MGFC and RF and UNEP meeting

Summary

5 February 2024 Time: 9:30 am EAT

Agenda Points:

- **United Nations Forum on Forest update**
- **Updates on Preparations for UNEA 6 (CSU)**
- **Updates on GMGSF (Patrizia, Djatougbe)**
- **Updates on Green Room (Mohamed, A.G.)**
- **Updates on Press Conference (Mohamed)**
- **Updates on MSD-Major Stakeholder Dialogue (Dalia, Ayman, Ajay, Natasha)**
- **Updates on Clusters and Focal Points**
- **OECPR Preparations (David Obisi, Mohamed)**

Participants

- UNEP: David Ombisi, Aurora Cheung, Laetitia Zobel, Isaiah Otieno, Peter Kirongothi, Maria Haanes, Katharina Kalbitz, Melissa Ngilandala, Edwike Nyauncho, Thomas Nyambosero
- Business and Industry: Duncan Ochieng' Onduu
- Children and Youth: Gyubin Hwang, Zuhair Ahmed Kowshik
- Farmers: Arthur Kawamura, Paul Temple
- Indigenous Peoples and their Communities: Lena Yanina Estrada
- Local Authorities: Magash Naidoo
- NGO: Christopher Chin, Djatougbe Aziaka
- Scientific and Technological Community: Stephen Stec, Mohamed Abdelraouf
- Women: Dalia Fernanda Márquez Añez
- Workers and Trade Unions: Nil
- Africa: Ayman Bel Hassan Cherkaoui
- Asia and the Pacific:
- Europe: Patrizia Heidegger, Natasha Dokovska Spirovska
- North America:
- Latin America and the Caribbean:
- West Asia:

Summary of Minutes

1. **United Nations Forum on Forest update**

Mohamed welcomed the participants and introduced Mia Crawford to give a background and update on the United Nations Forum on Forest, scheduled to take place over a few days after the end of UNEA-6. MGs are encouraged to participate with some members already confirmed.

Mia Crawford: Global-Forest-Goals-booklet-Apr-2019.pdf (un.org)

Mía Craford:

- Exchange for multi stakeholders
- The forum is about the multifintionalitu of the forest
- Stakeholders are trying to rebuild and be stronger for the future and collaborate with the MGFC.
- There is a possibility of a joint meeting online.
- Some of the MGFC meetings will extend their stay after UNEA6 to attend the forum on Forest.
- Germany fund will support with DSA for those days
- I will be sending out the final programs and details about how you can join the meeting online.

Djatougbe

- I do eco about this activity.
- Create Collective.

2. **Updates on Preparations for UNEA & GMSF (Patrizia Heidegger)**

Patrizia from the Chat Box: "Good morning colleagues, Good to see you all. I can only listen and will have to leave soon (school drop off time for me here). Regarding the Joint Global Statement, I suggest that I clean the current draft (based on the Int Consultation in December and a first round of comments) until the end of the week, then ask specifically MGFC members, cluster facilitators and resolution focal points to input. I'll restructure around the clusters (given these were not known in December). We can do two more rounds of comments - and then I can have a pre-final version ready at the beginning of the OECPR - and we can finalize on 24/25 February."

Patrizia Heidegger: Programme 20 GMGSF : https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ok7kD...

Laetitia Zobel commented through the Chat:

"…we have the INF doc that will be released soon- but it seems taking long to get it edited. So, I'd like to send it to all of you today, which includes all the regional statements and an executive summary. The Regional Facilitators should consider preparing a statement summarizing the outcomes for OECPR as well. You might want to discuss this among the entire MGFC…"

3. **Updates on Green Room (Mohamed)**

Side events will not be confirmed until the 7th or 8th. Most side event proposals should have received an e-notification of receipt. But the formal approval process is still ongoing.

A question was asked as to "What is the criteria for selection?" Mohamed answered that: Quality of MGFC Resolutions balance; quality of speakers; quality of content; relationship to other UNEA-6 priorities.

4. **Updates on MSD (Major Stakeholder Dialogue) (Dalia, Ayman)**

Dalia reported: Speakers from 5 MG's have responded with nominated speakers to give their statement. Nominations close soon. Those MG's that have not yet nominated speakers are encouraged to do so

before nominations close and they lose their opportunity to present positions.

Ayman reported: The MSD Task force meeting is every Monday…more discussion later today. Potential goodwill ambassador…may join the discussion.

5. **Updates on Press Conference (Mohamed)**

Mohamed described the importance of the Press Conference: To present ideas and positions on the first day of proceedings, communicating special instructions and schedules…present information on side events and other special presentations for the Press. He suggests that there should be a "Question and Answer" session for the Press…

The MGFC or CSU should choose a Facilitator for this press conference.

6. **Update on Clusters and Focal Points (CSU+MGFC)**

Dalia reported: Cluster leaders and Focal Point experts are doing their best to exchange information and reach collaborative consensus. Cluster C has continued to make progress on their resolutions and is near completion of their organizing efforts. Cluster D and E are still working on their responses.

Ayman: Several Focal Points were not yet in a position to make statements representing their respective MG…also recommended that Facilitators should remain neutral as they facilitate the discussions.

Mohamed, MGFC have final say on resolution packages coming out of Cluster groups and Resolutions discussions with Focal Points and others…

Djatougbe Aziaka commented that there should be more clarification on how the Clusters come to consensus, how they collaborate and how they facilitate the dialogue…the co-facilitators need to report back to their leads/groups.

7. **OECPR Preparations: (David Ombisi, Mohamed)**

David: A reminder that the calendar of key events is laid out over the weeks before UNEA-6
Youth and Environment Conference…Feb. 17th to 18th
OECPR…Feb. 19-23rd OECPR…
GMGSF…
UNEA-6…Feb. 26th- March 1st
Forest Forum…March 4th – 6th

David described that the Resolution and Cluster process is a work in progress…
Cluster A & B…already finishing up
Cluster C & D…later this week
Cluster E…Later this week
All Cluster work on resolutions goes forward to OECPR
Green Room tickets and DSA should be moving forward MGFC as CSU for assistance.

Dalia was asked and Isaiah reported: Is there a link to obtain badges for in person attendance at OECPR…answered by Isaiah that most should be taken care of by now.

A question about the Nairobi special City event…no details given

Question about available hotels…should be on website…and or, should be available including recommended/approved rates.

Mohamed…MGs are expected to have a prepared statement…but regional facilitators should be prepared to deliver a statement if the opportunity occurs during the proceedings.

Aurora: Next MGFC is next Monday at 3pm EAT