

MGFC, RF and UNEP teleconference

Summary of minutes

28 May 2020

Agenda:

- Act for Nature Forum
 - MGS Consultation (ForUM Norway)
 - Back Ground Material
 - Registration
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 - Moderators/Facilitators/Reporters
 - Outcome Townhalls (Alexander, Yugratna)
 - Dialogue with Bureaus (Alexander)
- Training and Capacity Building Program towards UNEA 5 (Jan Gustav)
- GMGSF preparations
 - Facilitation Arrangements
- Update on RCMs
- Other Issues

Participants:

- UNEP: Alexander Juras, Isaiah Otieno, Aurora Cheung, Laetitia Zobel
- Science MG: Mohamed Abdel Raouf, Stephen Stec
- Trade Union MG: Bert De Wel
- NGO MG: Griffins Ochieng, Khawla Al-Muhannadi
- Women MG: Giulia Carlini
- Children and Youth MG: Yugratna Srivastava, Teresa Oberhauser
- Business and Industry MG: Mumbi Munene, Michelle Tan
- Regional Facilitators:
 - West Asia: Marie Therese, Tareq Hassan
 - Europe: Sascha Gabizon
 - Asia Pacific: Prem Tharu
- Guest: Ingrid Rostad (Norwegian ForUM)
- Guest: Jan-Gustav Strandenaes (Stakeholder Forum)

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- **General note: Chatham house rule applies to these MGFC/UNEP calls, they are informal, please do not record these calls (only these published minutes are allowed).**
- **Act for Nature Forum**
 - MGS Consultation on 7 June 2020 (Norwegian ForUM):
 - Registration link sent out. Inform Ingrid if encounter problems when registering.
 - Agenda and speakers' list finalized, represented different regions, expertise in fields. Majority of suggests received via emails. They include:
 - ✓ Tacking ocean pollution: Jane Patton (CIEL), Amayo Passy (Kenya), Eirik (WWF)
 - ✓ Health and environment: Philip Lymbery (UK, compassion in world farming), Francis Kim Upgi (ITUC, Asia), youth rep is pending
 - ✓ Development: Noelene (Fiji), Rodion Sulyandziga (Indigenous peoples), Isis Alvarez (GCF, Colombia)
 - ✓ Road to Stockholm: Neth Dano (ETC), Jan-Gustav Strandenaes (Stakeholders Forum), Yugratna Srivastava (MFCY, India)
 - ✓ Proposal: panelists share what they think is most important.
 - Host: Ella Marie Haetta Isaksen - Norwegian Sami musician, environmentalist activist https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ella_Marie_H%C3%A6tta_Isaksen
 - **Actions for 29 May 2020:**
 - ✓ Confirm panelists for the sessions (to be sent via email)
 - ✓ Choose an MGFC member for the formal opening (Mohamed, MGFC chair, is proposed).
 - ✓ Final session: make a list of who from the Major Groups and Regional Facilitators will speak. Purpose of this session is not to find consensus from the consultation, but to have a conversation about strategic ways of moving the issues towards UNEA-5, have impact, and reflect on the discussions we had in the day.
 - ✓ Discussion on the last session, which lasts 1h: Proposal to have 1 representative from each of the 9 MGs and all 6 Regions. A space in the platform will be made for each MG to meet before the final session.
 - ✓ Ingrid will send an update next week and propose a new concept for the final session by the end of 28 May 2020.
 - ✓ All thematic discussions will be followed up with 1h discussion. Could also split the group sessions per major groups
 - ✓ Agenda [link](#)
 - ✓ Each MG send Ingrid 1-2 contact points for receiving list of people who registered.
 - Townhalls (Alexander, Yugratna)
 - ✓ 5 thematic townhalls 8-10 June 2020, need to register to join which is different from registering for the 7 June 2020 MGS consultation. Townhalls open up to 15000 people. Registration link on UNEP website, and will be shared via email.
 - ✓ The speakers' list closed, thanks for the nominations. Unfortunately not too many MGFC proposals were accepted in some townhalls.

- Dialogue with Bureaus (Alexander)
 - Dialogue between CPR and UNEA Bureaus and representatives from the MGFC on 9 June 2020.
 - By 7 June 2020, need to have a list of representatives from Major Groups and Stakeholders (Mohamed to coordinate this).
 - The dialogue will be like a GoToMeeting event.
 - It would make sense that the 9 June 2020 representatives have also attended the 7 June 2020 MGS Consultation.

- **Training and Capacity Building Program towards UNEA-5**
 - UNEP asked Stakeholders Forum to develop this training. Information will be shared. Several capacity building sessions will be held before UNEA-5.
 - A background document on UNEA was prepared in various languages, it was not sent out yet.
 - Stakeholder Forum has a contract (Partnership MOU) with UNEP for this work which follows applicable UN rules. The training is built upon existing training materials and manuals UNEP invested previously, which is more cost-effective than starting new training from scratch.
 - Stakeholders Forum to share its plans with MGFC and ask the audience what their training needs are.
 - Each major group is also free and welcome to prepare similar trainings, capacity buildings, etc.
 - Comment: if there's funding available, can consider empowering MG to do capacity building.

- **GMGSF preparations**
 - Postponed to the next MGFC call due to time constrain.

- **Update on RCMs**
 - No updates since the last meeting. Some regions are still hoping to have physical meetings back-to-back (e.g. with AMCEN in Africa and with the LAC Ministerial Forum in Barbados). The North America consultation will happen online, the Asia Pacific might happen online, Europe might happen physically in November, for West Asia is likely that it will be virtual but the date is still TBC.