

Summary of the meeting with António Miguel Luís, DPR of Portugal and Major Group and Stakeholder Representatives present at the INC-3.

Date: 15.11.2023 13:00hrs – 14:00hrs

Location: Nairobi, UNEP SGB ROOM

Objective: To identify options for major groups engagement with member states and improve their conditions.

Names of participants

Civil Society Unit (UNEP)	Major Group Representatives	Regional Facilitators
1. Ulf Bjornholm	1. Zuhair Ahmed Kowshik – <i>Children and Youth</i>	1. David Munene - <i>Africa</i>
2. David Ombisi	2. Dr Magash Naidoo – <i>Local Authorities</i>	2. Ayman Bel Hassan Cherkaoui - <i>Africa</i>
3. Laetitia Zobel	3. Christopher Chin – <i>NGO's</i>	
4. Aurora Cheung	4. Dalia Fernanda Márquez Añez – Women, Co-Chair MGFC	
5. Isaiah Otieno		
6. Melissa Ngilandala		
7. Edwike Nyauncho		
8. Peter Kirongothi		
9. Maria Aarre Haanes		
10. Thomas Nyambosero		
11. Katharina Kalbitz		

Proposed Agenda of the Meeting:

13:00 – 13:05	Introduction and Welcoming Remarks	Ulf – Chair of the meeting
13:05 – 13:10	Welcoming Remarks by MS	Miguel
13:10 – 13:25	Round of Introductions of all participants in the meeting.	Ulf to chair.
13:25 – 13:35	Summarize options for MGS engagements with MS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of MGS statements. • Inputs on resolutions. • How to engage effectively with MS during the ASC. 	Miguel to lead with inputs from other MS representatives present.
13:35 – 13:50	Open floor for reactions and free discussion between MGS and MS.	Ulf to chair.
13:50 – 14:00	Decide on next steps and next meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Side meetings during ASC. 	Ulf to Chair.

1. Ulf Bjornholm (GAO, UNEP): led introductions; emphasized co-creation as crucial for the collaboration between MGFC/ MGS and Member States

2. Miguel (DPR/ Portugal)- Discussed how communication impacts on engagement; highlighted Portugal's leading resolutions in New York and emphasized the need for coordinated MG statements on resolutions and the need to allow more MG statements within the sessions and refrain from allowing MGS statements at the end of a meeting after MS spoke.
3. Dalia Marquez (MGFC Co-chair/ Women MG) - Addressed the lack of opportunities to engage with member states during meetings. She shared that during the INC, a dialogue was facilitated between observers, the ED of UNEP and the Chair of INC, and encouraged more spaces of that nature. She further proposed that MGS share their main topics of discussion ahead of meetings with CSU for the unit to share with MS.
4. Magesh: Stressed the importance to have a dialogue and exchange set up in advance of any meeting between MS and MGS.
5. David Munene (RF/ Africa)- Stressed difficulties in creating joint MG statements and suggested the need for a forum for informal engagement between MGS and MSs.
6. Zuhair: made the observation that regional consultations (NBS/ Minerals and Metals resolutions) were less supportive of MGS engagement and contributions. He also noted a late communication to MGS in those processes.
7. Ayman - Talked about converging different priorities from stakeholders which makes it a bit hard to balance between being pragmatic and inspirational (picking the low hanging fruits and ignoring the rest).
8. Christopher - Suggested pre-negotiation preparatory meetings for common understanding between MS and MGS

Key Points:

- **Coordination of MG Statements:** Miguel stressed the importance of coordinated, concise, and impactful statements.
- **Engagement Opportunities:** Dalia highlighted the need for increased engagement opportunities between plenaries and regional meetings, suggesting CSU as a liaison for MGS topics in draft resolutions.
- **Formal Forum for Engagement:** David emphasized the lack of a formal platform for MGS and MSs to engage informally.
- **Balancing Priorities:** Ayman mentioned about converging different priorities from stakeholders which makes it a bit hard to balance between being pragmatic and inspirational (picking the low hanging fruits and ignoring the rest).

Action Points:

- Ulf proposed providing inputs during ASC on Monday, emphasizing priority setting and the need for informal exchanges.
- Christopher suggested pre-negotiation meetings for a common understanding prior to any meetings/such as the ASC, OEWG on SPP, OECPR and then UNEA.
- Miguel emphasized the importance of early concrete inputs for UNEA preparation and proposed Portugal's facilitation in organizing MS and MG meetings.
- Stakeholders urged to prepare in advance for maximizing opportunities and to establish links with MS early on through outreach to the Co-chairs of contact groups or regional consultations as well as those who have tabled resolutions. MGS should then reach out to those co-chairs well in advance.
- Ensure that for future induction meeting for incoming CPR members, that the MGFC representatives introduce their work and offer close exchange and collaboration with MS/ CPR (following the CSU presentations).

- Ensure a Post UNEA 6 follow up meeting to establish a clear way forward on the way of engagement between MGFC/MGS and CPR/ MS in the future and carve out an engagement guide on how to engage, collaborate and coordinate MGS perspectives into the negotiations and text proposals on draft resolutions.

Action Items:

- Ulf to send an invitation for an informal exchange after a MS request has been made (Portugal) on Monday, 20th, during lunch break 2pm to establish the bridge between MS / CPR and MGS/ MGFC
- Miguel to chair the meeting in a meeting room TBC.\ (CR 10) (NB: following a later meeting with Gudi/ the NL who suggested to ensure that certain MS such as Indonesia and Costa Rica are invited to the meeting as well as France/ Spain)
- MGs and Stakeholders are strongly advised to go online and review MS positions to better inform themselves in preparation to submitting statements and to be able to make concrete proposals, either informally or during their written and oral statements in CPR meetings and UNEA.

The meeting stressed the urgency of timely and coordinated inputs from major groups, emphasizing the need for improved communication and structured engagement platforms between major groups and member states for effective collaboration during UNEA 6.