

## MGFC and RF and UNEP meeting

### Summary

15 December 2022

Time: 4pm-5pm, Nairobi time

#### Agenda Points:

- **OEWG on Chemicals and Wastes (CSU)**
- **INC-1 (Carmen and Zuhair)**
- **UNEA-6 theme (CSU)**
- **Review of MGFC guidelines, not Major Groups handbook, (Mohamed, CSU)**
- **AOB**

#### Participants

- **UNEP:** Alexander Juras, Laetitia Zobel, Aurora Cheung, Brian Mbanga, Melissa Ngilandala
- **Business and Industry:** Nil
- **Children and Youth:** Gyubin Hwang, Zuhair Ahmed Kowshik
- **Farmers:** Wali Haider
- **Indigenous Peoples and their Communities:** Rodion Sulyandziga
- **Local Authorities:** Nil
- **NGO:** Ingrid Rostad, Djatougbe Aziaka
- **Scientific and Technological Community:** Mohamed Abdelraouf, Stephen Stec
- **Women:** Carmen Capriles (chair of the meeting)
- **Workers and Trade Unions:** Nil
- **Africa:** Nil
- **Asia and the Pacific:** Nil
- **Europe:** Patrizia Heidegger, Ida Bakhuridze
- **North America:** Nil
- **West Asia:** Faisal Al-Fadl

## Summary of Minutes

### 1. OEWG on Chemicals and Wastes

Follow-up points:

- Funding for those who had registered and requested for funding still in progress, MGFC co-chairs will be contacted to help in selecting some of the participants based on regional, gender, geographical balance.
- A pre-meeting or preparatory meeting need to be held on 29 January 2023, parallel to regional group meeting and before the official meeting. This can discuss and finalize after new year holidays.

### 2. INC-1

- Concerns were raised regarding the modalities of the meeting.
- Major groups signs were removed, Major Groups expected to participate as observers. Major Groups object to this.
- Major Groups approach was not followed, and in many other processes this has been the practice. Major Groups could have played a pro-active role towards INC meeting, then the situation might have been changed.
- Others MGFC members also showed concern on the INC process and suggested to follow-up the issue.
- NGO major group will have a separate discussion on the issue.
- Decision: Carmen and Zuhair will draft a letter and share with MGFC, in the letter all our concern will be laid down will be shared to secretariat.

### 3. **UNEA-6 theme**

- There is a consolidated proposal on theme titled: "Environmental Multilateralism for future solutions to address climate change, bio-diversity loss and pollution and to achieve clean, healthy and sustainable environment".
- There is a last chance to provide feedback for the last round to the consolidated proposal which is expected to be finalized by beginning of February 2022.

### 4. **Review of MGFC guidelines, not Major Groups handbook**

- Guidelines of major-group participation and engagement have been constantly written and un-written. There should be concrete written guidelines in this regard.
- There's a proposal to ease the process and shorten the time to formulate a task group to draft guidelines.

- Decision: A task group for guidelines has been constituted and consists of Mohammad, Ingrid, Wali, Faisal and Djatougbe.

#### **5. Any Other Business**

- Faisal raised the issue of agenda setting of MGFC meeting and also shared that he wanted to put SDGs topic in the agenda.
- It was responded that any member of the MGFC can suggest agenda item/s but the meeting focus would be UNEP matters.