The following documents are needed:
 - Application Letter
 - Registration certificate with the Government
 - Proof of non-profit making status, e.g. tax exemption certificate; Government certificate stating non-profit making status

How to send an application?

- Proof of activities in relation to the environment, in forms of annual reports, publications, news / online articles.
- Proof of international scope of environment activities, in forms of annual reports, publications, news / online articles.
- If you are accredited with other UN bodies, e.g. UN ECOSOC, UNCCC, please also attach the certificate(s).

More information about UNEP accreditation

- Visit <https://www.unenvironment.org/civil-society-engagement/accreditation>
- Or contact us @ Unep-accreditation@un.org or aurora.cheung@un.org