

MGFC and RF and UNEP meeting

1 September 2022

Time: 9am- 10 am

Agenda points:

1. **Introduction of new MGFC members**
2. **UNEA 6 theme**
3. **Geo-7**
4. **OWWG TO PREPARE FOR THE SCIENCE-POLICY PANEL on SOUND MANAGEMENT OF CHEMICALS AND WASTE AND TO PREVENT POLLUTION**
5. **INC 1**
6. **Annual CPR Subcommittee**
7. **Other Issues**

Participants

- UNEP: Alexander Jura, Ulf Bjornholm, Laetitia Zobel, Aurora Cheung, Isaiah Otieno, Matilda Achesa, Nicole Githua, Irene Galan, Franklin Odhiambo
- Business and Industry: Duncan Ochieng, Dominic Kailash Nath Waughray
- Children and Youth: Yugratna Srivastava, Teresa Oberhauser
- Farmers: Nil
- Indigenous Peoples and their Communities: Nil
- Local Authorities: Ingrid Coetzee,
- NGO: Ingrid Rostad, Djatougbe Aziaka
- Scientific and Technological Community: Mohamed Abdelraouf
- Women: Frezer Yeheyis, Carmen Capriles
- Workers and Trade Unions: Bert De Wel
- Africa: David Munene
- Asia and the Pacific: Ajay Jha
- Europe: Patrizia Heidegger, Sophinko Akhobadze
- LAC: Nil
- North America: Dan Burns

Summary of Minutes

1. **Newly elected MGFC members were introduced:** Duncan and Dominic from the Business and Industry MG.
2. **UNEA 6 Theme**

ULF Bjornholm from UNEP gave an overview of the UNEA 6 theme.

 - ➔ Theme yet to be decided. UNEP working on a document to be conveyed to the Bureau on 17 Oct 2022.
 - ➔ MGFC encouraged to contribute actively, in upcoming [meetings](#). E.g. the Annual Sub-Committee Meeting, CPRs, UNEA Bureau Retreat, and meeting with UNEA President and Bureau.
 - ➔ Proposed dates for UNEA 6: 26 February – 1 March 2024. Theme must be decided no later than 12 months before the start of UNEA 6.
 - ➔ Some guiding principles for defining the theme: new aspects that give guidance to important decisions such as plastics, 2030 Agenda, MEAs; addresses root cause of environmental problems; in line with scientific basis; links to an ambitious ministerial outcome document and have a limited number of draft constitutions.

3. [GEO-7](#)

Frankline Odhiambo from UNEP reported preparations towards GEO-7.

- A 10-member governing group is being finalized by the Secretariat. Gender, region and expertise balance will be ensured. Nominations invited from Member States and MGFC.
- Inauguration meeting on “Procedures” will take place 17-20 September 2022. Mainly discuss “How”.
- 2nd scoping meeting, hybrid, in October 2022.
- Recruitment of authors and reviewers and other advisory groups, end of 2022.
- For more information, contact franklin.odhiambo@un.org.

4. [SCIENCE-POLICY PANEL on THE SOUND MANAGEMENT OF CHEMICALS AND WASTE AND TO PREVENT POLLUTION](#)

Irene Galan from UNEP reported the work of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG).

- In the follow up of the UNEA 5 Resolution, the process began April 2022, an OEWG was formed.
- 1st OEWG will take place in a hybrid format, 6 October 2022. To decide the Bureau and procedures.
- 2nd OEWG in January 2023, Bangkok.
- UNEP-accredited, ECOSOC-accredited, MEA-accredited can participate in the work. A series of webinars will be organized to inform Major Groups and Stakeholders (MGS) on progress.
- The Secretariat is not able to provide travel support for MGFC for 1st OEWG.
- For more information, please contact spp-cwp@un.org; irene.galan@un.org.

5. [INC 1, 28 November – 2 December 2022](#)

Alexander Juras from UNEP reported progress of INC 1.

- The INC to beat plastic pollution was created as an outcome of UNEA 5.
- The Civil Society Unit is exploring wide participation from MGS beyond the MGFC.
- UNEP-accredited, ECOSOC-accredited, UNEP-MEA-accredited MGS can join the meeting.
- Non-accredited MGS can seek UNEP-accreditation to join the meeting. UNEP will try to fast-track the applications.
- A follow-up meeting with MGFC and INC Secretariat will be scheduled tentatively the week of 19 September 2022.
- For more information, please contact aurora.cheung@un.org and Isaiah.otieno@un.org.

6. [9th Annual CPR Subcommittee, 24-28 October 2022](#)

- Meeting will be hybrid.
- The Civil Society Unit is trying to ensure at least 1 representative per Major Group is financially supported to join the meeting. This is to be communicated when confirmed.

7. **AOB**

- Request to consider different time zones regarding setting up meeting times.
- Doodle will be sent regarding the upcoming meeting on 19 September 2022.
- Next meeting will follow up a few issues not covered in 1 September 2022 meeting.