


# THE MAJOR GROUPS FACILITATING COMMITTEE (MGFC)







## ¿WHAT IS THE MGFC?



The Major Groups Facilitating Committee (MGFC) facilitates Major Groups and Stakeholders engagement with UNEP. It is not a decision-making body, but provides guidance and coordinates the engagement of Major Groups with UNEP.



# NINE 'MAJOR GROUPS'

 CHILDREN AND YOUTH M

 WOMEN'S

 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

 WORKERS AND TRADE UNIONS

 FARMERS

 LOCAL AUTHORITIES

 NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

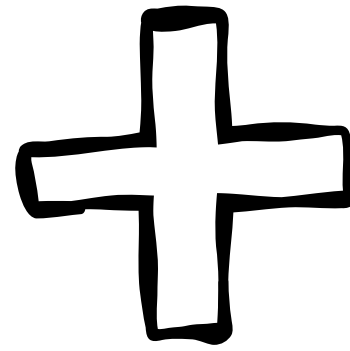
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# REGIONAL FACILITATORS



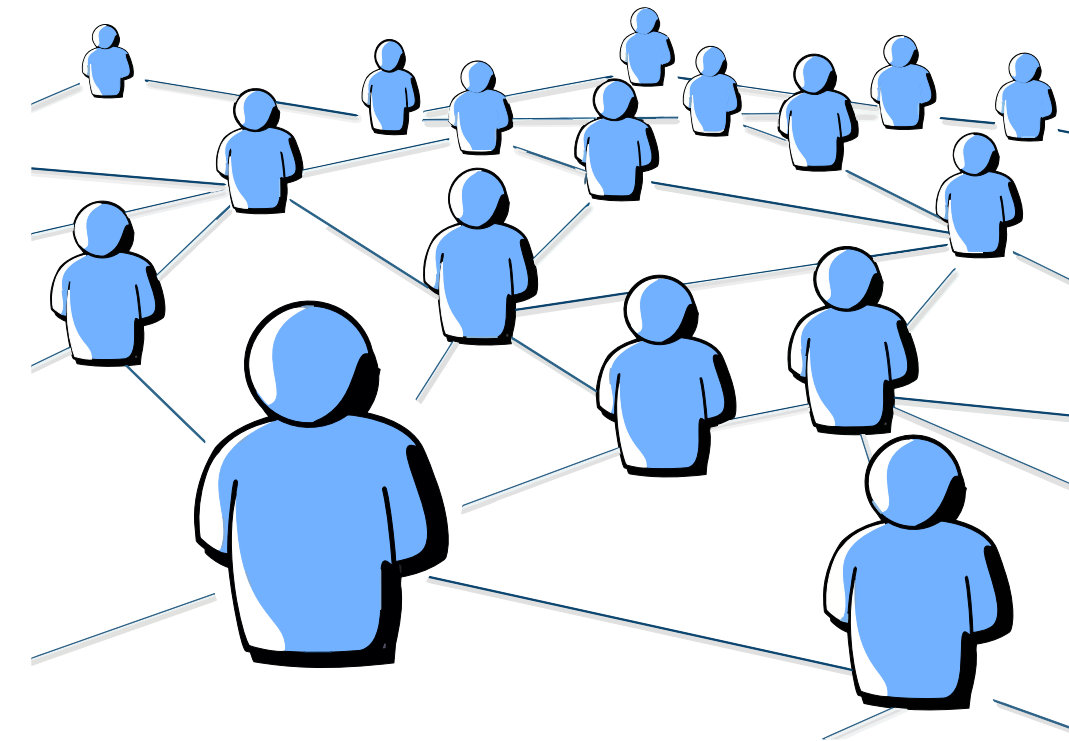
**Two Facilitators per MG**



**Two Regional Facilitators  
per Region**



**30 ELECTED  
MEMBERS  
MGFC**



## MGFC RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maximize participation of MGS representatives in UNEA and related meetings.
- Foster a balanced representation of your MG (gender, focus, region).
- Facilitate and mobilize the engagement of MGS members with specific knowledge of the issues at hand.
- Disseminate statements and information coming from your MG to UNEP and the other MGs.
- Provide information, training and capacity building on UNEP processes.



## RESPONSABILITIES OF THE MGFC



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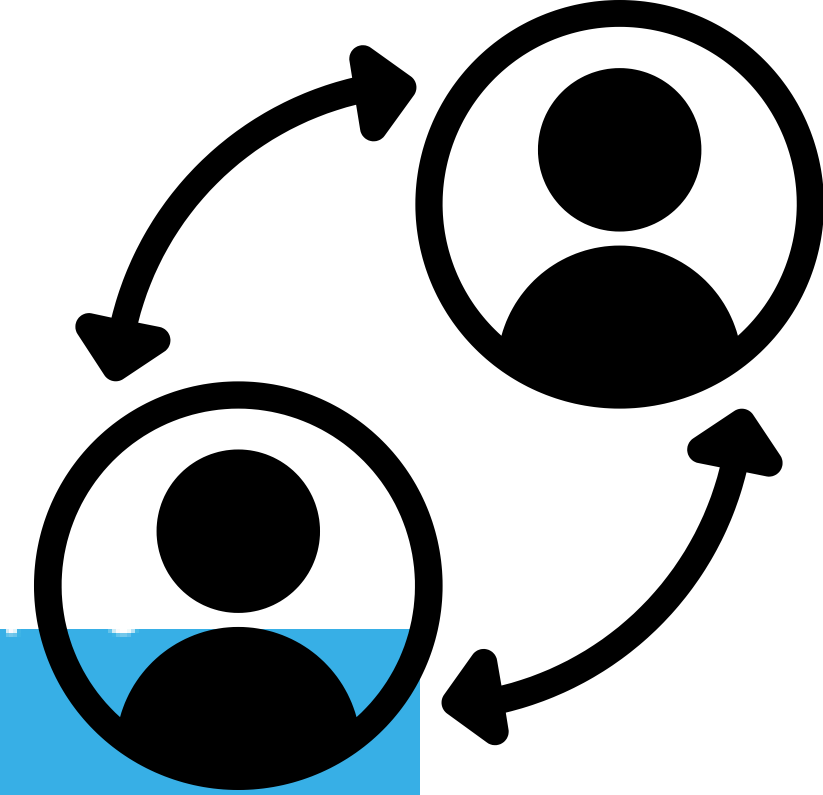
- **HOW CAN ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGE WITH MGFC ?**



- The main communication channels are the Co-chairs of each MG and the Regional facilitators who must always communicate the opportunities for linking with the MGFC.
- Respond to the sessions and meetings convened by the UNEP CSU (such as this inductive session)
- Participate in the international consultations prior to the UNEA.
- Currently, there is an opportunity to join the: Task force to define the committee that will address cases of harassment and discrimination.



## OPPORTUNITIES OF ENGAGEMENT



Networking and relationships with key stakeholders and representatives from various counties and organizations  
learning and capacity building



demonstrating commitment, expertise and willingness to engage to potentially increase future engagement possibilities



Influence and advocacy to influence discussions and shape outcomes

Monitoring the implementation of decisions, policies or agreements and ensure compliance and accountability among participating parties



enhance credibility and visibility of one's organization on a global scale

## YOUR ROLE BEFORE AND DURING THE UNEA



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## MAJOR GROUP ACTIVITIES DURING UNEA :

- Relevance of UNEA
- UNEA-6 theme and structure
- Stakeholder engagement during UNEA
- Green Room
- Daily morning Briefings
- Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue
- Global Major Group and Stakeholder Forum (GMGSF)
- Major Group's Media Conference
- Daily Meetings
- Daily newsletter (UNEA monitor)
- Capacity Building
- Other activities



## CODE OF CONDUCT

- Any Major Group Facilitator who fails to provide an activity report may be denied funding for their participation in UNEP-meetings and processes and will be requested to step down from their role.
- If a MGF is inactive for a longer period (at least 3 months) and repeatedly not participate in the regular teleconferences of the Committee, UNEP may request the respective Major Group / Region to select a replacement.
- If you are funded by UNEP you are required to fully attend the meeting to which you are funded. A failure to do so will make you ineligible for future travel support.



**MGFC**  
**NEW GUIDELINES CODE OF CONDUCT**

## ROLE OF REGIONAL FACILITATORS

- Overall mission of the Regional Facilitator is to **PRESENT** the **AGREED views of the region** in UNEP meetings and processes.
  - These are usually agreed during the Regional Consultative Meetings (RCMs)
  - In absence of agreed positions RFs have no mandate to make statements on behalf of their region.





**THANK YOU SO MUCH**





At UNEP following UNEP  
proceses like UNEA



Following 10YFP and  
One Planet Network



CBD process like COP of  
Biodiversity



Following UNFCCC like  
Climate Change COPs

# Youth constituencies

- There are other groups or youth coalitions following different processes: chemicals and waste, Oceans, Water, etc ...
- Each Youth constituency is self organized.
- Youth constituencies usually have internal consultations and capacity building sessions.
- Organized per regions and working groups or thematic groups.
- We co-create and have partnerships.
- Active engagement in decision making spaces.