

MGFC and RF and UNEP meeting

Summary

7 April 2025

Time: 3pm - 4:30 pm, Nairobi time

Agenda Points:

- **Update about the OEWG 3.2 (UNEP)**
- **Update on the Webinar for a Major Groups engagement modalities in SPP chemicals**
- **Updates on INC plastic**
- **Election updates (B&I, Women, S&T, NGO, Farmers, Local Authorities...etc)**
- **GoF Updates**
- **SRM Consultative Workshop & Science-Policy Dialogue- extended deadline to register and nominate by 8th April 2025**
- **AOB**

Participants

- **UNEP:** Laetitia Zobel, Isaiah Otieno, Edwike Nyauncho, John Bernard, Maria Aarre Haanes, Zhenwen Wu, Zuhair Ahmed, Peter Kirongothi, David Ombisi, Rubies Kyama Kwalia
- **Business and Industry:** Mr. Faisal Alfadl
- **Children and Youth:** Clive Donnley, Natalia Mrówczyńska
- **Farmers:** AG Kawamura, Paul Temple
- **Indigenous Peoples and their Communities:** Nill
- **Local Authorities:** Magash Naidoo
- **NGO:** Christopher Chin
- **Scientific and Technological Community:** Stephen Stec, Mohamed
- **Women:** Dalia Marquez, Natalia Mrówczyńska
- **Workers and Trade Unions:** Nill
- **Africa:** David Munene, Nfatou Ndiaye
- **Asia and the Pacific:** Chinkie Pelino Golle, Ajay K Jha
- **Europe:** Patrizia Heidegger
- **North America:** Kelly Sheridan, Prof. Medani P. Bhandari
- **Latin America and the Caribbean:** Alejandro Luque
- **West Asia:** Marie-Therese Merhej Seif, Mohammed Alzuhairi

Summary of Minutes

1. Update about the OEWG 3.2 (UNEP).

Laetitia Zobel:

- OEWG participation by State and MGFC members has been challenging, especially for those African nation members with access and funding limitations.

2. Update on the Webinar for Major Groups engagement modalities in SPP chemicals (Mohamed)

Mohamed Abdelrouf:

Update on MGFC Modalities for April 23rd engagement with UN Global Science-Policy-Business Forum (SPBF) webinar on SRM and other issue areas.

Registration for SPBF webinar on SRM is still open for 2 members from each MG

MGFC is seeking dialogue and consensus from MG members to work on a summary document

MGFC leadership still seeking other mini-committee volunteers with Chinkie, Alejandro and Faisal...April 23rd

3. Updates on INC plastic (All).

- Dalia Marquez commented on continuing submissions from Women MG
- Clive Donnley commented on youth and adolescents' participation, stakeholder engagement
- Mohamed Abdelrouf reported that MGFC letter to INC to be sent to Ministerial...available for CSU revision

Dalia Marquez was asked to Chair the virtual meeting by Mohamed who had to leave

4. Election updates (B&I, Women, S&T, NGO...etc)

- Isaiah Otieno gave an update on the various ongoing MGFC Co-Facilitator nomination/elections.
- A.G. Kawamura inquired on the possibility of staggering the terms for Co-Facilitators in order to provide more MG continuity.
- Laetitia Zobel, Isaiah Otieno and David Munene provided background and positive responses on possible election improvements.

5. GoF Updates

- Dalia Marquez:
Gave a reminder that the next GoF meeting will be April 9th
Each MG can share their priority issues with Group of Friends members
MGFC's to continue recommending GoF participants

6. SRM Consultative Workshop & Science-Policy Dialogue- extended deadline to register and nominate by 8th April 2025.

Laetitia Zobel:

- Gave an update on workshop and ongoing discussions.
- Reminded the MGFC that the Chief Scientist updated MGFC before UNEA-6 upcoming briefing on SRM latest research and developments.
- Noted that two per MG can participate online in the hybrid meeting.
- Encouraged MGFC participation for May 20th webinar.

Laetitia messaged from Chat Box:

- We had a briefing with the Chief Scientist on SRM almost 2 years ago, prior to the last UNEA.

We could consider doing another one again - but now the MGFC and RF have been invited by the Chief Scientist to join the SRM briefing happening in May in Geneva online. Please nominate your reps by tomorrow.

Stephen Stec:

- S&T MG monitoring what is happening in the discussion on SRM...with discussions with the UNEP Chief Scientist...putting together working groups.
- Statements from S&T MG submitted for the Ministerial Declaration.
- In addition, the S&T MG looking for and developing position on Artificial Intelligence
- Also, looking for an information sharing and update session on AI

Faisal Alfadl:

- Recommends an expanded 'theme' for the MGS on AI...and the impact for MGS.
- Recommends that an Ad Hoc AI working group can pursue this discussion.
- ECOSOC communication/update to be submitted.

7. High Level YEA Segment on Sunday 7 December during GMGSF.

8. AOB