

UNEP Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum prior to UNEA-2 May 21 – 22, 2016 UN Gigiri Complex, Conference Room 1, Nairobi, Kenya

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Influence! Innovate! Learn! Coordinate! Cooperate! Interact! Convene! Exchange!



The second United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-2) will give Major Groups and Stakeholders the unique opportunity to come together prior to UNEA and to actively engage with the two-day **Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum 2016 (GMGSF-2016)**. GMGSF 2016 will take place on May 21 and 22 at the UN compound in Nairobi, Kenya and it will mobilize Major Groups and other Stakeholders to engage in a multi-stakeholders setting that will also include policymakers, learning from each other, developing partnerships and creating their input into UNEA-2.

Introduction

UNEA-2 will be held from 23 to 27 May 2016 under the overarching theme of *Delivering on the Environmental Dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*. On May 26 and 27, a Ministerial Policy-Review Session will gather to discuss *Healthy Environment, Healthy People*. The United Nations Environment Assembly is not only the highest authority on the Environment within the United Nations. It is also an ideal platform for bringing together different stakeholders: Governments, Major Groups of Civil Society, Science and the private sector that need to work together to tackle the shared and unprecedented challenges the world is facing and deliver on the environmental dimensions of sustainable development. While governments are pivotal in strengthening the policies and regulatory frameworks that realizes the 2030 Agenda, Major Groups and Stakeholders (MGS) have a critical role in supporting the decision making process at UNEA-2, by engaging with government, sharing their expert knowledge and by ensuring that the voice of those who might be effected by decisions taken, is heard. Furthermore, Major Groups and Stakeholders are partners of UNEP and governing in implementing most of the decisions taken at UNEA.

Building on the existing strategic partnerships with and among Major Groups and Stakeholders, the **Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum 2016** will:

- Provide a briefing for first time participants on what is at stake at UNEA-2 and how MGS can inform the discussions and be part of a successful outcome.
- Facilitate preparations of Major Groups and Stakeholders to discuss the main UNEA themes in a multi-stakeholder setting and to prepare their input to UNEA-2.
- Foster multi-stakeholder partnerships and cooperation. The Forum is self-organized by Major Groups and Stakeholders, with the assistance of UNEP.

GMGSF- 2016 is divided into the following main sections:

1. *UNEA, Status of Negotiations and Expected Outcome*
UNEP staff and experts from MGS will give updates and background information on main UNEA resolutions and decisions and on opportunities for Major Groups and Stakeholder to participate and intervene in UNEA session. Furthermore, special sessions for “UNEA newcomers” will be organized to explain them how to contribute to the intergovernmental process
2. *Multi-stakeholder interaction on main UNEA themes and the role of MGS in multi-stakeholder partnerships, policy making and the application of the rule of law, in implementing the SDGs*
In interactive panels, representatives of all Major Groups and member states will discuss main UNEA themes
3. *MGS coordination and Preparation of UNEA 2 input*
MGS will get together in work groups to coordinate their input into UNEA
4. *The future vision for UNEA and GMGSF*
A special session on how future GMGSF can echo the increased importance of UNEA, making the GMGSF a true and unique global multi-stakeholder forum

Furthermore, the forum will provide an opportunity for an open exchange with the Executive Director of UNEP, Mr. Achim Steiner.

Participation

Participation in the GMGSF-2016 is open of representatives of Major Groups organizations accredited to UNEP, non-accredited organizations, member states and representatives of international organizations. Representatives of MGS need to register through <http://goo.gl/forms/Ev3qqvFJBN>.

Note that registration for participation in the GMGSF does not include registration for UNEA itself. For UNEA-2 participation kindly also register under: www.unep.org/unea. Non-accredited MGS organizations may not participate in UNEA itself, but in parallel events, such as the Sustainable Innovation Forum or side events and Green Room event if they received an invitation.

Expected Outcome

GMGSF-2016 will be an excellent opportunity for Major Groups and Stakeholder to network and to develop new partnerships. It will also be an opportunity to give input into those UNEA discussions and decisions that are still under discussion, to highlight emerging issues and to ensure that many voices are heard in the intergovernmental process at UNEA-2.

Draft Agenda

Saturday, May 21, 2016

Opening

9.00 – 9.30

Opening and Welcome

Leida Rijnhout, Susana Rivero Baughman (on behalf of the Major Groups Facilitating Committee)

Ibrahim Thiaw, Deputy Executive Director, UNEP

H.E. Julia Pataki, Chairperson of UNEP's Committee of Permanent Representatives, Ambassador of Romania

Session 1: UNEA, Status of Negotiations and Expected Outcome

9.30 – 11.30

UNEA 2: Significance, Structure and Expected Outcome

Presentation by Jorge Laguna-Celis, Secretary of Governing Bodies, UNEP, on Significance, Structure and General Outcome (20 minutes)

Presentation by Member State representatives on Resolution Clusters: Update on the status of resolutions and opportunities for MGS to contribute (60 minutes)

Cluster 1: Pedro Escosteguy Cardoso, Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil

Cluster 2: H. E. Mr. John Moreti, CPR Vice Chair, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Botswana

Cluster 3: Corinna Enders, CPR Rapporteur, Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany

Cluster 4: H.E. Mr. John Moreti, CPR Vice Chair, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Botswana

Cluster 5: H.E. Mr. Raza Bashir Tarar, CPR Vice Chair, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Presentation by Rosemary Mukasa, Deputy Secretary of Governing Bodies: Other UNEA decisions and outcomes relevant for MGS (30 minutes)

Presentation by Alexander Juras, Senior Coordinator Major Groups and Stakeholder Relations at UNEP, Update on Stakeholder Engagement Policy (10 minutes)

Session 2: Multi-stakeholder Interaction on Main UNEA Themes and the Role of MGS in Multi-stakeholder Partnerships, Policy making and the Application of the Rule of Law, in Implementing the SDGs

11.30 – 13.00 1. Parallel Panel Discussion: **Means of Implementations and Mobilising Resources for Sustainable Investments**

Facilitator: Neth Dano (Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration, ETC Group, Philippines), Panelists: Ali Ahmed Hersi (Society for International Development, Kenya), Norine Kennedy (United States Council for International Business, USCIB, USA), Ivo Mulder (UNEP REDD+ Economics Advisor), Kwesi Obeng (Tax Justice Network Africa), Pedro Escosteguy Cardoso (Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil)

11.30 – 13.00 2. Parallel Panel Discussion (Room 14): **UNEP and Principle 10: Access to Information Policy, Stakeholder Engagement Policy, Bali Guideline Implementation Guide**

Facilitator: Stephen Stec (Central European University, CEU, Hungary), Panelists: Alexander Juras (Senior Coordinator Major Groups and Stakeholders Relations, UNEP), Carole Excell (World Resources Institute, WRI, USA), David Banisar (Article 19, UK), Benson Ochieng (Institute for Law and Environmental Governance (ILEG), Kenya), Marcos Orellana (Center for International Environmental Law, USA)

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch Break,

In parallel: Brownbag Workshop (**Delegates Lounge**): **Engaging with UNEA for Newcomers**, Interactive Presentations by Peter Denton (Regional Representative of North America to UNEP, Canada), Leida Rijnhout (European Environmental Bureau, Co-Chair Major Groups

Facilitating Committee, Belgium), Lucy Mungai (UNEP, Secretary of Governing Bodies and Stakeholders)

14.00 – 15.30

1. Parallel Panel Discussion: **How can Multi-stakeholder Partnerships Strengthen and Complement Government Implementation of the Environmental Dimension of the 2030 Agenda**

Facilitator: Mark Halle (International Institute for Sustainable Development, IISD), Panelists: Ms. Wardarina (Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development APWLD – Regional Representative Asia Pacific to UNEP, Thailand), Herman Sips (Senior Policy Coordinator, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment of The Netherlands), Michael Michener (Croplife International, Belgium), Susan Brown (World Wide Fund for Nature, WWF, Switzerland), Luther Anukur (Regional Director, International Union for Conservation of Nature, IUCN, Kenya), Salina Sanou (Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development, ACORD, Kenya, Action for Sustainable Development, A4SD)

14.00 – 15.30

2. Parallel Panel Discussion (Room 14): **Multiple Pathways to Sustainable Development**

Facilitation: Scott Vaughan (International Institute for Sustainable Development, IISD, USA), Panelists: Helge Zeitler (EU, European Commission, DG Environment), Polina Shulbaeva (Center for Support of Indigenous Peoples of the North, CSIPN, Russia), Michael Stanley-Jones (UNDP-UNEP Poverty-Environment Initiative), Ashok Khosla (Development Alternatives, India), Najib Saab (Arab Forum for Environment and Development, Lebanon)

15.30 – 17.00

1. Parallel Panel Discussion: **How can MGs' Technical Expertise and Research, Citizen Science and Indigenous Knowledge Contribute to Advance the Monitoring of SDG GB Implementation**, Including in the context of Geo 6,

Facilitation: Jacqueline McGlade (Director of the Division of Early Warning and Assessment, Chief Scientist, UNEP), Panelists: James Donovan (ADEC Innovation, Philippines), Peter Denton (United Church of Canada), Isis Alvarez (Global Forest Coalition, Colombia), Florence Daguitan (Tebtebba, Philippines), Charles Mwangi (GLOBE Kenya), Diana Mangalagiu (Science Po France), Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf (Sustainability Program Research Manager at the Gulf Research Center)

- 15.30 – 17.00 2. Parallel Panel Discussion (Room 14): **Healthy People, Healthy Environment**
- Facilitation: Anna Coopman (Stakeholder Forum), Panelists: Fanny Demassieux (Environment and Health Coordinator, UNEP), Sascha Gabizon (Women in Europe for a Common Future, WECF, Germany), Oyuntsetseg Oidov (Development Horizons, Mongolia), Helen Hakena (Leitana Nehan Women’s Development Agency, Autonomous Region of Bougainville, Papua New Guinea), Saltanat Zhakenova (Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia, Kazakhstan), Dan Reifsnyder (Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental Affairs of the U.S. State Department)
- 17.00 – 18.30 Open dialogue with Achim Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP
- Facilitation: Calvin James (Co-Chair Major Groups Facilitating Committee)
- 19.00 Fashioning Rural Women's Self-Empowerment: A Benefit Dinner, Discussion and Fashion Evening, Abyssinia Restaurant at Brookside, Westlands, Nairobi¹

Sunday, May 22, 2016

Session 3: MGS Coordination and Preparation of UNEA 2 input

- 9.00 – 9.30 Common MGS Statement, UNEA Thematic Clusters, Working Groups Introduction and Facilitation by Leida Rijnhout (Co-Chair Major Groups Facilitating Committee)
- 9.30 – 12.00 Parallel working groups on possible common statement, thematic clusters
- 12.00 – 13.00 Report back from Working Groups, Presentation of Statements
- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch Break
- In parallel: Brownbag presentation by UNEP (Press room) on **Social and Environmental Safeguards**, Presenter: Yunae Yi (UNEP)

¹ Cost: 1,500 KES; Taxi transport from UN - Girgiri Entrance to Abyssinia (200 KES per person)

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All proceeds from the evening will go to the Hera Community Initiative, Kinda Mine Initiative and Tana Community Initiative, 3 Kenyan community-based non-profit organizations working for rural sustainable development.

Session 4:	The Future Vision for UNEA and GMGSF
14.30h – 15.15	Presentation by Jan-Gustav Strandenaes (Stakeholder Forum, UK), Option for the Future of the GMGSF
15.15 – 16.30	Moderated Discussion: How can the engagement with UNEA and subsidiary bodies be strengthened, Moderator: Ken Mwathe (Bird Life International, Kenya)
16.30 – 18.00	Panel discussion: How Can the GMGSF Evolve into a Strong Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Platform? Facilitation: Alison Tate (International Trade Union Confederation, ITUC, Belgium), Panelists: Jorge Laguna Celis (Secretary of Governing Bodies, UNEP), Mark Halle (International Institute for Sustainable Development, IISD, Switzerland), Norine Kennedy (States Council for International Business, USCIB, USA), Leida Rijnhout (European Environmental Bureau, EEB, Belgium), Yunus Arikan (Local Governments for Sustainability, ICLEI), Mirna Ines Fernández (World Association of Girl Scouts, Bolivia)
19.00	Party at UN Recreation Center