STOCKHOLM+50 CALLS AND FOR URGENT ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

The Stockholm+50 environment conference came to a close on Friday with a call for real commitments to urgently address global environmental concerns, and for a just transition to sustainable economies, that work for all.

3 June | UN News | "We came to Stockholm 50 years after the UN Conference on the Human Environment knowing that something must change. Knowing that, if we do not change, the triple planetary crisis of climate change, nature and biodiversity loss, and pollution and waste, will only accelerate," said Inger Andersen, Secretary-General of Stockholm+50, and Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP).

The two-day international meeting concluded with a statement from co-hosts Sweden and Kenya, which recommended placing human well-being at the centre of a healthy planet and prosperity for all; recognizing and implementing the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment; adopting systemwide changes in the way our current economic system works, and accelerate transformations of high impact sectors.

"Stockholm+50 has been a milestone on our path towards a healthy planet for all, leaving no one behind," Sweden’s Minister for Climate and the Environment, Annika Strandhäll, said in her closing remarks.

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SHEM’s Human Rights and Equity Working Group Call to Action

7 June | The SHEM’s Human Rights and Equity Working Group created a concise, action-oriented statement describing proposals and who needs to do what to move them forward. We need your help to share our statement and call for action widely.

We call upon States, working through and with support from the UN and WHO, to codify, establish, and otherwise support the actions described in the statement, and for civil society organizations and members of the public who may be able to influence their governments and these institutions to rally behind the actions to do so.

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