

MGFC and RF and UNEP meeting

Summary

6 December 2022

Time: 2pm-3pm, Nairobi time

Agenda Points:

- **Update on elections and round of introduction of new and old MGFC members (CSU and new reps.)**
- **Short brief for new members and MGFC members participation in teleconferences. (Mohamed and CSU)**
- **Updates on OEWG chemicals and waste in Bangkok/Thailand next month. (CSU)**
- **Update on UNEA 6 theme. (CSU)**
- **MGS meeting back-to-back with the retreat of UNEA and CPR Bureaus, Morocco, January 2022 (CSU, Ayman)**
- **West Asia Survey sent by new RFs (Mohamed, CSU, West Asia RFs)**
- **Updates on Plastic treaty INC in Uruguay. (Carmen and Zouhair)**
- **AOB.**

Participants

- **UNEP: Alexander Juras, Aurora Cheung, Isaiah Otieno, Brian Mbanga, Melissa Ngilandala**
- **Business and Industry: Duncan Ochieng**
- **Children and Youth: Gyubin Hwang, Zouhair Ahmed Kowshik**
- **Farmers: Nil**
- **Indigenous Peoples and their Communities: Nil**
- **Local Authorities: Ingrid Coetzee**
- **NGO: Ingrid Rostad, Djatougbe Aziaka**
- **Scientific and Technological Community: Mohamed Abdelraouf (chair of the meeting)**
- **Women: Frezer Yeheyis, Carmen Capriles**
- **Workers and Trade Unions: Nil**
- **Africa: David Munene, Ayman Bel Hassan Cherkaoui**
- **Asia and the Pacific: Ajay Jha**

- Europe: Patrizia Heidegger, Ida Bakhuridze
- North America: Nil
- West Asia: Faisal Al-Fadl, Wijdan Ali Abdullah AlOqab

Summary of Minutes

1. [Update on elections and round of introduction of new and old MGFC members](#)

Participants introduced themselves.

2. Short brief for new members and MGFC members participation in teleconferences. Presentation of the MGFC (reference to the [UNEP MGS Handbook](#))

- MGFC members are expected to join the regular MGFC calls. If a member is not able to join the call, the member should notify the team in advance.
- It was suggested to review the roles and responsibilities of MGFC members, maybe a task force to be established to review guidelines...etc. A separate call would be dedicated to this.
- Action by: Mohamed Abdelraouf

3. Updates on OEWG chemicals and waste in Bangkok/Thailand January 2023.

- Eligibility: UNEP accredited, organizations accredited to Basel Rotterdam Stockholm Conventions, ILO, WHO
- Preparations for the meetings are ongoing.
- Registration portal is open. USD 50,000 available to support participation. Expectation is that around 20/23 people will be funded for participation. CSU to decide, MGFC will get opportunity to recommend individuals to be considered for funding.
- Update on next telecall by CSU.

4. Update on UNEA 6 theme.

- Discussions on the theme took place, however, little written input was received from the Major Groups. MGS may still give input on the theme.
- Final decision will be taken in February 2023 by UNEA bureau.

5. MGS meeting back-to-back with the retreat of UNEA and CPR Bureaus, Morocco, January 2023.

- Retreat is postponed.

6. West Asia Survey sent by new RFs

- In the West region only 10/34 responded to a letter to provide contact information and to nominate representatives from the individual organizations.

- UNEP reminded that the usage of any UN logo and the name of the organisation without prior authorization is prohibited.
- Regional Facilitators and Major Groups need to have an updated list of their respective constituencies and be active in sharing the latest contact information.
- Action: West Asia regional representative will review the survey and consider changes to letter language, log.etc

7. [Updates on Plastic treaty INC in Uruguay](#)

- Due to meeting took longer than anticipated this item will be discussed in next telecall.

8. AOB

- Request to consider different time zones regarding setting up meeting times.
- Doodle will be sent by CSU regarding the upcoming meeting.