

MGFC and RF and UNEP meeting

Summary

3rd February 2025

Time: 3:30pm-5:00pm, Nairobi time

Agenda Points:

- Timing for the monthly call
- Task Force to establish a small committee to develop and implement a mechanism for addressing issues such as harassment
- Update about the INC 5.2
- Update about the OEWG 3.2
- Proposal for a Major Groups engagement modalities in OEWG 3.2 Webinar.
- GoF Updates
- AOB

Participants

- UNEP: David Ombisi, Edwike Nyauncho; Juan Pablo Celis Garcia, Isaish Otieno, Laetitia Zobel, Nyasha Henrieta Najira, Peter Kirongothi, Stephanie Akinyi
- Business and Industry: Nill
- Children and Youth: Clive Donnley
- Farmers: A.G. Kawamura, Paul Temple
- Indigenous Peoples and their Communities: Nill
- Local Authorities: Jean-Baptiste Buffet, Magash Naidoo
- NGO: Djatougbe Aziaka, Christopher Chin
- Scientific and Technological Community: Mohammed Abdelraouf, Stephen Stec
- Women: Dalia Fernanda Márquez
- Workers and Trade Unions: Rebecca Okello, Bert De Wel
- Africa: David N. Munene
- Asia and the Pacific: Ajay K Jha, Chinkie Peliño
- Europe: Oksana Volosko-Demkiv
- North America: Medani P. Bhandari, Kelly Sheridan
- Latin America and the Caribbean: Alejandro Luque
- West Asia: Marie-Therese Merhej Seif

Summary of Minutes

1. Update of the INC process (Juan Pablo Celis Garcia)

- Outcome from INC-5. 1146 observes.
- Date of INC-5.2 and venue is TBC.
- Comments: Difficult for CSO to attend meetings, sometimes not allowed in the rooms. Feeling that our participation is getting backwards towards INC
- Feedback: Limitation to attendance is not in our hands. Also, because participation has grown
- Comment: we might want to send a letter to strengthen engagement and participation of CSOs
- Feedback: INC is not yet an instrument, it is not yet set, this is why there are certain limitations for certain ways of engagement
- Comment: Women MG has had capacity building sessions, and will be hosting similar in advance of INC-5.2
- **Action:** MGFC to draft a letter and ask for more opportunities for engagement, to be shared in advance of the next call. Mohamed, Dalia, Chinkie.

2. Timing of monthly call (Isaiah Otieno):

- Acknowledges that the group come from all over the world.
- This call is now hosted in the afternoon.
- Some concerns have been received.
- Now seek advance from the MGFC on what will work best and are flexible with time as long as it's during working hours.
- Comment: Best is to have the calls on an alternating basis, AM during one month, and PM during the next month. No objections were received to this suggestion, and this timing will be utilised.
- Comment: Faisal asked for his email to please be noted and utilised: faisalalfadl@sgbf.sa. It was also suggested to continue to liaise and engage with ECOSOC, this has been pursued by Women MG, and Business.

3. Task force to develop and implement a harassment/discrimination policy (Dalia).

- New guidelines for the MG were adopted last year, one of the elements is to set up a group to develop a harassment policy.
- Two nominations were received, and the call to join the task force is shared again.
- Dalia will send out an email, with the guidelines, and a link to join the committee to create the mechanism/policy. The link can be found [here](#).
- Comment: Medani also volunteered and has some experience in a similar role in a university.

4. Update about the OEWG 3.2 (Laetitia)

- Will take place from 15 to 18 June 2025.
- It will take place in Uruguay.
- There are concerns about visas and costs.
- Limited funding will be made available to MGs, 1 per MG, from the secretariat.
- Uncertain about funding for a youth event, or a MG event.
- A meeting with the MGs will take place later this month.
- Comment: Can we ask the Uruguayan authorities to accept a list of everyone attending, to help

facility the visa.

5. Proposal for a Major Groups engagement modalities in OEWG 3.2 Webinar.

- Tentative last week of April first week of May.
- Discussing about MG engagement and other webinar on hot topics is also an option.
- Comments: early March or April is better.
- Laetitia suggestion: the idea is to build a common approach, and it should start to be discussed in February and March, it has to be as soon as possible in order to be more concrete.
- Comment: Agreed for March in order to get MGS some time.
- Women MG: work plan has been built, so we will have proposals at the end of this week.
- Comment: important to have meeting for MGs at INCs, they are trying to turn it into a waste issue which is not the right approach.

6. GoF Updates

- providing inputs to UNEA7 preparations.
- Palestine proposed that MGs should come with 3 resolutions.
- importance in addressing gaps not covered in UNEA7.
- important to review the Ministerial Declaration.
- next meeting on Feb 17th.
- Comment: a very engaging discussion with MS, especially Morocco and palestine, and leadership of Mexico, in bringing an alliance.
- Deadline is 21st february to bring feedback.
- It would be good to take advantage from the presidency of Oman to drive more ideas and more focus towards MGS.
- Comment: proposal on how to implement resolutions.
- Comment: GoF is the opportunity to engage with MS in a not so formal environment, highlight concerns or topics, work on lobby and advocacy towards MS, before UNEA and before the Regional Consultations and the Ministerial Fora.
- Suggestion to have a Working Group meeting on GoFs to further enhance coordination and participation.
- Agree to move forward with these actions.

7. AOB

- Are MG prepared for Global RCM and Ministerial Fora? if there are any plans that your regions are having
- African preparatory meeting taking place 4th Feb on the way to UNEA7
- Coordination of date and time of the meeting for Regional Facilitators and can be for everyone