

MGFC and RF and UNEP meeting

Summary

18 August 2025

Time: 3:00 pm, Nairobi time

Agenda Points:

- **INC5.2**
- **MGFC Co-Chairs Elections**
- **Discussion of global consultation in preparation of the GMGSF (RF EU)**
- **Updates on the Planning and organising of the GMGSF (Global Consultation ahead of GMGSF preparations and MGFC collaboration) - CSU + Co-Chairs**
- **UNEA Task Forces (Mohamed)**
- **Updates on Joint Bureaux retreat (UNEP)**
- **GoF Updates - Zuhair**
- **Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue - David Ombi**
- **Webinar Series Towards UNEA-7, co-organised by Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas and Animal People Inc - Isaiah**
- **RCMs updates**
- **AOB**

Participants

- **UNEP:** Zuhair Ahmed, Laetitia Zobel, Peter Kirongothi, Zhenwen Wu, David Ombisi, Isaiah Otieno, Olga, and Kennedy Wangari.
- **Business and Industry:** Faisal Alfadl
- **Children and Youth:** Clive Donnley
- **Farmers:** AG Kawamura, Paul Temple
- **Indigenous Peoples and their Communities:** Prem Singh Tharu
- **Local Authorities:** Carlos Mascarell
- **NGO:** Mussa, Christopher Chin
- **Scientific and Technological Community:** Nill
- **Women:** Dalia Marquez, Teresia Gitau
- **Workers and Trade Unions:** Bert DE WelBert DE Wel
- **Africa:** Ndeye Fatou Ndiaye
- **Asia and the Pacific:** Chinkie Pelino Golle, Ajay Jha
- **Europe:** Oksana Volosko-Demkiv
- **North America:** Kelly Sheridan, Prof. Medani P. Bhandari
- **Latin America and the Caribbean:** Alejandro Luque
- **West Asia:** Marie-Therese Merhej Seif, Mohammed Alzuheir

Summary of Minutes

1. INC5.2

- Some countries were opposed to having the inclusion of health in the treaty.
- The INC secretariat called for an urgent meeting late on the final day before the plenary, which the coalitions (MGs) found surprising and confusing. A new chair's text was shared. There was no clarity on the reasons why the meeting was called. They invited the most active coalitions, like Waste pickers.
- Dalia spoke to the co-chairs of Major Groups, but as the leads of Networks.
- INC has different names. They don't use Major Group, but rather Coalitions/Networks. Some organisations have concerns with the term "Major Group".
- The urgent meeting ended with more questions than answers.

2. MGFC Co-Chairs Elections

- Current leaders: Dalia Fernanda and Mohammed Abdelraouf.
- The leadership is rotational.
- Agree among ourselves which co-chairs will lead the MGFC so that everyone has a chance to lead.
- It was encouraged to have the rotational basis and removal process of an MGFC member documented in the Stakeholder Handbook by the end of 2025.
- The elections should not be tied to any UNEA cycle.
- The MGFC elections will be finished by September 2025.
- CSU will send an email on the way forward.
- Duration is 2 years.

3. Discussion of global consultation in preparation of the GMGSF (RF EU)

- Patrizia will get back to the team at the online GMGSF preparatory meeting to be held between the end of October and mid-November.
- There was a request to exclude COP30 dates—10th to 21st November—for the online discussion.
- Discussion on GMGSF will also take place during the 12th ASC.

4. Updates on the Planning and organising of the GMGSF (Global Consultation ahead of GMGSF preparations and MGFC collaboration) - CSU + Co-Chairs

- Include Gender perspective in UNEA resolution.
- Function of local authorities in the implementation of Resolutions, including topics that matter to Major Groups.
- Include the topics in the GMGSF.

5. UNEA Task Forces (Mohamed)

- No updates

6. Updates on Joint Bureaux retreat (UNEP)

- It was a half-day online meeting.
- The Joint Bureaux approved the concept note of the multistakeholder dialogue.
- A Regional Preparatory meeting is being organised in Oman by the UNEA7 presidency from 21st September. Marie Therese and Mohammed have been invited and will be invited by the regional office of West Asia.

7. GoF Updates - Zuhair

- 7th October and 25th November.
- Spotlight sessions on each MG. Give the MG time to put their demands before UNEA7.
- Have a reception during the 12th ASC (3rd ASC)
- There must be consultation before the GoF.

8. Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue - David Ombi

- MGFC was requested to identify potential panellists who would like to participate.
- David to send a concept note on the same.

9. Webinar Series Towards UNEA-7, co-organised by Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas and Animal People Inc – Isaiah

- They will join the next MGFC call.
- The outcome document will feed into the consultation in October.

10. RCMs updates

- The first Latin American Women Major Group to be held on 28th September 2025 in Lima, Peru.
- 6th Session for the Asia-Pacific held 26-29th; Asia Pacific Youth Forum 26th August.
- RCM Africa held their meeting in July.
- North America will hold a meeting on 19th August 2025 on a way forward for their region.
- The deadline is early October for Inf doc. The documents are not translated.

11. AOB

- Women's Lunch will be held at UNEA7, and there will be a series of online consultation webinars.