

Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum prior to the first session of the fifth United Nations Environment Assembly

February 9 – 11, 2021

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Introduction

The Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF) prior to Open Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR) and the first session of UNEA 5 will be held as an online event that will allow Major Groups to discuss their input into this UNEA session and to exchange on other issues of importance. Reflecting the lean agenda of UNEA 5.1, it will only feature a few consultative sessions on the themes that had been agreed upon by Major Groups. These sessions are fully self-organized by Major Groups. During 2021 and in preparation of the second session of UNEA 5 in February 2022, further consultations of MGS will be organized, including Regional Consultative Meetings, an international online consultation for MGS in June 2021 and full-fledged GMGSF in February 2022.

Expected Outcome

The following outcome is expected:

- MGS are informed about the main themes discussed at UNEA 5.1. and the process leading to UNEA 5.2.
- MGS agree on joint positions and statements for the OECPR and UNEA.
- MGS views on UNEP @ 50 and Stockholm + 50 are presented and there is an agreement on next steps.

Participation

The GMGSF is open for the participation of accredited and not accredited MGS. Member states are invited to participate as observers.

Topical Leads/Facilitators

The various consultations will be organized under following leads:

- Consultation 1: UNEP Mid-Term Strategy: **Ajay K Jha** (Centre for Community Economics and Development Consultants Society, Farmers Major Group), **Doug**

- Weir** (The Conflict and Environment Observatory, NGO Major Group), **Wali Haider** (Society for Roots for Equity, Farmers Major Group)
- Consultation 2: UNEP Program of Work: **Mohamed Abdelraouf** (Gulf Research Center, Scientific and Technological Community Major Group), **Griffins Ochieng** (Centre for Environment, Justice and Development, NGO Major Group)
 - Consultation 3: UNEP @ 50: **Stephen Stec** (Central European University, Scientific and Technological Community Major Group), **Yugratna Srivastava** (SustainUS, Children and Youth Major Group)
 - Consultation 4: Stockholm + 50: **Jan-Gustav Strandenaes** (Stakeholder Forum for Sustainable Development, NGO Major Group), **Teresa Oberhauser** (AEGEE European Students' Forum, Children and Youth Major Group)
 - Consultation 5: Main messages from MGS to UNEA: **Khawla Al-Muhannadi** (Environment Friends Society, NGO Major Group), **Aisha Karanja** (Back to Basics, NGO Major Group), **Patrizia Heidegger** (European Environmental Bureau, NGO Major Group)

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The GMGSF will take place from February 9 to 11, 2021, as online event.

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- 15.00 – 16.00 **Opening of the GMGSF**, moderated by **Ingrid Rostad**, Norwegian Forum for Environment and Development (ForUM)
- Introductory Remarks by:
- Mohamed Abdelraouf, Chair of Major Groups Facilitating Committee (MGFC)
 - H.E. Mr. Sveinung Rotevatn, President of UNEA and Minister of Environment and Climate of Norway
 - Jorge Laguna Celis, Director of Governance Affairs Office, UNEP
- OECP, UNEA 5.1. and UNEA 5.2., Presentation by Ulf Bjornholm, Deputy Director of Governance Affairs Office, UNEP
- The Global Children and Youth Environment Assembly, Presentation by Gyubin Hwang, Children and Youth Major Group
- Closing of the Session by Moderator, Introduction to Consultation 1
- 16.00 – 18.00 **Consultation 1: UNEP Mid-Term Strategy (MTS)**, Facilitators: **Ajay K Jha, Doug Weir, Wali Haider**

16.00 – 16.10	Welcome / video message by frontline community
16.10 – 16.50	Panel 1: Reflecting on the MTS in the light of grassroots realities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lia Alonzo, Center for Environmental Concerns-Philippines (CEC) - Charles Mwangi, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) - Alejandro Barrios, People's Coalition for Food Sovereignty (PCFS) and Instituto Politecnico Tomas Katari (IPTK) - Caroline Muthoni, IBON Africa - Sarojeni Rengam, IBON International Foundation - Moderator: Wali Haider
16.50 – 17.00	Q & A, comments
17.00 – 17.55	Panel 2: Lessons for the MTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doug Weir, The Conflict and Environment Observatory (CEOBS) - Sascha Gabizon, Women Engage for a Common Future - Neth Dano, Action Group upon Erosion Technology and Concentration (ETC Group) - Jorge Laguna Celis, UNEP - Moderator: Ajay K Jha
17.55 – 18.00	Closing of the Session by Moderator, Introduction to Session 2
18.00 – 20.00	Consultation 2: UNEP Program of Work (PoW) , Facilitators: Mohamed Abdelraouf and Griffins Ochieng
18.00 – 18.05	Introduction, Mohamed Abdelraouf and Griffins Ochieng
18.05 – 18.35	Presentation by Frederik Staun, UNEP
18.35 – 18.45	Planned intervention
18.45 – 19.25	Q & A
19.25 – 19.30	Summary, Mohamed Abdelraouf and Griffins Ochieng

- 19.30 – 20.00 Closing of session by moderator and introduction to Open Working Groups
- 20.00 – 21.00 **Open Working Group: Main message of MGS to UNEA** (Consultation 5), Facilitators: Khawla Al-Muhannadi and Patrizia Heidegger
- 20.00 – 20.15 Welcome and introduction by Khawla Al-Muhannadi
- 20.15 – 20.35 Integration of outcomes of Consultation 1 (MTS) and Consultation 2 (PoW)
- 20.35 – 21.00 Discussion of the way forward to adapt the Joint Statement and closure (Khawla Al-Muhannadi and Aisha Karanja)
- (Virtual room is open until 22.00 if more time is needed)

February 10, 2021

- 10.00 – 10.30 **Opening of Morning Session**, moderated by Ayman Bel Hassan Cherkaoui, Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection
- Presentation of Working Groups on MTS and PoW, by rapporteurs designated by working groups
- Closing of session by moderator, introduction to consultation 3
- 10.30 – 12.45 **Consultation 3: UNEP@50**, Facilitators: Stephen Stec, Yugratna Srivastava
- 10.30 – 10.45 Opening and Introduction: Stephen Stec, Yugratna Srivastava
- 10.45 – 11.00 Overview of the UNEP Strategy on UNEP@50, Ulf Bjornholm, UNEP
- 11.00 – 11.20 The Synthesis Report of Major Global Assessments (SYR), Ivar Baste, Lead Author and Senior Advisor in the Norwegian Environment Agency, and Edoardo Zandri, Rachel Kosse, UNEP
- 11.20 – 11.30 Q & A

11.30 – 11.45	Results of the Snapshot Survey, Anda Popovici, International Science Council, Teresa Oberhauser
11.45 – 12.00	Q & A
12.00 – 12.45	Scope and Elements of an MGS Report on UNEP@50, “The UNEP We Want”, Stephen Stec, Yugratna Srivastava
12.45 – 12:50	Closing of session by moderator, introduction to the afternoon session
12.50 – 14.30	Break
14.30 – 14.35	Opening of Afternoon Session, Introduction to Consultation 4, moderated by Josiah Ojwang, Africa Network for Animal Welfare (ANAW)
14.35 – 17.45	Consultation 4: Stockholm + 50 , Facilitators: Jan-Gustav Strandenaes, Teresa Oberhauser
14.35 – 14.40	Introduction, Teresa Oberhauser
14.40 – 15.00	<i>From Stockholm 1972 to vision for the future?</i> Presentation by Jan-Gustav Strandenaes
15.00 – 15.20	<i>Stockholm + 50: a proposal from the Government of Sweden</i> , Presentation by H.E. Ms. Johanna Lissinger Peitz, Stockholm + 50 Secretariat
15.20 – 15.40	<i>Stockholm + 50: Expectations from Youth</i> , Presentation by Zahra Abu Taha, Children and Youth Major Group
15.40 – 16.00	<i>Stockholm + 50: Scientific Evidence that calls for action</i> , Presentation by John Scanlon, CEO of the Elephant Protection Initiative Foundation, Chair of the Global Alliance to End Wildlife Crime, and Chair of the UK Government's IWT Challenge Fund
16.00 – 16.30	Input and Questions from MGS: Main expectations of Major Groups with the respect to the outcome of Stockholm + 50
16.30 – 16.40	Responses from the panel

16.40 – 17.20	Input and Questions from MGS: How to best engage Major Groups in the process leading up to Stockholm + 50 and the event itself
17.20 – 17.30	Responses from the panel
17.30 – 17.45	Conclusion, Jan-Gustav Strandenaes, Teresa Oberhauser
17.45 – 18.00	Closing of the session by moderator, introduction of Open Working Group
18.00 – 18.30	Break
18.30 – 20.30	Open Working Group: Main message of MGS to UNEA (Consultation 5), Facilitators: Patrizia Heidegger and Khawla Al-Muhannadi
18.30 – 18.45	Welcome and recap of discussion in open working group
18.45 – 19.00	Integration of outcomes of Consultations 3 and 4 and Global Youth Environment Assembly
19.00 – 20.20	Contested and Emerging issues: Breakout of 30 minutes and report back of suggestions for the Joint Statement
20.20 – 20.30	Closure

February 11, 2021

15.00 – 15.05	Opening of Session, moderated by Isis Alvarez, Global Forest Coalition
15.05 – 17.00	Consultation 5: Main messages from MGS to UNEA (Session 3), Facilitator: Aisha Karanja and Khawla Al-Muhannadi
15.00 – 15.10	Welcome and recap of discussions in open working groups
15.10 – 16.15	Emerging issues towards UNEA 5.2

16.15 – 17.00 Any pending issues, adoption and closure

17.00 – 18.00 **Closing of the meeting**, by Mohamed Abdelraouf, Chairman of Major Groups Facilitating Committee, opportunities for last comments

Note: Consultations and Working Groups will be facilitated by topical leads (see above)