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ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT GROUP

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Mid-Term Technical Segment of the 27th Senior Officials Meeting

Participants: in Annex 1

30th June 2021

Video-audio conference

15:00-17:00 CET

Meeting Report

Introduction:

The mid-term meeting of the technical segment of the EMG Senior Officials was held virtually on 30th June 2021. The meeting's agenda and list of participants are annexed to this report.

1. Opening of the meeting

Ms. Ligia Noronha in her capacity as EMG Secretary opened the meeting by highlighting that the purpose of the meeting was to update the EMG members on the progress of the various working areas of the EMG, and to prepare for the upcoming 27th Meeting of the Senior Officials of the EMG.

The agenda was adopted as presented.

2. Intervention of the Children and Youth Major Group

Representatives of the Children and Youth Major Group were able to contribute to the EMG meeting for the first time. Ms. Yugratna Srivastava emphasized that Youth are the solution and not the problem and called on applying the principle "nothing about youth is without youth."

Mr. Alphonse Muia, from the Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa (CYNESA), notified participants of a [written submission](#) of the youth group towards the work of the EMG, which includes the following key points:

- 1) There is an intention to operationalize EMG focal points youth network to allow an ease of youth feeding into the work of the EMG.
- 2) There is a need for a multilateral system that works for and with youth, therefore the EMG and associated task streams should include youth as partners to engage relevant youth constituencies.
- 3) The youth major group asks the EMG to recognize and remember their role as a leading stakeholder in environmental governance, allowing input directly from youth in all entities and engagements.
- 4) In preparation of Stockholm+50, the EMG must set an example for all other arms of the UN in terms of its environmental approach.

3. Overview of progress made by the EMG Issue Management Groups and Consultative Processes

(a) The Consultative Process on Biodiversity – [presentation](#) (Ms. Corli Pretorius, UNEP)

UNEP informed participants that “[Supporting the Global Biodiversity Agenda: A United Nations System Commitment for Action to assist Member States delivering on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework](#)” report was launched jointly with UN Common Approach on Biodiversity at High-Level Virtual Dialogue on 25 May 2021. ToR for establishment of an EMG Issue Management Group (IMG) on Biodiversity along with its 2021/22 workplan will be submitted for approval at the Senior Officials meeting in October. The draft ToR was presented and discussed at the 4th meeting of the Consultative Process held on 29 June 2021 and is open for further written comments.

Going forwards, the Consultative Process and IMG will focus on raising awareness and on mainstreaming approach to drive the implementation of multilateral environmental agreements, SDGs and human rights-based frameworks. It is actively looking for synergies within the EMG and with other UN processes and mechanisms dealing with similar topics to reduce duplication. The Consultative Process would also like to look into facilitating accountability and global level reporting on the implementation of the UN Common Approach on Biodiversity. This will consider existing reporting and other reporting around the QCPR with regular updates to the HLCP and the CEB.

FAO stated that it supports the UN Common Approach on Biodiversity and looks forward to collaborating with the other UN agencies in this important endeavour. FAO also believes that further refinement and revision of the draft ToR for the IMG is required and it has provided inputs in this regard.

(b) Task Team on Marine Litter and Microplastics (Ms. Patrycja Enet, EMG on behalf of Ms. Heidi Savelli)

The participants were informed of the upcoming third meeting of the Task Team to take place in July 2021. It will focus on stock-taking of the work done so far, vision for the future of the Task Team and planning for the high-level launch of the report Assessment of UN Activities and Initiatives related to Marine Litter and Microplastics: UN system-wide contribution to support Member States in addressing marine litter and microplastics, planned for the second half of September 2021. As next steps, the Task Team will organize a high-level virtual dialogue on MLMP in late September addressing UN system contribution and raising the profile of MLMP in member states’ efforts and strengthening national plans. The Task Team also plans to initiate targeted webinars for information exchange and awareness raising about MLMP in member states.

FAO noted that it supports the proposed in the Progress Report next steps and recommends sharing the MLMP report with other relevant EMG processes to ensure better synergies.

(C) Consultations on Environmental and Social Sustainability in the UN System (Ms. Holly Mergler, UNDP)

1) Taking forward the model approach to Environmental and Social standards in UN programming

UNDP reported that a series of deep-dive calls were organized in 2021, which served as opportunities for UN entities and beyond to exchange good practice and share learning when it comes to addressing common challenges in standards implementation. Guest speakers on the calls included, for example, the chief safeguards officer of the World Bank. In addition, a ToR for a knowledge management specialist has been developed to facilitate learning and exchange. A knowledge sharing space has been developed where different guidance and trainings can be shared. Finally, a draft concept note to take forward piloting and capacity building at the country level related to the Model Approach was developed in partnership with DCO and Swedish EPA.

2) Task Team for the development of UN Sustainability Strategy 2020-2030

The participants were encouraged to provide comments to the draft UN Sustainability Strategy (deadline July 5). The Strategy is more comprehensive than Phase I of the Strategy, it utilizes comprehensive principles to mainstream ESS across all areas of work and builds on existing strategies to allow system-wide and entity level outputs for the overall outcome. The final draft of the Strategy should be available for comments in July 2021. The Strategy then will be submitted for approval of the EMG Senior Officials in October, HLCP and HLCM in October, and the CEB in November.

UNU-FLORES endorsed the Strategy's ToC and emphasized the importance of mainstreaming ESS across all internal work areas in the UN. UNU is willing to contribute to a coalition of entities taking ownership for this process as the academic arm through the contribution of knowledge sharing, research and finetuning the scorecard in the draft Strategy. UNU can also track the developmental data related to the resource nexus.

The CEB Secretariat welcomed the draft, to which it has provided comments. It also noted that the timing was on track for the required consultation through HLCP and HLCM, before being submitted to CEB for endorsement. EMG members were encouraged to connect with their HLCP/HLCM representatives, so that they are fully briefed on the process. FAO expressed its appreciation of the important undertaking of the Strategy development. It has also emphasized that organisations need sufficient time to review and own the document and sensitise their community. It is important to avoid creating conflicts on reporting frameworks and capitalise on existing reporting mechanisms such as the QCPR framework. UNU-FLORES supports FAO's point on ownership of the Strategy.

UNESCO stated that it fully supports the approach and the document. UNESCO also agreed with FAO that sufficient time is necessary for review of the Strategy and to enable organizations to take its ownership. It is also important to focus on the ground and measure impact collectively and as individual entities with separate reporting mechanisms.

(D) IMG on Sustainable Infrastructure (Mr. Joseph Price, UNEP)

UNEP reported that in 2021, the IMG has completed a report on the international good practice principles for SI. There is a potential to endorse the document as UN-wide framework. Also, the first meeting of IMG took place in March 2021. The IMG has also initiated the compilation of infrastructure tools to help implement the international good practice principles, these will be incorporated into UNEP's Sustainable Infrastructure tool navigator. A [calendar of events](#) in lead up to UNEA-5.2 in February 2022 was created on the EMG website.

Participants were reminded to submit feedback on the International Good Practice Principles for Sustainable Infrastructure, and to submit any tools and case studies by 18 July 2021.

(E) IMG on Human Rights and Environment (Mr. Ben Schachter, OHCHR)

OHCHR informed participants on the first IMG meeting in February 2021 with participation of 30 entities where the IMG ToR was established and next steps agreed upon. The second meeting was in April 2021 where a draft workplan was discussed with 3 focuses: UNDP leading on integrating the right to a healthy environment and UN system work at a country level, OHCHR leading on integrating human rights and multilateral environmental agreements, and UNEP leading on capacity building. Gita Parihar was hired as the EMG consultant to support the IMG. A shared workspace on teams has been developed to facilitate continued collaboration and entities are invited to join.

As the next steps, the IMG will work on the following: i) developing a common narrative on Human Rights and the Environment in the context of sustainable development; ii) creating a checklist on integrating human rights and climate action at the national policy level including in the context of common country analysis and UN sustainable development cooperation frameworks; iii) developing engagement strategies and sharing information related to HR and the environment; iv) organizing deep-dive webinars; v) linking the IMG with other ongoing EMG streams.

FAO congratulated the EMG on the establishment of IMG on Human Rights and the Environment and reaffirmed its commitment to support and contribute to the work of this group to promote the adoption

of a rights-based approach to environmental action across the UN system and by FAO in particular.

(F) **IMG on Green Recovery – [presentation](#)** (Mr. Steven Stone, UNEP on behalf of Mr. Kamal Gueye)

The IMG conducted its first meeting in March 2021 where its ToR was finalised and approved. Two surveys have been sent out to collect information from UN entities: why green recovery is needed, how green recovery is defined/implemented, how the UN system is helping and how all efforts can be better coordinated/integrated. A draft report containing the green recovery narrative, mapping of the COVID-19-environment nexus activities by the UN agencies, and the analysis of the gaps and opportunities for collaboration in green recovery will be shared for comments in early July and will be finalized by the end of July. Going forwards, five priority areas for recovery efforts have been prioritized: clean energy, natural capital, buildings and energy efficiency, transportation, research and development/education.

FAO noted that this is an important area of work for the organization. FAO also suggested that its results are channelled via DCO and integrated better with the ongoing dialogues with Resident Coordinators on the Green Recovery track in response to COVID-19 crisis.

UNEP, WHO, UNWTO and IMO requested the draft report to review.

(G) **The IMG on Environmental Sustainability Management - [presentation](#)** (Ms. Hillary Green, SUN on behalf of Ms. Isabella Marras)

The participants were informed that according to the 2020 greening the blue report, in 2019 there was a 22% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the UN system since 2010. In the UN system 97% of GHG emissions are offset, 3% represents individual agencies that were unable to offset. The goal for next year is 100% climate neutrality in the UN system.

UN-wide environmental inventory process is underway, collecting data on GHGs, environmental footprints, waste and water. This process is aligning with Phase 1 of the Sustainability Strategy looking at progress on environmental management systems and identifying entity level environmental impact reductions to highlight progress and areas of support needed. There is additional reporting on areas of procurement raising staff awareness about the usage of renewable energy. SUN has also ongoing work with the HLCM procurement network to foster sustainable procurement processes in the UN system covering environment, gender, disabilities and labour.

In Autumn 2021 ten modules for staff in greening the blue environmental training will be released to help staff understand the UN's impacts on the environment.

There is a new fleet management project taking a closer look at impact of UN vehicles and the possibilities for improvement on GHG emissions and air pollution.

The new guidance The Important and Desirable Actions (IDEAs) for the selection of UN premises was officially approved in May 2021 by the Task Team on common premises. Technical Guidance on Science based targets for UN organizations, aiming to give agencies a systematic approach to setting targets for reducing emissions in line with IPCC recommendations, was released in May 2021.

FAO emphasized that the IMG on Environmental Sustainability Management is an invaluable source of guidance, knowledge sharing, inspiration and discussion among the environmental focal points of the UN agencies which are part of the Greening the Blue network, including FAO. Inspired by the work of this IMG, FAO Corporate Environmental Responsibility Strategy 2020-2030: was officially launched on the 24th of May 2021. The Strategy aims at 45 percent reduction in the absolute amount of GHG emissions released into the atmosphere by 2030, compared to 2018 levels. In addition to ambitious emission reduction measures across facilities and operations, FAO will secure the annual purchase of the carbon credits making FAO carbon neutral for the seventh consecutive year.

(H) Consultative Process on a UN System Wide Framework of Strategies (SWFS) on the Environment (Mr. Hossein Fadaei, EMG Secretariat)

SWFS is a framework for collaboration for alignment of planning and internal strategies about the environmental aspects of the SDGs. In 2017 the first report was published containing summary of major achievements by agencies in aligning with advancing of the SDGs. Afterwards, the agencies preferred not to have a comprehensive report due to a large reporting burden. In 2020/2021 the second SWFS report was published targeted at the post-2020 biodiversity strategy ([Supporting the Global Biodiversity Agenda: A United Nations System Commitment for Action to assist Member States delivering on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework](#)). In the future to avoid reporting fatigue the SWFS reports could focus on existing IMGs and their outcomes.

QCPR monitoring framework informed EMG that an indicator exists for the EMG to provide regular reports on the implementation of the SWFS. By providing comprehensive reports on the work of existing issue groups a regular feedback can be provided without additional burden.

(I) EMG Nexus Dialogues (Ms. Nina Arden, EMG Secretariat)

Six dialogues have been completed in 2021: Gender and biodiversity (2 part series – CBD Secretariat); addressing COVID-19 for the environment (3 part series - UNEP/UNEP-FI/Regional commissions); food system resilience through integrated resource management (UNU-FLORES). The dialogues have fed into the CBD post-2020 global biodiversity framework and gender plan of action, the consultative process on COVID-19 and the environment, the draft narrative on green recovery and the joint policy paper on food-system resilience.

The following dialogues are planned for the remainder of 2021: sustainable recoveries through sustainable fashion (7 September), Stockholm+50 (August) and enhancing synergies between post-2020 biodiversity and chemicals frameworks (September) to feed into the IMG proposal.

Summary points by the Meeting Chair, Ligia Noronha

- There is an importance for ownership by entities and linking the EMG work to the global narrative of the 2030 agenda.
- The collaborative process is important.
- We must look for ways in which we can have impacts on the ground.
- Our work needs to be more visible.
- We need greater academic inputs into the work of the EMG.
- Our work must be linked to other processes and areas of the UN.
- EMG work must be linked with the key international events happening over the next few years.

4. Preparation for the 27th meeting of the EMG Senior Officials

Possible new topics for consideration of the Senior Officials

Mr. Hossein Fadaei, Head of the Secretariat, took over chairing of the meeting from the EMG Secretary. He informed participants that new proposals for IMGs/consultative processes presented below will be considered by the SOM27 in October. The deadline for submitting comments on proposals is the end of July or sooner, if these proposals are beginning before.

a) [Nexus Dialogue: Rethinking the UN Approach on Strategic Foresight for Environmental Action](#) (Tim Kasten, UNEP)

UNEP noted that the objective of this nexus dialogue is to encourage EMG engagement towards a system wide approach on strategic foresight and environmental early warning across the strategic and operational levels of the UN system. The proposal stems from the recognition that the United Nations possesses the specialized expertise, global reach, data and intelligence needed to build capabilities abilities and increased preparedness at the country level levels. However, the UN has not always responded systematically to include strategic foresight into planning and operational preparedness

processes, particularly evident in the environment field with COVID-19 response being the latest example.

The nexus dialogues are planned for 2022 to examine ongoing processes for promoting and supporting strategic foresight capacities across the UN and to recommend ways to foster stronger cross agency and system wide collaboration in the environmental fields including in the work of UN country teams and multilateral environmental agreements. This would encourage the exchange of good practices and to identify key roles that support member states in better preparing for and addressing future environmental crisis and could be complementary to existing efforts such as the HLCP work.

The CEB Secretariat encouraged UNEP to plug into existing processes, specifically the HLCP Foresight Network, led by UNESCO. UNEP was encouraged to connect with its representative in the Foresight Network who had just presented on UNEP's foresight work and made proposals for UNEP's engagement and contributions within the network. The HLCP also has a pilot project on predictive analytics for the Sahel, led by UNHCR.

b) IMG on Environmental Sustainability and Digital Transformation (Mr. Tim Kasten, UNEP)

UNEP presented the objective of this IMG, which is to integrate opportunities for digital transformation into the work of the EMG to accelerate environmental sustainability.

In his roadmap for digital cooperation, the Secretary General recognized that climate change and environmental degradation and the use and governance of digital technology are two mega trends where our collective response would largely dictate the future of humanity.

How we connect these challenges and use digital technologies to shift behaviours and incentivize structures to drive environmental sustainability will play a critical role in determining what kind of future emerges.

Earlier this year CODES (coalition to digital and environmental sustainability) was established, involving UNEP and UNDP, a multi-stakeholder collaboration for accelerating a digital planet for sustainability which highlighted a need for stronger system-wide collaboration across the UN for the integration of environmental sustainability needs within broader digital transformation strategies which EMG could facilitate.

An IMG should be established to raise the priority given to digital transformation and environmental sustainability nexus with system-wide coherence and coordination, by leveraging existing networks and initiatives.

c) IMG on Enhancing Synergies between the post-2020 Biodiversity and Chemicals Framework (Mr. Tim Kasten, UNEP)

UNEP stated that this IMG aims to spur a system-wide coordinated action to enhance synergies between these two agendas. The proposed IMG would also provide an opportunity for coordinated cooperation and contribution to the development of the post 2020 frameworks of both biodiversity and chemicals and waste to help leverage additional interagency dialogue, share more information and spur additional joint efforts. A precursor to the establishment of the IMG could also be a Nexus dialogue which is currently being discussed.

FAO underlined that it supports the proposal and would engage in inter-agency dialogue to share information and seek options for inter-agency coordination and cooperation on its programmes, projects and initiatives that contribute to the synergistic implementation of both biodiversity and chemicals frameworks.

CBD welcomed the proposal for attention to biodiversity and chemicals by EMG, suggesting that an EMG consultative process or task team could be an efficient mechanism for initial attention due to the urgency and time. There is a need to analyse the best EMG mechanism.

The BRS Secretariat supported the IMG but questioned the relationship between this proposal and the consultative process on biodiversity and pollution proposal.

OHCHR flagged that they have had discussions about linkages across the Rio Conventions and with chemicals management in the context of EMG work in the IMG on human rights and environment.

FAO agreed with other speakers that IMG on linkages between biodiversity and chemicals conventions should be considered together with UN common approach to pollution. The UN common approach to pollution may be all-encompassing if it follows similar path to UN common approach to biodiversity.

UNEP responded that the IMG was a suggestion, but other formats could work for example a task group with a shorter time frame may be an option.

d) Consultative process on understanding the consequences of a 1.5°C temperature rise on United Nations' programming (Ms. Sheilagh Henry, OCHA)

OCHA started its intervention with a suggestion of merging this proposal with the one from UNEP on the nexus. The current proposal involves EMG conducting a climate risk analysis about how crossing the 1.5°C threshold will impact UN operations and aspirations, particularly with the humanitarian demands increasing. The aim is to identify measures that need to be implemented now to ensure that the UN System can operate more effectively and efficiently in this changing climate to fulfil its mandate, including how the UN can transform its ways of working to reduce its own emissions.

UNEP agreed that discussions on the nexus would be appropriate in terms of synergies. Another potential synergy would be with the IMG on Environmental Sustainability Management.

e) Proposal on Joint Policy Paper (JPP) on Food System Resilience (Ms. Serena Caucci, UNU-FLORES)

UNU-FLORES presented a concept of a joint policy paper to synthesize and address stronger sectorial silos and create stronger linkages within the system for integrated policy making. A brief could put forward a proposal mainstreaming international resource management through a nexus approach that could potentially impact policy and leverage on point to rebalance the food system transformation.

UNU-FLORES invited interested parties to contact them for involvement.

UNU-FLORES also invited discussions on an IMG on food system resilience to see how synergies between institutions could generate a strong voice towards food system resilience.

f) IMG on the UN System Response to the Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (Mr. Lev Neretin, FAO)

The participants were informed that this IMG is a FAO/UNEP joint proposal, which aims to raise awareness and ensure a coordinated response between the EMG and organisations to further support the Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2020-2030 methods: building a global restoration momentum for the protection and revival systems. Potential links could be formed with the COVID-19 response and recovery. This IMG would be closely linked with the governance structure in the management of the Decade and also with the UN Common Approach. FAO invited comments on the substance of the proposal as well as on its form.

CBD supported attention to the Decade by the EMG and noted the outstanding work that has been conducted by UNEP/FAO in establishing a multi-stakeholder interagency platform for engagement in the Decade. The Decade will make a major contribution to the objectives of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. There is a need to look carefully at the best mechanism for addressing this within the EMG and to encourage other UN entities to participate in the work of the Decade, whilst avoiding duplication. The proposed IMG on biodiversity could provide an alternative mechanism for addressing objectives related to the Decade. UNEP was very supportive of the discussion on this IMG and agreed it is necessary to avoid overlaps and develop synergies.

g) Consultative process on a pollution-free planet (Mr. Tim Kasten, UNEP)

UNEP presented the aim of this consultative process, which is to accelerate a transition towards a pollution free planet through an increased prioritization of efforts, more consolidated and coordinated approaches and enhanced partnerships and synergies in tackling pollution and its impacts.

Many UN agencies already address pollution through individual mandates and operations but there is a need for more synergies to develop a system-wide approach and target the root causes and drivers of pollution, being an important part of implementing existing frameworks. The process would focus on mapping existing efforts roles and mandates for opportunities to strengthen efforts through looking at guidance tools, resources, joint messaging to influence multi-level political priorities, regular dialogues, information exchange and lesson sharing.

h) [UN system-wide contribution to the Stockholm+50 Conference](#) (Mr. Tim Kasten, UNEP)

On 24th May 2021 the UN General Assembly adopted a Resolution, a75/188, that called for the convening of an international meeting called Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all our responsibility and our opportunity and requested UNEP to serve as the focal point for providing support to the organization of the meeting, with appropriate support of the UN Secretariat and other relevant UN entities.

The proposed Task Team, to be functional between June 2021 and June 2022, will steer the formulation of the EMG's contribution to the conference by looking at a system-wide picture, the role of the UN system in addressing the environmental agenda since Stockholm, including societal successes and challenges. It will also showcase how the environmental agenda has been integrated into an implemented across the 2030 agenda.

UNEP highlighted that under the IMG on Human rights and the environment, the first focus area will include as an output guidance at the country level for integrating human rights into national pollution strategy and action plans.

5. Date and time of the 27th meeting of the Senior Officials

The Chair informed the participants that the Senior Officials Meeting will likely take place on the first week of October, while the Technical Segment on the last week of September. He further informed EMG members that there will be a letter of invitation by Inger Anderson to the heads of agencies to introduce the date of the meeting and propose topics of consideration for the SOM. He also noted that the Senior Officials Meeting will be focusing on EMG contribution to Stockholm+50 conference.

6. AOB

No other issues were discussed.

7. Closure of the meeting

The Chair closed the meeting at 15:20 p.m. Geneva time.

Annex 1: List of participants

Alphonce Muia	CYNESA	Lorenzo Gavilli	ICAO
Andrea Rizzo	UNEP	Luca Chinotti	WWF
Angela Kariuki	UNEP	Maaïke Jansen	CEB
Anja von der Ropp	WIPO	Mara Angelica Murillo-Correa	UNEP
Ann Cathrin Pedersen	UNDP	Marco Keiner	UNECE
Anna Kaplina	EMG		BRS
Arnold Kreilhuber	UNEP	Maria Cristina Cardenas	Secretariat
Aslihan Tumer	WWF	Maria Rivera	RAMSAR
Benjamin Schachter	OHCHR	Marieta Sakalian	UNEP
Camilla Roman	ILO	Marlene Grundstrom	UNISDR
Carla Calistri	UNEP	Matilda Dunn	EMG
Chantal Robichaud	CBD	Mel Amancio	UNFPA
Charlotte Gueye	UNFPA	Melissa Villarroel	ECLAC
Christianne Zakour	UNEP	Michael Williams	EMG
Corli Pretorius	WCMC	Monica Castillo	UNEP
Cristina Romanelli	WHO	Monika MacDevette	UNEP
Diego Dewar	UNEP	Nahae kim	UNFPA
Edel Guenther	UNU	Nao Takeuchi	UNHSP
Elaine Geyer-Allély	WWF	Neil Pratt	CBD
Fatema Johara	EMG	Nicholle Koko Warner	UNU
Fatin Tawfig	UNFCCC	Nick Bonvoisin	UNECE
Federica Pesce	WCMC	Nina Arden	EMG
Federica Pietracci	CEB Secretariat	Nives Costa	UNOPS
Fei Jiao	WIPO	Patrycja Enet	EMG
Fredrik Haag	IMO	Robin Zuercher	ITU
Garo Batmanian	World Bank	Rose Sarr	UNFPA
Giannini Angela	IOM/ITC	Samuel Sinclair	EMG
Gita Parihar	EMG	Sarah Brand	FAO
Giulia Carbone	IUCN	Sebastian Winkler, EMG	
Giulia Cavo	FAO	Consultant	EMG
Gyubin Hwang	CYMG		UNU-
Hillary Green	UNEP	Serena Caucci	FLORES
Holly Mergler	UNDP	Shamila Nair-Bedouelle	UNESCO
Hossein Fadaei	EMG	Sheilagh Henry	OCHA
Jacob Halcomb	SUN	Sindre Johan Hoff	UNEP
Jan Cherlet	EMG/WFP	Sinead Brophy	UNODC
Jane Hupe	ICAO	Soffa Gutiérrez	UNWTO
Joseph Price	UNEP	Steven Stone	UNEP
Julie MacKenzie	WFP	Tanya McGregor	CBD
Kate Newman	WWF	Teo Karayannis	IMO
Kaveh Madani	EMG	Tim Kasten	UNEP
Kent Nnadozie	FAO/ITPGRFA	UNESCO ADG	UNESCO
Laetitia Sieffert	UNBiodiversity	Victor Owade	WIPO
Lev Neretin	FAO	Yugratna Srivastava	UNEP
Ligia Noronha	UNEP/EMG		

Annex 2: Agenda

Item 1: Opening remarks

- A) Ligia Noronha, EMG Secretary
- B) Children and Youth Major Group (Ms. Yugratna Srivastava and Mr. Alphonse Muia)

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

3:10 – 4:10 p.m.

Item 3: Overview of progress made by the EMG Issue Management Groups and Consultative Processes in response to SOM26 decisions and future plans as follows:

- a. Consultative Process on Biodiversity – **Ms. Corli Pretorius, UNEP**
- b. Task Team on Marine Littering and Microplastics - **Ms. Heidi Savelli, UNEP**
- c. Consultations on Environmental and Social Sustainability in the UN System – **Ms. Holly Mergler, UNDP**
- d. IMG on Sustainable Infrastructure - **Mr. Joseph Price, UNEP**
- e. IMG on Human Rights and Environment - **Mr. Ben Schachter, OHCHR**
- f. IMG on Green Recovery – **Mr. Kamal Gueye, ILO**
- g. IMG on Environmental Sustainability Management – **Ms. Isabella Marras, SUN**
- h. Consultative Process on a UN System-Wide Framework of Strategies on the Environment - **Mr. Hossein Fadaei, EMG Secretariat**
- i. EMG Nexus Dialogues 2020-2021 - **Ms. Nina Arden, EMG Secretariat**

4:10 – 04:40 p.m.

Item 4: Preparation for the 27th meeting of the EMG Senior Officials

- 1. Possible new topics for consideration of the Senior Officials including:
 - a. Nexus Dialogue: Rethinking the UN Approach on Strategic Foresight for Environmental Action - **Mr. Tim Kasten, UNEP**
 - b. IMG on Environmental Sustainability and Digital Transformation - **Mr. Tim Kasten, UNEP**
 - c. IMG on Enhancing Synergies between the post-2020 Biodiversity and Chemicals Framework - **Mr. Tim Kasten, UNEP**
 - d. Consultative process on understanding the consequences of a 1.5°C temperature rise on United Nations' programming - **Ms. Sheilagh Henry, OCHA**
 - e. Proposal on Joint Policy Paper (JPP) on Food System Resilience - **Ms. Serena Caucci, UNU-FLORES**
 - f. IMG on the UN System Response to the Decade on Ecosystem Restoration – **Mr. Lev Neretin, FAO**
 - g. UN Approach on Pollution - **Mr. Tim Kasten, UNEP**
 - h. UN system-wide contribution to the Stockholm+50 Conference – **Mr. Tim Kasten, UNEP**
- 2. Possible theme for the strategic discussion

4:40 – 4:50 p.m.

Item 5: Date and time of the 27th meeting of the Senior Officials

4:50 p.m.

Item 6: Any other business

Closure of the meeting