



**SfL at UNEA-6
Nairobi, Kenya
Feb 26-March 1, 2024**

The 6th Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEA-6) was held in late February 2024 in Nairobi, Kenya. The event drew 190 countries and over 5,600 participants. UNEA-6 included a series of leadership and multistakeholder dialogues and more than 30 official side events. The overall theme of UNEA-6 was effective, inclusive, and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle three interconnected environmental crises: Climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.

Solutions from the Land earned accreditation status in the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in the spring of 2023 and UNEA-6 provided our first opportunity to engage in what is now our fourth UN system platform. Our objectives for UNEA-6 were to: 1) introduce ourselves to the UNEP community of stakeholders; 2) learn more about how it operates; 3) begin sharing our vision of how the 21st century agricultural renaissance can deliver high value solutions to the challenges UNEP addresses; and 4) facilitate the effective functioning of the UNEP Farmers Major Group through the introduction of draft Terms of Reference and Guiding Principles to shape decision making.

In addition to meeting and engaging a wide variety of registrants from across the world, we actively participated in the policy development process by filing [comments](#) on the resolutions that were submitted and considered by countries across the globe. Of the 19 resolutions that were submitted, SfL filed comments on 10. Of these, [15 resolutions were adopted](#). Among our notable contributions were successful interventions to: introduce invasive species as a priority area of concern; reinforce the importance of the circular bioeconomy; and validate the role of renewable fuels as climate change and clean energy solution pathways.

In a February 26th plenary session statement, SfL Co-Chair A.G. Kawamura addressed the Assembly on behalf of the UNEP Farmers Major Group [UNEA6FarmerStatementOpeningSession2024Feb](#), reminding the delegates to keep farmers at the forefront of discussions and decision making. He also spoke at the close of the Global Multistakeholder Dialogue [UNEA-6 Multistakeholder Dialogue Farmer Statement 2024.2.29](#) noting that action and leadership from farmers, ranchers, pastoralists, foresters and fisherfolk, working in innovative collaboration with Civil Society Major Groups and Governments, both national and sub-national is required to establish the agricultural, social and environmental foundation for the successful achievement of the SDGs.

Another UNEA-6 priority message we successfully delivered was the role of renewable biofuels and the circular bioeconomy as pathways to net zero emissions. SfL's delegates effectively spotlighted policies and programs that can concurrently improve liquid transportation fuel quality, increase and accelerate emission reductions, improve public health, help achieve environmental justice goals, provide greater versatility, and improve reliability all at less cost. These interventions were in direct support of the UNEA-6 theme of addressing the triple threats of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.

SfL's Key Issues for UNEA-6

- Circular bioeconomy
 - [Morton/Shea ASABE Circular Systems Journal Article](#)
 - [VOICES OF FARMERS AROUND THE WORLD: SHARING CLIMATE SMART APPROACHES AND CIRCULAR BIOECONOMY SYSTEMS](#)
- [Data policy guidance](#)
- Role of bioenergy as a climate change solution pathway

SfL Side Event

- **Agricultural Circular Bioeconomy Systems for Concurrently Delivering Solutions to Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss and Pollution and Food Security;** Green Room; Wednesday February 28, 2024; 15:30 –17:00 p.m. [Agenda in Brief](#), [SfL side event](#), [Slide Deck](#)
 - Moderator – A.G. Kawamura, Solutions from the Land
 - Dr. John Reid, Professor, University of IL, Chair ASABE CBS Institute
 - Margaret Munene, Palmhouse Dairies, Kenya
 - Lois Wright Morton, Farmer, U.S.A.
 - Ana Carolina Zimmerman, Farmer/Rancher, Brazil
 - Kaveh Zahedi, FAO Rome
 - Isabel Albinelli, FAO Rome
 - Ernie Shea, Solutions from the Land

Other Events

- Soil Health Side Event
- Science Policy Business Forum- Building the Case for Soil Health
- ICRAF Soil and Land Health Lab and the Spatial Data Science and Applied Learning Laboratory at the adjacent World Agroforestry Center – [CIFOR ICRAF soil and land health theme](#)
- Promoting Sustainable Transportation: Global Standards for Fuels and Vehicles - [Event overview](#) [SfL Fuel Quality Intervention at UNEA-6.](#)

Additional UNEA-6 Resources

SfL Delegates [SfL UNEA-6 delegate bio clips](#)

Social Media Tools

For a behind-the-scenes look at our involvement at UNEA-6, follow us on [Facebook](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#) and SfL President [Ernie Shea’s LinkedIn](#).

Photos

[UNEA-6 photos](#)

SfL Strategy for Influencing Decision Making and Outcomes:

- Build, support, facilitate, enable work of aligned partners to achieve shared goals.
- Engaging with and through private sector allies; and
- Aligned or potential partner member countries

Ways to Partner with Us

Interested in partnering with Solutions from the Land in 2024? We’d appreciate hearing from you! Contact SfL President Ernie Shea to understand how we can best work together in addressing food insecurity, biodiversity loss, climate change and other important issues. Ernie can be reached at 410-952-0123, or by email at Eshea@SolutionsfromtheLand.org