

# MGFC, RF and UNEP teleconference

## Summary of minutes

15 December 2020

### Agenda:

1. UNEA 5.1./OECPR Update
2. GMGSF online consultations prior to UNEA 5.1.
3. RCM updates (<https://www.unenvironment.org/civil-society-engagement/meetings>)
4. Reporting and other deadlines (MGFC report, quadrennial report etc.)
5. Elections MGFC
6. UNEP @ 50 update

### Participants:

- UNEP: Alexander Juras, Laetitia Zobel, Aurora Cheung
- Science MG: Mohamed Abdelraouf, Stephen Stec
- NGO MG: Griffins Ochieng, Khawla Al-Muhannadi
- Indigenous Peoples MG: Naw Ei Ei Min
- Children and Youth MG: Yugratna Srivastava, Teresa Oberhauser
- Farmers MG: Gabor Figezky, Wali Haider
- Workers and Trade Unions: Bert de Wel
- Regional Facilitators:
  - West Asia: Fatima Frutan, Tareq Ahmed Abdo Hassan
  - Africa: Gertrude Kenyangi
  - Asia and the Pacific: Ajay K Jha
  - North America: Dan Burns
  - Europe: Patrizia Heidegger

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### 1. UNEA 5.1/OECPR Update

- In the last CPR meeting in 2020, MGS provided input on MTS and PoW; Member States indicated that discussion on these was largely closed. UNEP suggested MGS to focus preparation on implementation of MTS and PoW.
- Participation at UNEA 5.1 and OECPR is open of accredited organizations, but needs registration. It is not yet decided whether there is a limit of number of registration per MGS organizations.
- There will be no political declaration in UNEA 5.1, but a presidential statement (still open for input). Work on ministerial declaration in UNEA 5.2 will continue after UNEA 5.1.

### 2. GMGSF online consultations prior to UNEA5.1.

- The GMGSF will take place 9-11 February 2021, as an online event. Agenda can still be amended if needed. Participants approved the agenda which can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3oZzyGL>.
- UNEP indicated that there will be a “Science Policy Business Forum” (3-5 February 2021), there is a call for collaboration from MGS.
- In the GMGSF, the facilitators for each consultation are fully responsible for the event (reporting, documents, collecting inputs from MGS...). UNEP will provide assistance for the IT platform.
- Facilitators of all consultations have to organize input from MGS, and they have responsibility to engage as many MGS as possible. UNEP can help in mailing information etc. to accredited organizations.
- Consultation 4: Stockholm + 50 will be organized with cooperation from Sweden.
- The Global Youth Environment Assembly will be held 12-13, 18-19 February 2021.
- After UNEA 5.1 there will be a meeting between MGS and the ED.
- Re choosing the facilitators, UNEP indicates that the list is the result of consultations between UNEP and MGFC Chair taking into account all criteria including gender, geographical distribution, experience of facilitation. A consultation can have 2-3 facilitators. It was suggested that the process of choosing facilitators needs more transparency which was accepted by the MGFC Chair for future meetings.

### 3. RCM Updates

- RCMs took place in Africa, LAC, West Asia, Europe and North America. Details can be found here: <https://bit.ly/38jlcKs>.
- Statement is being prepared in West Asia and Europe after the RCM. North America RCM is ready.
- Results / statements from the RCM will be published as INF DOC (not translated) input for UNEA that represent the output of the consultation. Due to the ‘lean’ agenda of UNEA 5.1 there will not be a possibility for regional facilitators to report. It is expected that this will be possible during UNEA 5.2.

**4. Reporting and other deadlines (MGFC report, quadrennial report etc.)**

- MGFC report deadline is 31 December 2020. MGFC Chair indicated that reports need to be submitted every 6 months. Guidance would be sent again.

**5. Elections MGFC**

- Science and Technology, Women, Local Authorities, Workers and Trade Unions self-organize election.
- NGO MG requested UNEP to conduct the election, which has started.
- Farmers MG requested UNEP to conduct the election too. UNEP suggested to have a look at the NGO MG call for nomination set by NGO MG, that includes asking specific information to evaluate the candidates better such as the time dedicated for facilitation.

**6. UNEP @ 50 update**

- S&T MG reports about a process led by the S&T MG and Children and Youth MG. They will do a snapshot survey very soon.

***End of meeting***