

MGFC, RF and UNEP teleconference, plus GMGSF preparation call 2

Summary of minutes

12 January 2021

Agenda:

1. UNEA-5 preparation
2. GMGSF online consultations preparation
3. AOB

Participants:

- UNEP: Alexander Juras, Laetitia Zobel, Aurora Cheung
- Scientific and Technological Community MG: Mohamed Abdelraouf, Stephen Stec
- NGO MG: Griffins Ochieng, Khawla Al-Muhannadi
- Indigenous Peoples and their Communities MG: Naw Ei Ei Min
- Children and Youth MG: Nil
- Farmers MG: Gabor Figeczky, Wali Haider
- Workers and Trade Unions: Nil
- Business and Industry: Michelle Tan (on behalf of James Donovan)
- Women: Giulia Carlini, Isis Alvarez
- Local Authorities MG: Jean-Baptiste Buffet, Ingrid Coetzee
- Regional Facilitators:
 - Africa: Ayman Bel Hassan Cherkaoui
 - Asia and the Pacific: Nil
 - Europe: Patrizia Heidegger
 - Latin America and the Caribbean: Nil
 - West Asia: Nil
 - North America: Nil
- GMGSF facilitators: Aisha Karanja, Dough Weir, Jan-Gustav Strandenaes

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1. UNEA-5 preparation

- UNEA 5.1 preparation going on as usual. All meeting documents will be translated. Will be shared once ready.
- UNEA 5.1 and OECPR will mainly focus on Medium Term Strategy (MTS), Programme of Work, Budget and will take note on other issues that are on the agenda. Discussion and decisions on other issues will happen in UNEA 5.2 in 2022.
- Given the shortage of the meeting, in UNEA 5.1, there will be limited space for MGS to intervene orally. Therefore, **it is important for MGS to provide written input to Member States right after the GMGSF.**
- There are slots of approximately 5-10 minutes at the beginning of UNEA 5.1, for presenting MGFC Consultation 5 outcomes, and Global Youth Environment Assembly outcomes. **Written input has to be shared with Member States before UNEA 5.1.**
- A decision about which online platform will be used for GMGSF and UNEA 5.1 will be taken in the coming few days.
- Science Policy Business Forum will be held 18-20 February 2021. Agenda is not finalized yet. Mohamed would share call for speakers with MGFC.
- Registration of UNEA 5.1 has started, please remember to register and remind constituency to register here: <https://indico.un.org/event/1000068/registrations/4485/>
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2. GMGSF online consultations

- Consultation 1, update from Wali and Doug
 - ✓ Focus on MTS. Speakers on a range of topics (climate justice, environmental defenders...) have been confirmed, breakout discussions would follow speeches.
 - ✓ Jorge Laguna Celis from UNEP will join the closing session where recommendations will be presented.
- Consultation 2, update from Griffins
 - ✓ Focus on Programme of work, and budget.
 - ✓ Waiting for UNEP to confirm a speaker.
 - ✓ Additional speakers might be included.
- Consultation 3, update from Stephen
 - ✓ Focus on UNEP @ 50.
 - ✓ A survey which is to be translated will be sent out as soon as possible.
 - ✓ Speakers from UNEP are being identified.
- Consultation 4, update from Jan-Gustav
 - ✓ Focus on Stockholm + 50. Themes to be decided by MGS. High Level Statement from

- ✓ Sweden civil society would like to focus on the Global Pact and include considerations on ecocide (legacy from a historic Olof Palme speech).
 - ✓ Year 1972 marked the 1st time that civil society could engage with plenary, and put meaningful focus on the environment in the multilateral stage.
 - ✓ 3 speakers secured.
- Consultation 5, update from Khawla
 - ✓ Focus on MGS message to UNEA 5.
 - ✓ An email was sent to all accredited MGS explaining the process.
 - ✓ The regional statements are being studied, in order to categorize thematic blocks to construct the global statement that would feed into a survey. The survey would become the basis for a zero draft joint statement to be comments by MGS. It will become the structure of the consultations.
- Overall, the progress of preparation goes well in terms of working with facilitators and identifying speakers. A youth speaker will be included in the opening. Moderators for the GMGSF sessions (one per day) are still to be identified.
- 3. AOB**
- MGFC members have obliged themselves to send in activity report every 6 months. If a member fails to submit 2 consecutive report, he/she might be suspended/excluded from the position.
 - Election updates:
 - ✓ Scientific and Technological MG has concluded, and results would be communicated officially soon.
 - ✓ Women MG has to repeat the election process.
 - ✓ Local authorities: New members identified: Jean-Baptiste Buffet, Ingrid Coetzee.
 - ✓ NGO MG: 2.5 weeks left in election. Participation is currently low. Mobilization needed. Election is overseen by UNEP as requested by the MG.
 - ✓ Farmers MG election would start soon, as requested by the MG it would be overseen by UNEP.
 - For most MG, the current members will stay until the end of UNEA 5.1, and new ones will take over gradually after that.

End of meeting