

# MGFC, RF and UNEP teleconference

## Summary of minutes

11 May 2021

### Agenda:

1. Update on UNEA 5.2. Preparations, UNEP @ 50, Stockholm + 50, by UNEP
2. MGS consultation in June 2021 before Bureau retreat
3. MGS International Consultation September 2021
4. Update from Cluster Leaders
5. UNEA 5.2 GMGSF
6. UNEA 5.2 Multi Stakeholder Dialogue
7. Other Issues

### Participants:

- UNEP: Alexander Juras, Ulf Bjornholm, Laetitia Zobel, Isaiah Otieno, Aurora Cheung
- Scientific and Technological Community MG: Stephen Stec
- NGO MG: Ingrid Rostad, Djatougbe Aziaka
- Indigenous Peoples and their Communities MG: Nil
- Children and Youth MG: Yugratna Srivastava, Teresa Oberhauser
- Farmers MG: Nil
- Workers and Trade Unions: Bert de Wel
- Business and Industry: Nil
- Women: Carmen Capriles
- Local Authorities MG: Ingrid Coetzee, Jean-Baptiste Buffet
- Regional Facilitators:
  - Africa: Ayman Bel Hassan Cherkaoui, Gertrude Kabusimbi
  - Asia and the Pacific: Ajay K Jha
  - Europe: Patrizia Heidegger
  - Latin America and the Caribbean: Nil
  - West Asia: Fatema Frutan
  - North America: Dan Burns
- Sascha Gabizon, Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF)

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1. Update on UNEA 5.2. Preparations, UNEP @ 50, Stockholm + 50, by UNEP
  - The UN compound is still closed, whether the UNEA 5.2 and UNEP @ 50 meetings will be in person or online or hybrid is still to be seen. A full online meeting will likely not be accepted by Member States.
  - UNEP 5.2. The expectation is to have impactful results, follow up actions, agreement on marine litter.
  - UNEP @ 50. To have a vision of the next 50 years of UNEP: to strengthen UNEP, to build a strategic UNEP, including on environmental governing roles, financing, science policy, strengthening the role of Nairobi. A UNEP Legacy report will also be published. MGS led by the Scientific and Technological, and Children and Youth MG are working on a “The UNEP We Want” report, results from survey, individual interviews, statements from each MG, and possibly a joint statement or declaration from MGS will be featured in the report. UNEP is keen to see “The UNEP we want” report by MGS. UNEP is also pleased to see the high level of engagement and professionalism among youth.
  - Stockholm + 50. Negotiation in New York was going on, it was a challenging process. A draft resolution is expected. It will be an international meeting with a wide scope.
  
2. MGS consultations in June 2021 before Bureau Retreat, and September 2021
  - There will be a small consultation of the MGFC in June 2021, to prepare input for the joint meeting with the member states participating in the retreat of the UNEA and CPR Bureaus, then there is a second larger consultation in September 2021. WECF will facilitate the September 2021 meeting and has suggested to form a Steering Committee to guide the preparation of the event. WECF offered to also organize the consultation prior to the meeting in June 2021.
  - The mandate of the Steering Committee is: to **facilitate** an **inclusive process**, in which all the Major Groups and Stakeholders and cluster groups are involved, and give their preferences for the consultation, so that we get strong outcomes. The group will propose **the agenda of the consultation** (thematic sessions, methodologies, parts with Member States, cultural parts, outcome documents) and **format of the consultation** (right platform, dates, times, spaces, registration, translation, logistics) and to ensure timely communication and outreach, as well as outcome documents.
  - MGFC members who would like to join the Steering Committee can include their names here: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1o3KE2HeDkrOenjlzgUD1fb0Amym\\_zNWDsQt9bDYLkyU/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1o3KE2HeDkrOenjlzgUD1fb0Amym_zNWDsQt9bDYLkyU/edit#gid=0)
  
3. Update from Cluster Leaders
  - Cluster on UNEP @ 50: there is a space reserved for each MG, MG can start considering what they would like to do with the space. Thought leaders in the MG’s field will also be interviewed.
  - Cluster on poverty and jobs: the first meeting would be on 24 May 2021 to look at all dimension of UNEP’s work. ROE would be involved.
  - It is good to have a joint document for all clusters so all can see the updates of each cluster.

***End of meeting***