

Brief Report - Main Activities of members of the Major Groups Facilitating Committee (MGFC) 2020

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- UNEA-related activities and the WMG’s participation:
 - o Shared UNEP communications on UNEA with the WMG through our UNEA-dedicated mailing list, including emails on the meetings of UNEP Governing Bodies, relevant documents, possibilities to provide inputs, and other opportunities such as training (e.g. Stakeholders Forum’s capacity building events on UNEA5);
 - o Organized calls and consultations on the road to UNEA, with the support of the other WMG facilitators/alternates and the WMG Secretariat, and facilitated the gathering of collective inputs on the UNEA process (e.g. WMG [response](#) to UNEA5 President on the Ministerial Declaration). Some calls included short presentations on UNEA updates;
 - o Assisted with the participation of WMG members in UNEA-related consultations, such as the Oslo Act#ForNature Online Forum: consulted the WMG and proposed regionally-balanced speakers for the online event, and facilitated the development of [key requests](#) on UNEA themes;
 - o Coordinated with the WMG Secretariat to share WMG positions on the WMG website, and streamlined major updates on UNEA with the Women’s Major Groups members in other UN processes (e.g. SDGs & HLPF);
 - o Co-organized internal WMG calls to prepare for the self-organized elections of new WMG facilitators; including by holding bilateral calls with interested candidates on the responsibilities and expectations of this role;
- Engaged in regular teleconferences with UNEP, the MGFC, and Regional Facilitators;
- Participated in MGFC-organized meetings (e.g. with UNEP ED, with the CPR and UNEA Bureaux);
- Facilitated UNEP MTS ‘Discovery Session’ discussion as a rapporteur;
- Participated in online CPR and CPR subcommittee meetings;
- Contributed to the preparatory calls for the ‘Regional Consultation for Europe in preparation for UNEA5’;
- Engaged in the marine plastic litter process (participated in the meetings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Expert Group on Marine Litter and Microplastics (AHEG), mandated by UNEA Resolution 3/7 and 4/6; contributed to the NGO-led [newsletter](#) ‘Progress on Plastic’).

Other UNEP processes:

- Attended the online segment of the twelfth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention (OEWG-12);
- Engaged in the Intersessional Process of the ‘Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020’ (SAICM Beyond 2020 – Virtual Working Groups), as well as in related online events as a panelist (e.g. UNEP GENEva Environment Dialogue ‘[SAICM & ICCM5](#)’; MSP Institute ‘[Gender and SAICM beyond 2020](#)’ webinar with the SAICM Secretariat).

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