

## West Asia Regional Consultative Meeting (RCM) Agenda

**22 – 23 October 2023, Al Bustan Palace, Muscat, Oman**

### The objectives of the RCM are to:

- Increase knowledge of possibilities for engagement in UNEA-6 for Major Groups and Stakeholders (MGS) from the West Asian region.
- Develop core key messages and positions for the MGS in the West Asian region and develop a joint regional statement to the official information document to UNEA-6.
- Agree upon key messages for AFEN.
- Reinforce dialogue and coordination for increased civil society participation and engagement in the regional and global environmental agenda.

### Sunday 22 October 2023

<b>Capacity Building Workshop</b>		
<b>Objectives:</b> (1) Increase the number of accredited organizations from the WA region, (2) facilitate team building between the different organizations, (3) foster an understanding of UNEP, how MGS engages, and the role of Regional Facilitators.		
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Arrival and Registration</b>	
09:30 – 09:45	<b>Opening and Welcome Remarks</b>	Hoda El-Turk ROWA Civil Society Unit, GAO Regional co-facilitators
09:45 – 10:00	<b>Introduce agenda and purpose of capacity building and regional preparations</b> Round of introductions of all participants	Hoda El-Turk, ROWA (moderator)
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Icebreaker</b> Participants to get to know each other. Also engaging those attending online	ROWA, NGOs to suggest ice breakers
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Break</b>	
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Introduction of UNEP's Work</b> How MGS engage, the role of MGFC, Regional Facilitators etc. Q&As	Laetitia Zobel Civil Society Unit, UNEP
11:30 – 12:30	<b>UNEP Accreditation</b> How to become accredited and what being accredited entails	Aurora Cheung Civil Society Unit, UNEP
12:30 – 13:00	<b>Introduction of main activities and projects and MGS engagement</b> by ROWA Office	ROWA Office Representatives
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:00 – 14:30	<b>Working together: experience sharing and future vision</b>	Regional co-facilitators
	<b>Best Practices of MGS Engagement</b> How accredited MGS engage in UNEP's work, best practices of organizing RCMs	Africa Regional Facilitators, Online
14:30 – 15:45	<b>Contributions by participating NGOs</b> Invite participating NGOs to introduce any of their relevant work.	NGOs
15:45 – 17:00	Action Plan	Regional co-facilitators
17:00 – 17:30	<b>Summary of the day, closing remarks and Agenda for following day</b>	ROWA, Regional Facilitators

**Monday 23 October 2023**

<b>Regional MGS preparations for UNEA 6</b> <b>Objectives:</b> (1) Increase knowledge of possibilities for engagement in UNEA-6 for Major Groups and Stakeholders (MGS) from the West Asian region (2) develop a joint regional statement to the official information document to UNEA-6 (3) agree upon key messages for AFEN.		
09:00 – 10:00	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> By ROWA, CSU and RF Q&As	Regional Office Director, Hoda Elturk, Civil Society Unit
10:00 -10:30	<b>Opening</b> Summary of first day	Regional co-facilitators
10:30 -11:00	<b>Break</b>	
11:00 – 11:45	<b>Setting the Scene:</b> Presentation on UNEA-6 UNEA-6 theme, relevance of MGS, outcome of RCM is to develop a joint statement to deliver at UNEA-6 by GAO Process of producing and delivering the statement for the INF doc and at AFEN	Civil Society Unit, UNEP
11:45 – 13:00	<b>2 Working Groups on UNEA-6 Theme</b> Parallel working groups on climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution. One facilitator and one rapporteur per group.	Facilitators TBC Rapporteurs TBC
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15:00 – 15:30	<b>Report Back from Working Groups</b> Working groups present succinct paragraphs and priorities from discussions	Rapporteurs
15:30 – 18:00	<b>Preparation and finalization of a Regional Statement</b> Prepare and finalize which priorities and challenges will be included in Joint Statement for AFEN and UNEA. Decide on composition of a Working Group that will finalize the Regional Statement <b>after the RCM/ deadline 5 November 2023</b>	Regional Facilitators
18:00 – 18:15	<b>Closing Remarks</b> by ROWA, RF and CSU	ROWA, Regional Facilitators, CSU