

MGFC and RF and UNEP meeting

Summary

4 May 2023

Time: 4pm-5pm, Nairobi time

Agenda Points:

- **Global MGS 1.5-day meeting on the 4th and 5th of July 2023 in the context of the Bureau Retreat that is starting on 6th July 2023.**
- **INC 2 (funding of 20 observers and results of side events will be announced next week by INC Secretariat; update please check INC website**
- **Updates on OEWG**
- **Elections (Women, Local Authorities completed; Science and Technology awaiting confirmation; Farmers, NGO, North America ongoing)**
- **AOB.**

Participants

- **UNEP: Laetitia Zobel, Aurora Cheung, Isaiah Otieno, Melissa Ngilandala, Edwike Nyauncho, Paco Mengual**
- **Business and Industry: Mumbi Munene**
- **Children and Youth: Gyubin Hwang, Zuhair Ahmed Kowshik**
- **Farmers: Nil**
- **Indigenous Peoples and their Communities: Lena Yanina Estrada**
- **Local Authorities: Jean-Baptiste Buffet, Magash Naidoo**
- **NGO: Ingrid Rostad (chair of the meeting)**
- **Scientific and Technological Community: Stephen Stec**
- **Women: Frezer Yeheyis**
- **Workers and Trade Unions: Nil**
- **Africa: David Munene, Ayman Bel Hassan Cherkaoui**
- **Asia and the Pacific: Ajay Jha**
- **Europe: Nil**
- **North America: Jennifer Garard**
- **Latin America and the Caribbean: Yarivith Gonzales**

- West Asia: Faisal Al-Fadl

Summary of Minutes

1. Global MGS 1.5-day meeting on the 4th and 5th of July 2023 in the context of the Bureau Retreat that is starting on 6th July 2023.

- The Global MGs meeting will take place on 4th-5th July in Rabat prior to the UNEA and CPR Bureau retreat (6th & 7th July).
- The MG meeting is open to all accredited members, that is, a registration link will be created for the broader MGS but highly unlikely that any travel support will be extended to MGS beyond the MGFC. Therefore, the travel support link should not be shared beyond the MGFC.
- The meeting is being organized in collaboration with the Mohammed VI Foundation (Morocco) and the UNEP and will take place at the Hassan II international center for environmental training in Rabat.
- Selected MGFC representatives (approx.10) will also participate in the morning meetings of the Bureau/Retreat to present the discussions from the global MGs meeting.
- UNEP-CSU is looking into how many MGFC members can be supported.
- A committee will develop the agenda for the MGs meeting. Those desirous of being part of this committee may contact Ayman/CSU. Some volunteers include Ajay, Zuhair, Faisal and Magash.

2. INC 2 (funding of 20 observers and results of side events will be announced next week by INC Secretariat; update please check INC website: <https://www.unep.org/events/conference/second-session-intergovernmental-negotiating-committee-develop-international>)

- Approximately 1700 participants from 600 CSOs/MGs have registered for the INC-2.
- The travel support announcement (for 20 persons) will be made by the INC secretariat next week.
- Considering the restricted capacity of the venue (1500 max), secondary/floating badges will be issued to all participants. Entry will be denied for those not possessing secondary badges.

3. [OEWG](#)

- The Bureau Meeting on SPP on further management of chemicals and waste and prevention of pollution took place last month.
- The OEWG 2 meeting will take place probably in December (10-15 December tentatively) and the location will be either Jordan or Nairobi, with the Bureau agreeing to have 9 major groups as a part of the MGs.
- The Civil Society Unit will inform on the date and location later.
- The issue of MGs participation in the Regional Consultation (Asia Pacific) on Minerals and metals Management was also raised. The MGFC members shared that the secretariat has informed them

that the travel support was available only for the member states and not for the MGs. The members expressed that this is unfortunate that not even a single MG representative has been provided travel support and that this might set a bad precedent for future meetings.

- Members have asked the CSU to share with MGFC efforts to develop participation modalities in UNEP-led meetings. Laetitia informed that the process is yet to be completed and CSU seeks cooperation from the MGFC members since there's ongoing development on the planned engagement guidelines to support MGS participation in UNEP led meetings.

4. Elections (Women, Local Authorities completed; Science and Technology awaiting confirmation; Farmers, NGO, North America ongoing)

- Elections for the Farmers, NGO and North America Region are being conducted.
- Scientific & Technological Community election results will be announced next week.
- Women and Local Authorities elections have been completed and the results have been announced. Frezer (re-elected from the WMG) and Magash (LA) were welcomed in the MGFC.

5. AOB

- Some of the members who wanted guidance on how to change their constituencies were informed that it is possible if they write and explain to the CSU regarding the change, however, caution should be taken since changes can happen only once.
- RF WA sought clarification on the nature of partnerships between the NGOs and the UNEP. CSU clarified that UNEP chooses its partners from amongst wider major groups to deliver certain projects and it's a typical project contract/relationship.