MGFC and RF and UNEP meeting

Summary

12 February 2024 Time: 3:00pm EAT

Agenda Points:

- **Speaking slots OECPR & UNEA-6**
- **GMGS Forum**
- **Green Room**
- **Joint Global Statement**
- **Stakeholder Dialogues**
- **Capacity Building session**
- **Update on UNEA-6 and Associated Meetings**

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
- Indigenous Peoples and their Communities: Lena Yanina Estrada
- Local Authorities: Jean-Baptiste Buffet, Magash Naidoo
- NGO: Christopher Chin, Djatougbe AZIAKA
- Scientific and Technological Community: Stephen Stec, Mohamed Abdelraouf
- Women: Dalia Fernanda Márquez Añez
- Workers and Trade Unions: Bert De Wel
- Africa: David Munene, Ayman Bel Hassan Cherkaoui
- Asia and the Pacific: Ajay Jha
- Europe: Patrizia Heidegger
- North America: Prof. Medani P. Bhandari, Jennifer Garard
- Latin America and the Caribbean: Yarivith Gonzales
- West Asia: Nill

Summary of Minutes

1. Speaking slots OECPR & UNEA-6

Ulf: MCFC to decide what strategy to apply re. speaking slots

- ***Option 1*** - One statement per major group was the plan: Opening of OECPR and Opening of UNEA (19th and 26th, first days of each meeting)
    - Max. 3 minutes, ideally less
    - Additional speakers: ask for the floor, no guarantee
    - Possibly not realistic - 9 + 6 statements, where all Member States want to speak
- ***Option 2*** - One Joint Statement from all 9 Major Groups, up to 5 minutes
    - In a way stronger, all Major Groups behind it
    - With stronger messaging, does not 'drown' with all the individual major group statements
    - Then Regional Facilitators can request floor during program, more chances
    - OR have one regional statement of 5 minutes
    - Regions are less guaranteed - 9 MGs are enshrined
- Either way, statements due as soon as possible, deadlines:
    - Friday before OECPR for those statements
    - Midnight on the Sunday before UNEA for those statements

Patrizia: Mentioned speaking slots in opening, any chance for speaking slots in closing? Helpful to know for sequence and orchestration

- Also thought might have opportunity to give summary / report from GMGS Forum

Ulf: 3 - 5 maximum minute report from GMGS Forum is separate

- At the end: Plan for it, normally the answer would be yes
- During closing, commentary from Member States and MGs - generally welcomed
- But the big caveat is it depends on how things go – if things are very complicated, delayed, meeting ending at 9 or 10 pm, might be less room / less appetite
- All these things are up to the President - they can choose to let you speak, and we will plan for it, but they can also say "there is not time, interpreters are leaving, etc."
- Note that last year was the first time all 9 MGs were able to speak separately
    - Improvement: To give more space to stakeholders

Recap from Aurora in chat:

- Cities Summit, YEA, GMGSF, each max 5 minutes in UNEA-6 opening.
- Possible 1 Joint MGS statement in closing of OECPR, UNEA-6. Up to chair / President. Be prepared for it.
- Opening of OECPR and UNEA: Option 1 - 9 MG speaks, each max 3 mins.
- Opening of OECPR and UNEA: Option 2 - 1 Joint statement from the 9 MG, max 5 minutes. Maybe 1 Joint statement from the regions, max. 5 minutes.

AG (Chat): 3 minutes seems like good suggestion

Mohammed: Not sure if all MGs are planning statement for OECPR, will come back to you

Ulf: Let us know in advance, share statement (important for interpreters), up to you how you want to organize yourselves

Dalia: Women's Group preparing a statement

Djatougbe: OECPR and UNEA opening statements started for NGO MG based on last UNEA, suggest we follow that modality again, best option

- Chat: Aim for Option 1 - 9 MG speaks each at opening and one joint statements at the closing like we did in last UNEA 5.2

Jennifer: Should we try to prepare for a statement from regions if it is possible? Even in Option 1 would there be an opportunity to ask for the floor?

Ulf: If there is one statement to encompass all the regions, could work. Hard to do because of the differences between the regions, but, if possible, don't see that the Chair would say no. It's a good option.

- The main issue is that having 15 statements would not fly with the Chair

Laetitia: Something we had discussed internally, in context of the Inf doc compiled from regional input.

- Look at this document, each other's regional input, and identify a roughly 3-minute statement
- Jennifer could take lead

Dalia: Thank you to Ulf, please take into consideration that GMGS Forum is a good opportunity to prepare Joint Statement, show leadership of MGs and ability to agree

2. GMGS Forum

Patrizia:

- 280 registrations, but less online - please continue to disseminate opportunities to join online
- Registration deadline pushed to 15th or 16th this week
- Colleagues from MGFC and cluster leads facilitating sessions, we from organizing team will be there to support you, ensure proper minutes are taken and robust report prepared quickly
    - ➔ Always will have one person to monitor online space, chat - questions, comments, etc. - taken up by facilitators
    - ➔ Breaks, energizers etc.
- Room we have is fantastic, but quite formal, need to maintain atmosphere where everybody feels encouraged to speak
- Planning informal ice breakers, get to know each other, welcome
- **AGENDA** [screen share with program, link HERE]

➔ ***DAY 1***: Report back from Youth Summit - please let us know who will make this report back

- Clusters: Summary and progress in OECPR from co-facilitators, then hand over to key focal points (1-2, need to agree amongst themselves)

➔ ***DAY 2***: Working session to finalize Joint Global Statement

- Meeting with UN Rapporteur on Toxics and Human Rights, Marcos Oreliana
- Meeting with Ulf to finalize preparations, Meeting with UNEA President and UNEP ED jointly (previously had separate meetings each with one facilitator, they will now co-facilitate since we had to combine into one high level meeting)
- Photo
- Exchange with Member States
- Final preparations
- Cocktail reception with UNEP

Maria Haanes (UNEP): Informal dialogue - updates

- After your comments on draft agenda, sent to Portugal for their comments, suggested another co-facilitator onboard from Member STates, reached out to Colombia (still TBC, but wanted to update)
- One objective is to agree on structure of Group of Friends, would like proposed structure ahead of time to make that discussion even more efficient
- From CSU - could draft proposed structure and send to MGFC for inputs and review, or vice versa

Mohamed: Thinks it's better that CSU drafts initial plan and shares with MGFC and shares for comments

- Questions:
  (1) Do we have confirmation from those facilitating clusters? All in person or virtual? How are we organizing?
  (2) Meeting with Member States - open for all attendees, not only MGFC?
  (3) Don't get separate facilitators for exchange with UNEA president & UNEP ED, when there is only one meeting with both

Maria (chat): Yes - Informal dialogue is open for all attendees

Patrizia: co-facilitators - still checking, most are in person (checking to make sure that at least one of the co-facilitators per cluster will be present in the room)

- Want at least one facilitator in the room, not possible online
- Re. meeting with UNEA President and ED, suggestion is to have two co-chairs for the session
- Suggests having some time in the morning to agree on process - e.g. one speaker for MGs, regions
- Also had foreseen another meeting - chemicals and waste science policy panel but TBC who will be there to talk to us (From Ulf in chat: On SPP please reach out to Tessa.Goverse@un.org)
- Note from Laetitia in chat: Patrizia - we still need to confirm the OEWG speaker, as well as the exact speaker on the SOF by UNEP, will send by email separately

Mohamed: Will our meeting be covered by IISD?

Patrizia to double check with Aurora, also wondering if official photographer will come (have also organized photographer for photo opp with UNEA President and UNEP ED)

- Final question: hybrid meeting, lot of people in the room, hard to foster interactive debate - need someone to monitor online space
- Suggests dedicated moments to give floor to those online, but perhaps not for some sessions like ED & President

3. **Green Room**

Mohamed: Finalized selection according to criteria, full packed week, had to extend Green Room to 8 pm

each day other than the last day due to large number of side events

- Note: ***Thursday Feb 29 - final coordination meeting*** (only for MGFC members, lunch time, likely just in person)
- Each day: Daily coordination meeting open to all stakeholders, 8:00 - 9:30 am
- Also have the room OECPR week, give the chance to hold meetings in Green Room this week, Children & Youth will have meeting every day
- Will share full agenda (already shared with those approved, but will share more broadly soon)

4. Joint Global Statement

Patrizia: Should finalize and adopt by Sunday 25 February

- Since we started process in December, significant progress around resolution clusters – ***suggestion*** to clean up further and that we then ask cluster co-facilitators to see what is there, condense into precise input around themes of the cluster
- Additional input e.g. on sustainable food systems - felt this should be a priority topic for UNEA but not a holistic priority or cluster (rather, distributed across clusters) - could agree to highlight this
- Do not need very specific details on each and every resolution, Joint Global Statement can instead focus on the big requests or points, stay at high level lines
- **NEXT STEPS:**
  - ➔ Patrizia to clean up document today
  - ➔ MGFC can continue working on the doc if desired
  - ➔ Cluster co-facilitators - summary max ½ page per cluster
  - ➔ Aim to finish this end of this week, then promote to all accredited organizations to review next week (then by end of next week, before GMGS Forum, have working draft)

Mohamed: Suggest to re-share to all MGFC and to Cluster co-facilitators

- Consider one closing statement for OECPR and UNEA, identify key points

Djatougbe: Point around closing statements, see how key players are organizing, not all major groups have focal point, but statement is supposed to represent all major groups – need to see how the coordination takes into account

- Cluster leads need to report back to MGFC
- We need to know what the key conclusion from consultations is.
- How to summarize all the inputs, some from dedicated consultations others not, into inclusive statement at the end of the OECPR and UNEA?
- Badges, access to meeting rooms, any plans? Question to CSU.

Patrizia: Cluster co-facilitators - important role, summary under each cluster than brings together input gathered from different focal points

- Important point, see which bits and pieces to use for OECPR and UNEA week
- Suggestion: focus on pulling together joint statement, can already highlight areas we want to share at end of OECPR, but will need to adjust based on discussions - don't need to write

statements to deliver, but rather use Joint Statement to draw on for information that is tailored to discussions

- Do need to agree on process for identifying oral statement points

5. Stakeholder Dialogues

Ayman: Still need to determine identity of speakers, have received more candidacies than we can accommodate

- Some nominations received after the deadline and not through the proper process
  - ➔ Also, the case with Member States
- Meeting later today to finalize speakers, several spaces for MGS to speak
- One speaking as part of High-Level Dialogue with UNEP ED and UNEA President
  - ➔ Co-facilitated by 2 MGFC
- Panel with 5 slots, taking into account elements of diversity
  - ➔ Other opportunities for speakers to speak from the floor for those not in panel
  - ➔ Trying to ensure that everyone nominated gets some opportunity to speak

6. Capacity Building session

Mohamed: 1.5 hours on 27th, planning event with registration (any interested parties from Major Groups)

- Briefed about MGs, how to lobby Member States, how to engage, etc.
- Draft agenda shared with CSU, final agenda will be shared with MGFC soon
- Request to CSU to follow up

7. Update on UNEA-6 and Associated Meetings

David Ombisi: UNEA-6 opens Monday 26 Feb, (Jennifer needs to drop off)