

MGFC and RF and UNEP meeting

Summary

7 July 2025

Time: 3:00 pm, Nairobi time

Agenda Points:

- **Nomination of the MGFC representatives to the 12th ASC - CSU**
- **Major Groups at GEO Summary October 2025 (Mohamed)**
- **Feedback from the OEWG 3.2 (Participants from MGFC members)**
- **RCM Europe preparations update**
- **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 + Cochairs**
- **Resolutions task teams?**
- **Faith for Earth Coalition - UNEP**
- **IP special event update (By IPMG)**
- **Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue**
- **Updates on Joint Bureaux retreat (UNEP) - David**
- **Updates on INC plastic (All)**
- **NGO Election updates**
- **GoF Updates**
- **AOB**

Participants

- **UNEP:** Charlotte Lily Dixon Evans, Azmaira Alibhai, David Ombisi, Iyad Abu Moghli, Marguerite Bernard, Miguel Alejandro Ortiz, Peter Kirongothi, Xuefei Peng, Zhenwen Wu, Carlos Mascarell, Clive, Kennedy Karanja
- **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:** Christopher Chin
- **Scientific and Technological Community:** Mohamed Abdelraouf
- **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. Nomination of the MGFC representatives to the 12th ASC - CSU

→ CSU-Isaiah: Due to limited funding, only one member per major group can receive funding. To get support, you need to register through the portal. The deadline for registration was 15 July.

2. Major Groups at GEO Summary October 2025 (Mohamed)

- Mohamed - major groups have been participating in the process since the start. GEO has limited funding; only experienced delegates can get funding. Mohamed will send out a call to MGFC and to a broader group.

3. Feedback from the OEWG 3.2 (Participants from MGFC members)

- Mohamed - reports about successful major group participation (good coordination, several interventions, etc.).
- AG - Called it historical to set up the science-policy panel. Major groups have been accepted to the science-policy panel but not to the interdisciplinary committee. Flags the unity among the major groups.
- Clive - Youth is submitting to have good representation at the panel.
- Prem - Indigenous peoples were represented. Indonesia proposed that indigenous peoples be put together with local groups, while they should be recognised on their own. IP does not accept this. Indigenous knowledge was not recognised or highlighted.
- Chinkie: flags the many brackets still in the text, including issues with gender inclusion, transparency, and conflicts of interest.

4. RCM Europe preparations update

- Oksana Volosko-Demkiv: October 15 in Berlin is a likely date for the European consultation. Due to budget constraints, it will likely be hybrid or entirely virtual. Possible support will go to participants from Eastern Europe and Central Asia.
- Leatitia - There are discussions with the German government to organise the consultation.

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

6. Updates on the planning and organising of the GMGSF (Global Consultation ahead of GMGSF preparations and MGFC collaboration) - CSU + Cochairs

- Mohamed - The event will take place before UNEA. Patrizia Heidegger will coordinate.
- Leatitia - indicates that the online GMGSF will take place in mid-October.
- Isaiah - confirms that there is funding for MGFC for UNEA and OECPR; not sure how much there will be available.

7. Resolutions task teams?

- Mohamed indicates that task forces have been established for UNEA. Only the resolution task forces need to be established.
- Isaiah – an online platform for discussion on resolutions is being built; only MGFC members will get access and will have to share with their group.

8. Faith for Earth Coalition – UNEP

- Lyad Abu Moghli explains the initiative from the UNEP ED to set up the Coalition.

9. IP special event update (By IPMG)

10. Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue

11. Updates on Joint Bureaux retreat (UNEP) – David

- David - Some member states express some of the opinions. Some of them express that the draft is a better version. The Presidency will go back to look at that and incorporate some of the inputs provided by member states that are not there now. The document has to be not too long.
- There was a brief on the preparation of the UNEA7 and a briefing on the different dialogues; there will be 3 dialogues. There were guidelines on the preparation of CPR, a briefing on the appointment of the responsibilities of the co-facilitators of the UNEA-7.
- There is a document on the UNEA-7 website. Clive was there, and some of the colleagues.
- Clive - Question (when MG could be engaged with the Bureau meeting?)
- David - There will be an opportunity to meet with the presidency next week, but the presidency will be full, so it may not be possible to have a meeting with the MGS. There is a proposal to meet online. We will let you know.

12. Updates on INC plastic (All)

- WMG We will be holding a preparatory meeting with the INC Secretariat on July 16. Will be hosting a webinar touching on gender issues in INC on July 21. A consultation and coordination meeting on July 11. A webinar about the relevance of the gender approach. July 25. Last preparatory meeting before the INC on July 30.
- Prem -Will be organising a session during INC and will have the indigenous peoples caucus briefing. On 4 August, we will have a forum in the venue. We are thinking of organising a meeting (IP caucus) with some of our colleagues. We will have morning meetings in the same room each day.

13. NGO Election updates

- Isaiah - we had the last election, and the results came out with Amusa, and for the second place, we will go for a second round. We had a deadline of today for any complaints, and by tomorrow, we will send the link to vote and have the final two names. After that election, we have to elect the co-facilitators of the MGFC because Mohamed and Dalia's time will end, and you have to decide who to elect.
- AG - Can we decide that Mohamed and Dalia can stay at least until UNEA-7?
- Isaiah - you will have new colleagues, and you need to include them in this decision. So everyone must be involved in the election process.

14. GoF Updates

- Clive - We are beginning to have a couple of meetings. Ensuring the preparation for the next GoF meeting. Tomorrow we will be having the GoF meeting. During the Prep call, the MGS present their comments. In the next GoF, we have a few guiding questions to promote the discussion, but we will also have the opportunity to provide inputs about key issues that should be included in the MTS and UNEA-7. In tomorrow's call, we want to see what are the best ideas that should be included in the UNEA-7 and potential resolutions suggested.
- Tess: WMG has a consultation meeting before the GoF meeting, and we received two interesting proposals to share as a suggestion/ proposal for resolutions during the next GoF meeting tomorrow.

15. AOB

- David - Regarding B&I we have a meeting with them on June 18, and we have made progress; we have a nomination for the second person as co-chair. We send an email to all the members, and if after 10 of July we don't have any complaints, we will have a second person as co-chair.