

Meeting Agenda & Notes of the Constituency Calls

Important Links:

Telegram group: <https://t.me/+miRl5UqBJPwxZTM1>
 Telegram channel: https://t.me/cymg_unep
 WhatsApp community: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/>
 Link to this document: tinyurl.com/cymg-rc-doc
 Dedicated CYMG Webpage: www.cymgenv.net/regular-calls

Chat Protocols:

- We strive to use consensus-based decision-making.
- This is a decision-making process where all decisions are made as a group by listening to each other, discussing concerns, and developing new solutions until something that works for everyone can be agreed upon by all group members.
- This is particularly difficult over chats/skype, so we've developed a few symbols to help whoever is facilitating the call:
 - mute your mic if you're not speaking
 - type "+." to support a point being made
 - type in X if you want to be added to the stack (if you want to speak).
 - type in Q if you have a clarification question (you'll jump the stack).
 - type in DR if you have a direct response to something that has just been said (you'll jump the stack)
 - type in PP if you have a process point (the facilitator will address your concern right after)
 - type in OR if you feel oppressed at any time in the meeting (the facilitator will address your concern right after)
 - type in P if you have a proposal
 - when we're voting type in (y) for yes (n) for block/no (thumbs down), and -- for stand aside.

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CYMG Monthly Constituency Call - June/July 2025

Date and time: Sunday 3rd August; 13:00 UTC

Meeting slides:

Chair: Clive /Natalia

Rapporteur(s):

Time Keeper(s):

Proposed Draft Agenda:

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Brief introduction to CYMG and key processes
3. Reports on thematic activities
4. Other Procedural Updates
5. AOB/closing of the meeting

CYMG Monthly Constituency Call - May 2025

Date and time: Saturday 31st May; 13:00 - 14:30 UTC

Meeting slides:

Chair: Clive /Natalia

Rapporteur(s):

Time Keeper(s):

Proposed Draft Agenda:

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Brief introduction to CYMG and key processes
3. Reports on thematic activities
4. Other Procedural Updates
5. AOB/closing of the meeting

CYMG Monthly Constituency Call - March 2025

Date and time: Saturday 29th March; 14:00 - 15:30 UTC

Meeting slides:

Chair: Clive Donley

Rapporteur(s): Steven, Samuel, Aseel

Time Keeper(s):

Proposed Draft Agenda:

- Opening of the meeting
- Brief introduction to CYMG and key processes
- Reports on thematic activities
- Reports on regional activities
- Next Constituency call
- AOB/closing of the meeting

Reports on thematic activities

1. Chemical and Waste WG

UNEP IETC Global Dialogue on Circular Economy Model of Waste Management & Youth Day | 17 - 19 February 2025 Osaka, Japan

Three virtual consultations and several preparatory meetings were held ahead of the dialogue and Youth Day to support the development of the Mottainai Youth Declaration.

CYMG actively participated in the Global Dialogue, delivering a presentation titled “*Youth Leading the Way: Meaningful Engagement in Gender-Responsive and Inclusive Circular Economy Models*” and

moderating Session 3 of the dialogue: *Public-Private Partnerships and EPR Schemes as Catalysts for Better Waste Management*.

Youth Day was co-organized by UNEP IETC, GEC, IGES, and CYMG.

Mottainai Youth Declaration on Zero Waste and Circularity was officially adopted.

Upcoming Engagements:

- ❖ International Zero Waste Day Engagements and a Global Youth Webinar (UNEP, UN-Habitat, CYMG, ISWA YPG)
- ❖ Translation and operationalization of the Zero Waste Declaration.
- ❖ **OEWG-3.2:** Resumed third session of the OEWG to establish a CWP SPP, 14–18 June 2025, Punta del Este, Uruguay. *[EOI (Here) – Extended Deadline: 10 April 2025]*
- ❖ **IMG:** Intergovernmental Meeting to consider the establishment of the CWP SPP, 19–20 June 2025, Punta del Este, Uruguay. *[EOI (Here) – Extended Deadline: 10 April 2025]*
- ❖ **GFC Workshop:** Global multi-stakeholder workshop on developing a GFC Implementation Programme, 22–23 June 2025, Punta del Este, Uruguay. *(Option to register included in OEWG-3.2/IMG accreditation form)*
- ❖ **OEWG-1 GFC:** First Open-ended Working Group of the Global Framework on Chemicals, 24–27 June 2025, Punta del Este, Uruguay. *(Option to register included in OEWG-3.2/IMG*

Climate Adaptation & Resilience Working Group

- **Launch of New WhatsApp Group:**
The WG announced alongside the official renaming of the Working Group (previously "Disaster, Climate, and Resilience WG").
- **Launch of Task Force Applications:**
Applications opened for the Climate Adaptation & Resilience Working Group Task Force. Key opportunity for members to engage actively in driving WG priorities and initiatives.

CYMG Monthly Constituency Call - December 2024

Date and time: Saturday 21st December; 10:00 - 11:00 UTC

Meeting slides:

Rapporteur(s):

Proposed Draft Agenda:

Opening of the Meeting (Zuhair and Gyubin)

Brief Introduction to Key Processes (Zuhair)

Introduction of new Global Coordinators Clive and Natalia (Gyubin)

Reports on Thematic Activities:

INC-5: Zuhair

MOP/COP: Zuhair, Clarence

UNCCD COP: Clive

Overview of 2025 Strategy and Roadmap

Next Constituency Call

AOB

CYMG Monthly Constituency Call - August and September 2024

Date and time: 08 Sep 2024 (Sunday); 14:00 - 16:00 UTC

Registration Link: tiny.cc/cymg-augsep-reg

Meeting slides:

Rapporteur(s):

Proposed Draft Agenda:

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Brief Introduction to Key Processes
3. Reports on Thematic Activities
4. Other Procedural Updates
5. Upcoming Events and Meetings
6. Next Constituency Call
7. Any Other Business (AOB)?
8. Closing of the Meeting

CYMG Monthly Constituency Call - July 2024

Date and time: 28 July 2024 (Sunday); 14:00 - 16:00 UTC

Registration Link: <http://tiny.cc/cymg-july-reg>

Meeting slides:  CYMG Monthly Meeting - July 2024

Rapporteur(s):

Proposed Draft Agenda:

1. Opening of the Meeting

- Introducing UNEP history, found in 1972, oversee several multilateral environmental agreements (MEA). UNEP role is paramount in co-hosting leading intergovernmental science-policy panel, set environmental agenda, and promoting coherent implementation with sustainable development.

2. Brief Introduction to Key Processes

- Introducing about CYMG structure.
- Introducing about UNEA and Committee of Permanent Representatives of the UNEP.

3. Reports on Thematic Activities

- CWP WG: Global Waste Management Outlook II (2024) -> The WG will convene an event in IYD 2024 and planning outreach event in OPN Brazil and Asia Pacific Pre Event to SOTF in Malaysia Aug 2024.
- DCR WG: Following up on the Youth Forum on Montreal Protocol and Climate Protection, alongside the Ozone and Clean Air Working Group as well as Reached out to partners for the Side Event at Drought Resilience + 10 Conference.
- Eco-faith WG: Webinar panel on International Youth Day, August 12th. Next meeting for Faith for Earth Youth/Faith for Earth Youth Council: 7th August
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4. Other Procedural Updates

- Asia Pacific RG: Regional SOTF Pre-Event: participants selection is completed.
- Africa RG: Upcoming AMCEN in Cote d'Ivoire.
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5. Upcoming Events and Meetings

6. Integrity of Youth Engagement in UNEP processes

7. Next Constituency Call

8. Any Other Business (AOB)?

9. Closing of the Meeting

CYMG Monthly Constituency Call - June 2024

Date and time: 30 June 2024 (Sunday); 14:00 - 16:00 UTC

Registration Link: <http://tinyurl.com/cymg-june-reg>

Meeting slides:  CYMG Monthly Meeting - June 2024

Rapporteur(s):

Draft Agenda:

1. Opening of the Meeting

- Opening remarks were given by Zuhair Kowshik
- Zuhair also initiated the members to introduce themselves with greetings, their name, country, and hobbies in the chat

2. Brief Introduction to Key Processes (CYMG, UNEA & CPR)

Presentation taken by Zuhair Kowshik

UNEP

- The United Nations Environment Programme is responsible for coordinating responses to environmental issues within the United Nations system. It was established by Maurice Strong, its first director, after the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm in June 1972.

CYMG

The Constituency

- A constituency of Major Groups and Stakeholders (MGS) accredited to UNEP
- Independent Youth Engagement Mechanism, and not managed by any other youth entity
- Representatives of member organizations/individual members
- The mailing list is moderated, and serves as the primary avenues for discussion
- Website: www.cymgenv.net
- YouTube Channel: youtube.com/@cymgunep
- Guided by 'Process and Procedures' document of CYMG

Complete Framework

Assembly

- Represents the entirety of the constituency
- Flat structure and not a hierarchy
- ***Global Steering Committee (GSC)***
- ***Global Coordinators***
- ***Operations Facilitation Team (OFT)/Secretariat***
- ***Committee of Accredited Organizations (CAO)***
- ***Regional Groups***
- ***Working Groups***
- ***Expert Advisory Group (ExAG)***
- ***Affiliated Networks, Task Forces & Platforms***

Communication and Coordination

Broader Constituency

- Formal Communication: Constituency mailing list (cymg-unep@googlegroups.com)
- WhatsApp and [Telegram](#) Communities (Informal Communication)

- Overall Google Drive Folder (comprises all the folders, coordination sheets, and documents)
- Regular Constituency Calls: Rolling Agenda and Notes Doc | Constituency Call Webpage
- YouTube for Capacity Building: <https://youtube.com/@cymgunep>
- Event Coordination: [Calendar Document](#) | [Calendar Webpage](#)

Working Groups

- Some WGs have their own mailing lists
- All WGs have their own WhatsApp groups
- More Info: tinyurl.com/cymg-wgs-info (to be updated to feed into proposed updates)

UNEA

- Is the United Nations Environmental Assembly
- Meets biannually in India.
- Formalized in 2014 and was preceded by the Governing Council of UNEP, which was composed of 58 member States.
- Major Groups also got formalized as the civil society engagement mechanisms in UNEA and its subsidiary bodies.

CPR (Committee of Permanent Representatives)

- An intersessional subsidiary organ of the United Nations Environment Assembly
- Regularly reviews the implementation of the outcomes of the UN Environment Assembly and other environmental policy processes
- Prepare decisions for adoption by the UNEA and oversee their implementation
- Meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives
 - Regular (quarterly) meetings
 - Subcommittee meetings
 - Annual subcommittee meeting
 - Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives - OECPR Meeting (negotiating event right before UNEA)

3. Reports on Thematic Activities

Working Groups

A. Chemical, Waste and Pollution

- Held its Africa Regional Meeting in Ghana in May.
- Conducted webinars focused on capacity building on chemical and plastic pollution

B. Disaster, Climate, and Resilience (Presented by Lydia Dai. Co-Facilitator)

- Conducted an informal youth consultation on the OHCHR Call on Information regarding human rights and climate change.
- CYMG's response to the OHCHR's call for contributions on access to information on climate change and human rights, developed and submitted on June 6th.
- Supported the Youth Voices on the Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste, and Pollution Campaign in social media design and posts.

C. Environmental Health (Presented by Henrietta Ampofo and Michelle Z, Co-Focal Point)

- Internal events/programmes:
 - Nature for Health (N4H) Capacity Building Session with UNEP One Health team

- External events/programmes:
 - One Health events :
 - UNEP One Health side event at the World Water Forum (20 - 24 May 2024).
 - Return of Investments (ROI) : 31st May, 2024 (Online)
 - One Health Seminar 2024 : 11-13th June, 2024 (Vienna, Austria)
 - One Health Governance in Eastern and Southern Africa: 28 June, 2024 (online)
 - Competition :
 - GGTC : Social Reels Challenge
- Looking Forward
 - Indigenous People's Campaign- Call for volunteers
 - AMR - High level meeting on AMR

To join Env. Health mailing list:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd8z8KFqpdB97QI4BXF6zU07_xdUhqUd95th-IInI ZHYTWUVQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

D. Environmental Law & Rights

(Presented by Aishwarya V)

- From 3rd to 6th June CYMG engaged in the Montevideo Environment law Programme (only in-person) ;focused on implementing the Programme and emphasizing environmental procedural
- CYMG organized a side event on Understanding Stakeholder Engagement in Environmental Democracy featuring online and in person attendance
 - There are upcoming events
 - Side event in IUCN Environmental Law Colloquium
 - co-organised by CYMG and UNEP
 - 07 July 9:45 to 10:45 IST
 - Few webinar series were organized towards preparation of INC-5 - Upstream measures and binding rules

E. Green Economy & Resources

(Presentation by Samuel Jose)

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F. Ozone and Clean Air (Presented by Clearance V)

- There is an ongoing preparation for the Youth Forum on Montreal Protocol and Climate Protection (YF-MPCP) a 1 day event focused on gender mainstreaming
- Collaborating with CCAC in July 12 to organize the Youth Action for Climate and Clean Air forum
- Internal WG arrangements
 - OCA WG will announce open call for an ad-hoc group in the lead up to YF-MPCP
 - Organize capacity building activities in the lead up to Clean Air Day (September)

G.

- Presented by Plastic Action
(Presented by Zuhair Kowshik)

- Held their Ordinary Meeting on
09 June 2024, 16:00 - 17:00 UTC
- Conducted a Capacity Building on INC and ILBI on Plastic Pollution - Watch recording: <https://youtu.be/kX9n1hRFgOE>
- Facilitating collaborating with other stakeholders for webinars ahead of INC-5
- Conducted a Road2Busan Plastic Action Webinar Series: www.cymgenv.net/road2inc5
- Will conduct its 1st Webinar on 22 July | Advancing Intergenerational Well-being and Health Against Plastic Pollution
- Conducting its 2nd Webinar on 30 July | Incentivizing Sustainability: Market-based Solutions to Address Plastic Pollution
- Policy Coordination
 - Policy documents to be drafted:
 - CYMG Nomination/Accreditation Policy for UN Meetings
 - Instructions on Participation at CPR
 - Co worked with the Env Law WG in supporting participation in the Montevideo program
 - Were representation in the 166th session of the CPR where we delivered interventions on two agenda items namely:
 1. Preparation for COP 15 UNCCD
 2. ED's Report
 - Conducting a preparation meeting for the 11th Annual CPR and also capacity building session for the same
 - Upcoming Annual CPR

4. Other Procedural Matters (presented by Zuhair Kowshik)

a. **Group of Friends created by UNEP**

b. **Ocean Science and Governance Youth Network**

- CYMG joined the Lets Be Nice to the Ocean as associated Stakeholder.
#RoadtoOceanConference
- CYMG will launch OSG Youth Network on July 5th, 2024.
- Global Dialogue on Sustainable Ocean Development will be held on July 1-5, 2024 - Bali, Indonesia ; seeking assistance with creating a video.
- OSG Youth Network Terms of Reference gives mandate to start recruiting coordination team
- Preparation for engagement in the Nairobi Convention COP started - 2-3 reps from the region to participate :Nairobi Convention COP11 (August 20-23, 2024 - Madagascar)
- Capacity Building on the UNEA RES 6/18 still on schedule for after the OSG Launch.
- Upcoming meeting:
 - 1st Preparatory Meeting - 2025 UN Ocean Conference (July 2, 2025 - New York)

c. **Convening of a Functional Secretariat/Operations Facilitation Team**

d. **Preparation for 2024 Summit of the Future** (presented by Vikrant Srivakar)

Asia-Pacific Regional Convening Ahead of Summit of the Future (SotF)

11-13 August 2023, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

ARROW, YPEER, YouthLEAD, MGCY and CYMG UNEP

6. CYMG Roadmap 2024-25

- 11th CPR Annual CPR Subcommittee Meeting every year.
- The upcoming Annual CPR will review UNEP programme of work Implementation ; Management and administration of UNEP.
- Programme of Work.

Financial outlook, opportunities and challenges to UNEP.

Preparations for UNEA 7, including roadmap for the development of 2026-2029 M.T.S and a draft programme of work and budget for the period 2026-2027

7. Next Constituency Call

Call: Poll was created and majority voted for the 28th July, 2024 as the next meeting date.

8. Any Other Business (AOB)?

Rules do not provide individuals over 35 to participate in summit and the organization is bound to adhere to the rule.

9. Closing of the Meeting

Closing done at 16:05 UTC

CYMG Monthly Constituency Call - May 2024

Date and time: 19 May 2024 (Sunday); 14:00 - 16:00 UTC

Registration Link: <http://tinyurl.com/cymg-may-reg>

Meeting slides:  CYMG Monthly Meeting - May 2024

Rapporteur(s): Diljot Kaur Dhindsa, Nyama Mutondo

Agenda:

1. Opening of the Meeting

- Opening remarks were given by Zuhair Kowshik

2. Brief Introduction to Key Processes (CYMG, UNEA & CPR)

Presentation by Zuhair Kowshik

a) UNEP

- Started in 1972
- Docking station for MEAs
- Hosts various intergovernmental panels.
- Learn more on:

b) CYMG

- 900+ Youth organizations are part and 7000+ individuals.
- Check our the website on: www.cymgenvironment.net
- Hierachy of CYMG explained.
- More info on the WGs can be found at: tinyurl.com/cymg-wgs-info

c) UNEA

- A general description of UNEA's work and history
- A link with more information was shared

d) CPR: Meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives explained.

3. Reports from Working Groups

a. Chemicals, Waste and Pollution

Updates covered by Mr. Aseel

- OEGW 3: Intersessional period started off with First Virtual roundtable that was held on 16th May 2024.
- Various Regional meetings & Consultations to take place are as follows:
- Youth Consultative meeting for OEGW 3 SPP - 16th June 2024
- Research on Children & Youth Engagement

b. Disaster, Climate and Resilience

Update done by Ms. Jana

- Consolidation of inputs and feedback on Special Rapporteurs thematic reports on "Access to information on Climate Change and Human Rights"

c. Environmental Health

Updates given by Henrietta Ampofo

- They had a Working Group meeting a couple of days ago

- Yet to
- *Upcoming Engagement*
- UNEP One Health Engagement Capacity building sessions in June 2024.
- Global Centre for Good Governance on Tobacco Governance to happen on 25th May 2024 at 12:00 UTC. Link for registration:
<https://ggtc.world/actions/webinars/global-youth-voices-virtual-summit>

d. Environmental Law & Rights

Updates Given by Mr. Zuhair Kowshik

- Preparation towards Montevideo programme is underway in collaboration with PCG
- Self funded participation application deadline is the 19th May 2024
- Montevideo Programme initial meeting to be held on 25 June 2024
- Links to check out for more information on Montevideo Programme
- [Montevideo Environmental Law Programme](#)
- [UNEA resolution 4/20 on the Montevideo Environmental Law Programme](#)
- [UNEP Law and Environment Assistance Platform \(UNEP-LEAP\)](#)

e. Green Economy & Resources

Updates by Mr. Samuel Jose

- Coordinated the Virtual Workshop with the European Environmental bureau - "Towards Sustainable Materials Management Built for Future Generations" which was held on May 6th 2024. Further reports on the workshop shall be delivered.
- Youth Advisory Group to UN Secretary General Panel on Critical Energy Transition Minerals. Received proposals from youth members who were participating to ensure how global south and north could be bridged to combat issues in this area.
- Preparing an International Resources Panel Working Group on Inequalities and Resources by the Co Thematic Facilitator Ms Natalia to serve as member of the IRP Working Group
- The TF of this WG Samuel attends the Bali World Water Forum and calls out to any CYMG members who may also be in Bali.

f. Ozone and Clean Air

- Capacity building session on Asia - Pacific Regional Action Programme for Air Pollution to be organized soon.
- Engagement at Multi Stakeholder consultation workshop for improved multilateral and international cooperation on air pollution to be held in Bangkok on 27 & 28 May 2024.
- Disaster and climate WG's - inputs prepared.

g. Plastic Action

Updates by Mr. Zuhair Kowshik

- INC-4 in Canada had better outcomes than the previous INC.
- Work for INC -5 considered is establishment of a financial mechanism, alignment of financial flows and catalyzing finance.
- A lot of divergence on treaty between member states as there is a lot of debate on reduction of plastic production.
- More info on the INC 4 report can be found:
- Achievements made at INC 4; the Children and Youth flag got designated at the INC 4. The only stakeholders who had a flag designated which is a huge achievement for the Major Group.

- More than 20+ formal and informal bilaterals with Member states, Stakeholder groups and Organizations.
- Attended the Partnerships Day on 22nd April which was organized by Canada and WWF.
- Closing Plenary ended around 3 am. The child delegate from our Major group - Fiona Brown was able to proudly represent at the session.

Towards INC - 4 in Busan

- The Facilitation unit convened to support the preparation.
- Various capacity building sessions on the key elements of the treaty
- 2 focus teams to be connected to support Youth inputs for the Ad Hoc Intersessional Open Ended Expert Groups.
- The individual chosen to represent must not just represent personal experience but also represent expectations of the Major Group.

h. Policy Coordination

Updates by Mr. Clive Donnley

- CYMG nominated a dedicated group to participate in the CPR meetings.
- In the past month 2 CPR meetings have been done whereas 8 interventions have been delivered.
- CPR meeting to be held on 6th June with the Main Agenda on outcomes of UNEA 6.
- Interventions made during the National Green Jobs Workshop under Green Jobs for Youth Pact Initiative by UNEP.
- 166th Session of the CPR to be held on 13th June. Registration form to attend shall close on 25th.
- Meeting on the 1st of June to discuss inputs for the next CPR and the 166th Session of the CPR.

4. Other Procedural Updates

a. Groups of Friends

Updates by Mr. Zuhair Kowshik

b. Ocean Science and Governance

Updates by Mr. Mario Galbert

- Final review meeting which is necessary, to be scheduled on Monday May 20th 2024.
- Launch of OSG Youth Network will be held on World Ocean Day 2024.

Upcoming meetings:

- [Immersed in Change](#) (June 7-8, 2024 -Costa Rica)
- [1st Preparatory Meeting - 2025 UN Ocean Conference](#) (July 2, 2025 - New York)
- [Global Dialogue on Sustainable Ocean Development](#) (July 1-5, 2024 - Bali, Indonesia)
- [Nairobi Convention COP11](#) (August 20-23, 2024 - Madagascar)

c. Guidelines of YED

Updates by Ms. Aishwarya V

- CYMG has had 3 rounds of consultations on the YED dialogue - Consensus has been made except on 1 point. Once it has been decided the final draft shall be shared.
- Main Agenda of YED is to establish a follow up process for implementations from UNEA.
- Proposals from Organizations are open in organizing the YED.

d. Open - Ended Consultations on Strengthening Regional Coordination

Covered by Mr. Zuhair Kowshik

- First consultation took place on 5th May 2024 whereas existing regional coordination within CYMG, barriers and challenges and best practices were covered.
- Members requested to continue such consultations.
- Ms. Mascha and Ms Fithriyah have expressed interest to support the facilitation.

e. World Environment Day

- We shall be convening an informal task team.
- An online event 'Film Screening and Talk; Kiss the Ground' will be organized with UNEO focus on land degradation and desertification.
- Dedicated webpage on <https://www.cymgenet.net/wed2024>
- *Olga Skaredina announces*: Digital campaign to be launched on the science policy panel on chemicals, waste and pollution which will highlight different stories from youth on how they are exposed to chemicals, waste and pollution. Concludes on June 15th.

5. Upcoming Events and Meetings

Sub Items>>

5(a) [Multi-stakeholder consultation workshop for improved multilateral and international cooperation on air pollution](#) (27-29 May) in Bangkok, Thailand

5(b) [Hybrid Symposium on Emerging Issues in Environmental Rule of Law](#) (30-31 May), [Second Global Meeting of the Montevideo National Focal Points](#) (3-5 June) and Global training on BBNJ (6 June) in Nairobi, Kenya

5(c) [OEWG 3](#) (16 - 21 June) in Geneva, Switzerland

5(e) [Sixth Meeting of the UNEP Working Group on Nitrogen](#) (26-27 June) Online

5(f) [11th CPR Annual Subcommittee Meeting](#) (8-12 July) in Nairobi, Kenya - UNEP's Annual Governing meeting. There shall be online participation as well.

5(g) [Nairobi Convention COP 11](#) (17-24 July) in Madagascar

6. CYMG Roadmap 2024-25: Members were requested to contact Zuhair to express interest in drafting the roadmap

7. Date and Time of the Next Constituency Call: Poll was created and majority voted for the 30th of June

8. Any Other Business (AOB)?

- Eunice proposes a procedure on how CYMG can engage for various summits and sessions.
- An email can be shared to CYMG for any proposals.
- Information on the CPR participations and accreditations.
- In-person participation has two methods' if one has a permanent UNON badge, one can participate any time.
- Focuses and encourages that CPR meetings are highly important to participate in as Youth.

9. Closing of the Meeting

- Closing done at 15:51 UTC

CYMG Monthly Constituency Call - April 2024

Date and time: 14 April 2024 (Sunday); 13:00 - 15:00 UTC

Registration Link: <http://tinyurl.com/cymg-apr-reg>

Meeting slides:  CYMG Monthly Meeting - April 2024

Rapporteur(s): Bhomeshkumar (Mauritius)

Key Urgent Actions >>

- Continue consultation on the guidelines of Youth Environment Dialogues (YEDs)
- Convene Open-Ended Consultations on strengthening the regional coordination of CYMG
- Facilitate collaboration with UNCCD Youth Caucus and form a Task Team for the Commemoration of World Environment Day 2024. Also, create a dedicated CYMG webpage for WED and feature youth best practices related to the theme of the day.
- Create an informal group with interested individuals to further update CYMG [Roadmap](#) 2024-25
- Launch the call for applications to join CYMG Expert Advisory Group (ExAG)

Agenda: (feel free to update/suggest)

1. Opening of the Meeting: Zuhair Ahmed

Proposed agenda item for today;

- Discuss agenda items from the last meeting.
- Provide procedure updates, information about upcoming UN/UNEP meetings.
- Have a look at the CYMG roadmap for this year and last year.
- Suitable Date and time for the next constituency call.
- Agenda Item 8 - AOB for additional comments.

2. Brief Introduction to Key Processes (CYMG, UNEA & CPR)

Brief introduction of UNEP:

- It's role on hosting the MEAs,
- It's role as the governing council, among others.
- Visit the timeline of the UNEP website for more information.

Brief introduction of the CYMG:

- Umbrella platform of youths and youth organizations willing to provide inputs to the UNEP works
- Over 6000 members and more affiliated youth organizations.
- YouTube Channel, other social media platforms -
- One of the 9 accredited official constituency of the UNEP
- Register as an individual is easier to be part of the CYMG family
- The Assembly represents the entirety of the Constituency
- There is a Global Steering Committee, thematic sectors,...
- Mailing list for communications, whatsapp groups, telegram community, among others. Working groups decreased from 17 to 13 for more effectiveness. Some of them have a mailing list and participants can join the Working group of their interest.
- UNEA as the highest decision making body for environmental policies, held biennially in Nairobi.

- CPR - Committee of Permanent Representatives. It has regular meetings taking place quarterly and has sub committee meetings to discuss different thematic areas.
- Negotiating Event - OECPR

Floor open for questions:

- Question by Mr Evans Abondo: "Can UNEA impose decisions/interventions to countries?"
Reply by Zuhair: "It depends on the nature of the resolutions if they are legally binding or voluntary but countries do have obligations to implement the commitments they make. UNEP as an environmental authority can sometimes do advocacy."
- Question by Ms Nthatsi Lesala: If there are country level platforms of the CYMG and if present in other social media platforms?
Reply by Zuhair: CYMG is present in twitter, instagram, and other social media platforms. The CYMG is mandated to work at the global level, and is not really mandated to work at national levels. However, CYMG do have some regional groups which remain active for the regional youth environmental forums.

3. Reports from Working Groups

a. Chemicals, Waste and Pollution -

Updates by Mr Aseel Abo-Taleb:

Updates of the UNEA-6 Resolutions which have been finalized such as UNEA 6/9, UNEA 6/10, among others.

In March: Several meetings with working groups such as the UNEP working group on Nitrogen International Zero Waste Day: Online Event, **24th of March** where CYMG hosted the first segment CYMG participated in written submissions

Collaboration with the Caribbean for the webinar on zero waste day.

Upcoming Engagements: Science Policy Panel, OEWG 3, Virtual Round table discussions,...

b. Disaster, Climate and Resilience-

Updates by Ms Jana Al-Hassanieh

In Nairobi (UNEA-6)- Special session during the YEA on energy efficiency and ozone protection
Much work on the Climate Justice Resolution but unfortunately not adopted.

Member states were discussing concerns in terms of having justice in the resolutions, and had reservations whether the concept of Climate Justice would fall under the UNEA-6 mandate.

Lydia Dai (Solar Radiation M) - The text was redrafted and repropose after several negotiations but yet not adopted. Many member countries rejected this as works pertaining to SRM were already being conducted outside the UNEP and UNEP should not be mandated.

The African Group also had concerns as they had an environmental Ministerial declaration where they did not want to have SRM engagements.

Jana

Upcoming Engagements: Montreal Protocol Youth Forum - In line with the Ozone and Clean Air WG Engagement with the Adaptation World Adaptation Science Programme.

Upcoming consultations for the Consultations for the 2024 reports of the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to development, specially on a thematic report to the General Assembly on Climate justice: Loss and damage.

c. Eco-Faith-

Was previously the "Faith" Working Group

Updates by Mr Emmanuel -

UNEA 6: Youth Environmental Assembly Session on Faith

Interfaith Dialogue

Networking Event with the Faith for Earth Coalition and Partners

Upcoming engagement: World Environmental Day Webinar on Youth Leadership in Spiritual Ecology ... ; To explore the role of faith based organizations in land stewardship. Identify champions (faith based organizations and individuals) in thematic areas like land desertification, among others.

d. Environmental Health-

Updates by Miss Henrietta Ampofo:

This WG was formed last year in June

Some UNEA resolutions

One Health Priority Research Agenda

12 meetings so far

GYEA 2024 - One Health Alliance Technical Session

Mailing List is not yet out, will be available soon

Some liaisons with other working groups

Capacity Building Session will be in Geneva

e. Ozone and Clean Air-

Updates by Mr Clarence:

Previous Achievements: CYMG engagements at the Climate and Clean Air Conference in England, MOP 35 among others.

UNEA-6: Resolution on Air Quality which was adopted.

Upcoming Engagement: YF - MPCP in Bangkok, and concept notes will be shared soon. It will be for the MOP36 & COP13 of the Vienna Convention.

f. Plastic Action-

Updates by Ms Maliha:

GYEA - Consultations on the Zero Draft of the Plastic Treaty

Establishment of the Facilitation Unit under the WG

Upcoming Engagements: INC-4

g. Policy Coordination-

Updates by Mr Clive:

UNEA-6: Consultations outcomes - Creation of a task force that will be monitored by the PCG.; finding ways to have a proper language with regards to seeking sponsorship, etc to prevent barriers.
Supported the Global Youth Environment Declaration and the participation of the youth in the OECPR.
Updates by Ms Sharon: - Sessions discussing the outcomes of the CMP COP 14, UNEA 6, among others.
Tomorrow there will be a preparatory meeting.
More links will be sent in the chat with regards to the Sub Committee meetings.

h. Science-Policy-

Updates by Ms Olga:

UNEA-6: Youth Engagement in Science Policy Interface

The UNEP Foresight Workshop - A close workshop for selected young people where we got to engage in interesting sessions of what would do as young people in particular scenarios. Collaboration with the UNEP office.

Effective bilaterals with instances like the UNEP policy Unit

The launching of the new WG. Call for applications will be launched soon.

i. Sustainable Finance-

Updates of UNEA-6: A technical session was held known as Youth Engagement in Financial Mechanisms.

Bilaterals with GEF, World Bank, etc

Other webinars: on Spark Capacity Building on Environmental Financing,

16 April and 23 April next webinars (updates will be sent on link)

4. Other Procedural Updates

a. Outcomes of Ad hoc meeting: Youth Network on OSG-

There were three Ad Hoc Meetings over 2 weeks

New Working Group under the CYMG.

Consensus on the name of "Ocean Science and Governance Youth Network"- It will be an associated organ of the CYMG, which will be led by two co-chairs, and there will be Regional Focal Points from each Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans.

b. Outcomes of Consultation: Youth Environment Dialogues-

Already covered in the PCG section.

c. Restructuring of the Regional Groups-

Global Coordinators to convene open-ended consultations to facilitate collection of views and inputs for the strengthening of the regional coordination of CYMG.

5. Upcoming Events and Meetings

- a. [Fourth Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution \(INC-4\)](#) | 21-29 April, Ottawa, Canada

Regional Consultations will start on the 21st

Received approval from the INC secretariat to organize a youth engagement meeting on the 21st which will be hybrid. Logistics will be provided by the INC Secretariat.

- b. [Second Global Meeting of the Montevideo National Focal Points](#) | 3-5 June, Nairobi, Kenya

Montevideo is a 10 year programme monitoring environmental laws implementation.

Environmental Law WG and PCG will oversee the youth engagements

- c. [World Environment Day 2024](#) | 5 June, Hosted by Saudi Arabia

Inputs required for some activities that can be organized.

- d. [OEWG 3: Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution](#) | 16 - 21 June, Geneva, Switzerland

The Call for Self funded application is still open.

6. CYMG [Roadmap](#) 2024-25

Those who want to work for the Roadmap, reach out to Zuhair.

Must be already skilled in planning and documenting.

7. Next Constituency Call (Date, Time, Proposed Agenda, etc.)

Question by Samuel Jose: If the Summit of the Future can be an addendum to the CYMG mandate? For the Environmental Matters.

Reply by Zuhair: There is a primary idea of having youth mobilization, such as the SDGs for the Environment, There is not also a specific environmental aspect in the SoTF but CYMG members may engage in consultations on the Pact of the Future.

Next Constituency Call is on the 19th May at 14:00 UTC

8. Any Other Business (AOB)?

World Environment Day: proposal of having a specific webpage on the CYMG website to showcase the different champions across the world in different thematic areas and a Collaboration with the UNCDD Youth Caucus. Also the creation of a dedicated task force for the World Environmental Day.

Zuhair: Explaining the difference of the Expert Working Group and the Thematic Working Groups.

Mario: Asking about the Annual Sub-Committee meetings.

Zuhair: We can have a Policy Conference to take note of the CYMG works of the year.

9. Closing of the Meeting

CYMG Monthly Constituency Call - March 2024

Date and time: 17 March 2024 (Sunday); 13:00 - 15:00 UTC

Meeting slides:  CYMG Monthly Meeting - March 2024

Key Urgent Actions >>

- Call for applications for **GSC and CYMG Secretariat** positions
- CYMG to join **NbS Youth Coalition** between YOUNGO, Youth4Nature and GYBN
- Launch the Expression of Interest to join CYMG **Expert Advisory Group (ExAG)**
- Creation of a Youth Network on **Ocean Science and Governance (OSG)**: Ad hoc Meeting on Operationalization of a Youth Network on OSG and nomination of an Interim Coordinator for OSG
- Consultation for preparing the guidelines of **Youth Environment Dialogues** to be organized by PCG before next constituency call

Agenda:

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Brief Introduction to Key Processes (CYMG, UNEA & CPR)
3. Debriefing on YEA 2024, UNEA-6 and associated events
 - a. YEA 2024
 - Funded by the Govt. of France, Govt of Sweden, GEF, KAS,..
 - highlights: resource mobilization was roughly 150,000 USD
participants attended were 451 in-person and 150+ online
 - funding supported 32 international youth and 106 Kenyan youth.
 - Extended invitation to other sister constituencies like Ramsar Convention, Youngo, ...
 - Outcome: Global Youth Declaration on Environment
 - Participants number (3 times than expected), a huge success for the GYEA
 - b. Global Youth Declaration on Environment
 - Section 4: There was a notable emphasis on the importance for everyone to thoroughly review Section 4 of the constituency regarding the Global Youth Declaration on the Environment.
 - The DPR of Malawi, The UNEA Presidency, The Eu made reference to the Youth Declaration
 - Handed over copies of the Youth Declaration to several member states
 - c. OECPR-6 & UNEA-6
 - Seamless engagement of CYMG representatives in the negotiations.
 - Engagement took place within OECPR-6 and UNEA-6, with links provided to the joint statements that were exchanged. Additionally, negotiations on draft resolutions were closely monitored and organized into clusters. This process culminated in the preparation of technical notes and position papers tailored to member states aligning with the youth agenda.
 - d. Other Associated Events
 - Workshop for youth took place on the 20th Feb regarding UNEP's campaigns

SUGGESTIONS (Constructive Feedbacks):

- There were lots of congratulatory messages to the various steering committees for the victorious UNEA-6.

4. Constituency Procedural Updates

- a. Call for applications for GSC & CYMG Secretariat (OFT) Positions
 - 17 WG to 13 WG (to ensure more effectiveness of the WG)
 - There shall be a merging of inactive working groups. ie(Environmental Law and Rights WGs, Green Economy and Extractives WGs)
 - There shall also be creation of a stand-alone network that will report to the CYMG governing body.
 - The Ocean and Seas Governance WG will be a new Network
 - There was a suggestion to merge the Ozone & Clean Air WG to the Nature and Ecosystems WG.
 - The CYMG secretariat shall handle the work of the Education WG.
 - To have the discussion in the next call with regard to how Regional Groups will structure themselves
- b. Invitation for CYMG to join NbS Youth Coalition
- c. Expert Advisory Group (ExAG) [ExAG Terms of Reference](#)
 - Olga Skaredina provided details about ExAG as a collective of young scientists and researchers with extensive experience in their respective fields; addressing the challenge of bridging the technical gap is essential, particularly as youth frequently encounter obstacles due to their limited knowledge or expertise in dissecting the relevant materials provided by UNEP.
- d. CYMG Ocean Science & Governance Network
 - I. Nomination of Interim Coordinator for six (6) months
 - II. Drafting and finalization of Terms of Reference (ToR)
 - III. Official Launching Event (probably on World Ocean Day 2024)
- e. Youth Environment Dialogues (YEDx)
 - Alejo Luque elaborated that YEDx emerged towards the conclusion of 2023 following consultations held during prior UNEA forums. The platform will exclusively function as a channel for dialogue, sourcing topics from all Working Groups within CYMG. Dialogues will be held both virtually and/or physically.
 - An Ad hoc meeting to be organized by Policy Coordination Group (PCG) for preparing a guidelines for Youth Environmental Dialogues
 - To be launched before World Environment Day 2024
- f. Other Procedural Matters
 - I. Review of the PnP
 - II. Partnerships Guidelines
 - III. Accreditation Guidelines
 - A policy meeting will be convened in May to further discuss on the review of PnP and preparation of several guidelines

5. Upcoming Events and Meetings

- a. [International Day of Zero Waste 2024](#) - 30 March 2024
Engagements and opportunities for CYMG:
 - Aseel will gather all the links and send in one message

- Collecting all inputs from youth advocates and researchers (sustainable consumption & production,
- Collaborating with partners, etc
- Preparing a thematic submission for the UN Special Rapporteur

b. [Fourth Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution \(INC-4\)](#)

- Global Youth Coalition on Plastic Pollution (GYCPP) will be convening a series of final consultations before INC-4 for preparing youth position on Revised Draft to be negotiated at INC-4

c. [Second Global Meeting of the Montevideo National Focal Points](#)

- Environmental Law WG to facilitate CYMG's participation in this meeting. Updates will be shared later

d. [OEWG 3: Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution](#)

- Call for EOI for participation at OEWG3 in Geneva (at self-funded capacity) is open now: tinyurl.com/cymg-oewg3-eoi (deadline: 24 Mar)
- Chemicals, Waste and Pollution WG will convene a series of virtual roundtables to prepare youth positions on the draft proposal for science-policy panel on chemicals, waste and pollution.

6. CYMG [Roadmap](#) 2024-25

- Global Coordinators will collect plans for engagement from WGs, update the current version of the roadmap and will invite members to provide inputs

7. Any Other Business (AOB)?

- Major of the members voted for Date and Time for next monthly constituency call: 14th April (sunday), 13:00 - 15:00

8. Closing of the Meeting

Attendances

Hamzah Sadeq Al-Hadhrami

Poorvaprabha Patil, India

CYMG Monthly Constituency Call - January 2024

Date and time: 21 January 2024 (Sunday); 14:00 - 15:30 UTC

Meeting slides:  CYMG Monthly Meeting - Jan 2024

Proposed Agenda:

1. Opening of the Meeting:
2. Brief Introduction to Key Processes (CYMG, UNEA & CPR)
3. Preparation for UNEA-6 and Other Associated Events
 - e. Information on UNEA6 and Associated Events
 - f. GYEA 2024 (Registration, Logistics, Task Team, Agenda, Mobilization, etc.)
 - g. Global Youth Declaration on Environment
 - h. Informal Youth Consultations (IYCs)
 - i. OECPR-6 & UNEA-6
 - j. Other Associated Events
4. Preparation for INC-4 Plastics Negotiation
5. Any Other Business (AOB)?
6. Closing of the Meeting

CYMG Monthly Constituency Call - December 2023

Date and time: 23rd December 2023 (Saturday); 14:00 - 15:30 UTC

Meeting slides:  CYMG Monthly Meeting - Dec 2023

Recording:

Note-taker: Mary Akumu & Oumnia

Provisional Agenda:

1. Opening of the Meeting: Presentation of provisional agenda

2. Brief Introduction to CYMG (for new members)

- One of the 9 Major Groups accredited to UNEP mandated by UNEA
- 17 thematic working groups
- Official youtube channel (capacity building sessions available): youtube.com/@cymgunep
- Institutional framework of the constituency (check ppt of the meeting)
- Flat structure
- Communication and coordination strategy: mailing list (cymg-unep@googlegroups.com) + WhatsApp community (reached to its maximum - not allowing more to be added) + Telegram Community
- Overall folder link: drive.google.com/drive/folders/1MPACZf7PtEUv5Q_FnmNDy95XvH_RjXb
- Information on working groups: tinyurl.com/cymg-wgs-info

About UNEA & CPR

- Highest-level decision making body on global environmental matters
- CPR: intersessional subsidiary organ of UNEA
- OECPR serves for negotiations just before UNEA to discuss the draft resolutions and send the outcomes to UNEA for adoption

3. Updates on the New Logo and Website

- Change new logo
- Reach out to Mr Alejandro Luque via alejoluque2003@gmail.com if you want to support design
- New website www.cymgenv.net

4. Briefing on the Preparation for UNEA6

a. Information on UNEA6 and Associated Events

- [17-18 Feb] [Global Youth Environment Assembly 2024](#)
- [19-23 Feb] [31st Meeting of the International Resource Panel](#)
- [19-23 Feb] [6th Meeting of the Open-ended CPR \(OECPR 6\)](#)
- [21-23 Feb] [Climate and Clean Air Conference 2024](#)
- [24-25 Feb] [Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum 2024](#)
- [25-27 Feb] [Science Policy Business Forum \(SPBF\) Fifth Session](#)
- [26 Feb - 1 Mar] [Sixth Session of UN Environment Assembly \(UNEA 6\)](#)

- Calendar of UNEA 6 and Associated Events
- Negotiations sometimes take more time than planned
- Global Youth Environment Assembly will be second edition from 17-18 Feb 2024
- UNEA6 theme: Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.

- The Global Youth Declaration on Environment is one of the expected biggest outcomes of GYEA: www.cymgenv.net/gyea
- Online consultations are going to take place to discuss the declaration and also Informal Youth Consultations (IYCs) on the draft resolutions and decisions.

b. Global YEA2024 (Agenda, Task Team, and Collaboration & Partnership)

- GYEA Coordination Sheet: tinyurl.com/gyea-coordination-sheet
- Interested individuals with substantive experience in organizing/facilitating large youth event(s) are requested to express their interest in being part of the Global YEA Task Team by emailing to cymg.environment@gmail.com

- Task team of GYEA: Max 25 People
- A primary agenda has been drafted and could be found in the coordination sheet
- Funding of GYEA: Check Slides for more details

c. Preparation for Global Youth Declaration on Environment

- Webpage: www.cymgenv.net/gyd
- Drafting Doc/Template: tinyurl.com/gyd-doc
- Facilitated by: Policy Coordination Group (PCG)

- We can capitalize take into consideration what other constituencies have developed recently in MEA processes
- Our declaration should be unique and technical
- First consultation should focus on collecting for inputs and start from ground zero
- Second consultation to review the inputs and finding relevance with other youth statements/declarations
- Final consultation during GYEA will finalize the declaration document
- Dates and time of two online consultations will be further communicated by PCG

d. Youth Positions on Draft Resolutions & Decisions (Draft Resolutions Coordination, and IYCs)

- Webpage: www.cymgenv.net/iycs
- Coordination Sheet: tinyurl.com/cymg-res-coordination

- IYCs will be organized to review draft resolutions and decisions and prepare youths positions on the zero draft texts

e. Youth Participation in UNEA6 and Associated Events

- Check the website where some resolutions have already been scheduled
- The aim is to review the previous work and the zero draft and our stance regarding that
- Each recommendation or cluster will follow a consultation
- Check the website where we will regularly share about the sessions
- for those that have expertise reach out to us if you want to be included
- Two consultations are happening which are quite distant: those about the declaration and those about draft resolution
- Registrations for accreditation for UNEA6 and OECPR-6 is open, you will need formal note verbal from accredited NGO, IGO, UN, Media or member state
- For the GMGSF you need a nomination letter from a UNEP- accredited NGO
- If you have financial capacity but can't find accreditation you can reach to GFP to help
- Around 150 participants are going to participate at GYEA

- Call for applications will go out on the first week of January 2024

4. Updates on Regional and Thematic Works

- RCM North America
- RCM Europe: One youth delegate was there
- INC-3 in Nairobi
 - Mandate to prepare Revised Zero draft text was received by the INC Chair and Secretariat
- MGS Consultation on 16th Nov: Online consultation
- 10th Annual CPR Subcommittee Meeting in Nairobi
 - Creation of Climate division under UNEP
 - Launch of Adaptation Gap Report and Emissions Gap Report
- COP28 Side Events at GEP Pavilion, UNEP Pavilion, and Ozone Pavilion
 - /Clarence: Lacks engagement at the Ozone Pavillion due to overlapping schedules and priorities, we initially discussed with Ozone Secretariat, to bring the agenda to Global YEA in 2024)
- SPP OEWG2
 - Aseel: discussed youth engagement in SPP OEWG2 in Nairobi
 - First event Youth Consultative Meeting (YCM) took place on 9th Dec on OEWG2
 - YCM hosted Intergenerational Dialogue with OEWG Chair, Principal Coordinator of the Secretariat, HL UNEP Officials and Others
 - 'Intergenerational Equity' proposed by CYMG, was supported by several member states as one of the operating principles for future Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution.

6. Any Other Business (AOB)?

- Date and Time of the next meeting: The majority of the delegates supported 21st Jan, also another suggestion was to host it on 28th Jan

7. Closing of the Meeting

CYMG Monthly Constituency Call - November 2023

Date and time: 05 November 2023; 14:00 - 16:00 UTC

Recording here: https://www.youtube.com/live/860zt68-5fM?si=QIGZdFuXg_u46Quz

Provisional Agenda:

1. Opening of the meeting (5 mins)
2. CYMG and its institutional framework (5 mins)
3. Updates on Regional Works (10 mins)
 - a. APYEF23 & APMF5 in Sri Lanka ([Asia Pacific Youth Manifesto](#), [Youth Statements at APMF5](#))
 - b. LACYEF23 & LAC MF in Panama
 - c. West Asia RCM in Oman
4. Updates on Thematic Works (20 mins)
 - a. APEHRD 23 in Bangkok
 - b. Conference on Corporate Sustainability and Environmental Rights in Asia in Bangkok
 - c. 4th meeting of the UNEP Working Group on Nitrogen in Nairobi
 - d. LAC Regional Meeting of SPP OEWG2 in Brasilia
 - e. Final Intergovernmental Consultations on Nature-based Solutions
 - f. 2023 World Food Forum Flagship Event in Rome
 - g. Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (MOP35)
 - h. Collaboration with UNEP Faith for Earth Initiative
5. Briefing on Preparation for Upcoming UNEP Meetings (10 mins)
 - a. RCM Europe
 - b. RCM North America
 - c. INC-3 in Nairobi
 - d. Annual CPR Subcommittee Meeting
 - e. SPP OEWG2 in Nairobi (shifted from Jordan)
6. Updates on Global YEA 2024, UNEA6, and CYMG Roadmap 2023-24 (15 mins)
 - a. Global YEA Planning (Agenda, Logistics, etc.)
 - b. Youth participation in UNEA6
 - c. CYMG Roadmap 2023-24
 - d. Youth Resolution Drafting
 - e. Research on Youth Engagement in MEAs & SPIs
7. Updates on New Constituency Logo (5 mins)
8. Updates on GSC and OFT Recruitments (5 mins)
9. AOB (5 mins)
10. Closing of the Meeting (3 mins)

CYMG Monthly Constituency Call - September 2023

Date and time: 23 September 2023; 2 - 3:30 PM UTC

Attending: Judy Njenga, Irene Letare Makundi, Henrietta Ampofo, Fiona Brown, Aaminah Japanwala, Baliqees Salaudeen-Ibrahim, Kartik Verma, Nivedita Kurade, Ramu Pandey, Olga Skaredina, AnneFaith, Biddhya pandey, Atieh, Ailars David, Felipe Gallo, Fatima Abubakar, Hafidh Ali.

Moderator: Zuhair

Note taker: Judy N & AnneFaith B

Agenda:

1. Opening of the meeting

UNEA is high decision-making body of UNEP. There are 9 constituencies and CYMG is one of them

2. Half yearly report by regional and thematic facilitators

-There are individual members and organizations.

-Also consists of different working groups

We have an overall selection of working groups and individual groups.

3. Deposition of Inactive GSC facilitators (to be decided by the constituency members)

-Gyubin and Zuhair hold this position on behalf of all members of the constituency.

-This is a great opportunity to ensure youths are involved in various activities and consultations.

-There is a need for different facilitators for the various working groups.

-Baliqees: Suggested a structure to have other members assist the facilitators, and need for each to speak up in case of any assistance is needed.

-Mary: Suggested having a check-in to determine the facilitators interest and if no response have them replaced, In future to have a facilitator and co-facilitator and a minimum attendance and engagement effort required for the position.

-Biddhya: Regular communications are important. Also, have an assessment committee which should be decided by members.

-This committee can act as a selection committee as well for the new and vacant positions.

Members agreed to have this committee.

-Gyubin and Zuhair can prepare reports on the performance, however they need more members' involvement.

-The UNEA is in less than 5 months time and this means increased load in various activities hence more effort is required from the facilitators.

-Ramu: Need for back up team in case of inactive facilitators.

-Interested members can reach out to Zuhair

-More information is available on our website. It is easy to understand what's happening in the constituency.

- Zuhair: Request facilitators to share their reports by 27th. 28-30 (come up with final decision)
- Kick-off Monday

4. Comprehensive Plan

-The preparations of a plan have already been ahead of the UNEA6.

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Based on the plan we will mobilize the availability of resources, and finalize the document.

-Free to add any suggestions to the available documents which is open to all members.

5. Preparation of Annual Report by GFPs

We want to provide a report in November, that's the plan to provide this simple report.

6. Updates from OFT

-Operation Facilitation Team, it's kind of a communication team (social media, mailing list, website etc).

-Supposed to keep and help during transition of new leadership. That's why the OFT is important. We need a strong OFT.

We need to find active members. Some when selected, they're not active. Suggest and nominate members of the OFT. If you give the GFP this mandate, we can take it.

We need some active members for UNEA. Inviting suggestions on this.

We can ask for volunteers now. Some responsibilities like website, managing mailing list and day-to-day activities, etc.

Suggestion: For me it's fine if Focal points can manage.

Zuhair: Anyone can write to us to express interest to be part of OFT. Easier to communicate via WhatsApp. Many people are comfortable with the Global Focal Points taking this up. In informal group.

Suggestion: We can also make some point with members who are inactive according to need. Make list

Suggestion: I have been on the whatsapp platform since September. Wanted to ask if this is the only active group. Difficult to get in touch if any. Is there any google group, or is there only the whatsapp group we have?

Zuhair: Only admins can text in the Broadcast group. We have different groups under that community.

Members can text. Go through the community and find the group and once the facilitator sees that, they'll add you.

7. Updates on Logo

One of our members shared a form with the constituency and decided to have a new logo.

We already have suggestions but one thing Alejandro wanted to share was to keep cymg in the logo because it's easier for members to catch and the new people as well, easier to communicate.

Feel free to design a logo and share with us.

Aish: We can have a logo competition

Zuhair: By *28th September*. We should have our new logo as soon as possible. Suggest logo.

8. UNEA6 updates

Registration is open. Most important thing is to participate.

We wanted to bring 50 youths.

Start communicating with member states and potential donors. Global Youth Environmental Assembly (GYEA) in Nairobi - 17th F - Dates to be confirmed later. Submitting side event application for UNEA 6, the deadline is 20th of October.

Henrietta facilitates side event application.

If it's multiple organize side events, we are more likely to get approved. Based on the theme: Human rights, UNICEF, ILO, Green jobs, and member states to be part of the side events.

If you are interested in taking part in UNEA 6, very unpredictable,

If you can mobilize your resources for UNEA we appreciate this. UNEA good place to learn.

5 organizations this time. You don't have to register now, the deadline is 9th February.

We can provide accreditation.

Right now, it is important to mobilize resources.

9. AOB

To have an assessment committee and express interest.

If interested, feel free to reach out to Zuhair.

It's a new learning process for everyone.

CYMG Monthly Constituency Call - July 2023

Date and time: 22 July 2023

Attendees: Aishwarya V, Amanullah, Christiane Z, Edmond M, Esperance O, Fobi, Ghulam Rasool, Gustavo N, Henrietta Ampofo, Kartik V, Marwa El Alaoui, Vikrant, Salem, Olga S, Saira Saeed, Salem M.A, Tiffanie S, Ziniel, Judy N. James Paek, Immanuel Mendwa, Brian Kithinji, Aloui R, Adamu, Sanmi Olowosile, Hendri Surya W. Irene Letare Makundi Aaminah Japanwala Abie Sanneh

Notes: Judy Njenga

Moderator: Zuhair

Time Keeping: Kaboye Ronald

Agenda:

1. Opening of the meeting
 - a. Introduction
 - b. Adoption of Agenda
2. Progress on zero draft of comprehensive plan 2023-2 .The UNEA 6 will be starting next year, therefore we need to be ready. All members are welcome to add their inputs. or can reach out via email or WhatsApp. Fobi: In the last year the CYMG did a lot but this time it's important to come up with on ground projects or activities. Zuhair: At the moment this is not possible due to limited resources, but still open for projects on ground to try organize for assistance.:
3. Updates from Regional Groups
 - Asia-pacific: (Vikrant) The Asia-Pacific Youth Environment Forum (APYEF) on 1-2 October 2023 in Colombo, Sri Lanka, for a hybrid event that brings together youth advocates, policy-makers, and stakeholders from across the region. Supported by the Ministry of Environment of Sri Lanka and the UN Environment Programme Regional Office for Asia-Pacific, APYEF aims to empower young changemakers to drive collective, sustainable actions to tackle climate change and environmental issues. Together, we will create a Regional Youth Manifesto, engage in high-level dialogues, and develop a comprehensive AP Youth Roadmap for environmental resilience. Opportunity for AP youth to take part in funded and self funded capacity will be shared soon.
 - Please join our First APYEF Call
Time: 23 July at 1:00 pm UTC.
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86396300806?pwd=dHMvYWV6RFFNU3ZFZld0d1pXZz09>
Meeting ID: 863 9630 0806
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<http://surl.li/jihpe>

- The first regional consultation on nature-based solutions in the Asia Pacific is scheduled to take place from 25–26 July 2023 virtually. The members who showed interest have been reached and we are working to provide accreditation to them.

Zuhair;African group will share their updates through WhatsApp or the mailing list.

Feel free to share with regional groups respectively.(the links will be shared)

4. Updates from Working Groups

- a. Policy Coordination Group (Santhiya- written inputs): We participated in the sub committee on 18th July, [our intervention is live](#) as well. The [quarterly report](#) till June is out. Outcomes from PCG consultation in June for themes and areas to be considered in UNEA is also [available](#)¹. The committee is on break next month so PCG will happily be on break from CPR work as well. Regarding comprehensive plan, the doc is open for inputs till 24th July, email sent to PCG mailing list. If you are not on the mailing list fill the [google form](#)². To know more about the work of the group, check the [website](#)³.
- b. Children Affairs Thematic Group (Fiona - written inputs): Fiona Brown is attending a UNESCO event and shares this update as a written submission: Thematic Policies and Procedures: Safeguarding policies of international organizations that facilitate child participation in online forums (Generation Global, WAGGGS, UNICEF, etc) have been researched and reviewed, and a draft Safeguarding policy is currently being reviewed by the GSC. A Google form has been generated by K. Verma to support the creation of a WhatsApp for child members of CYMG. Engagements (events, capacity building, consultations, conferences, etc.) conducted by F. Brown from March-July 2023 have been reported to the GFPs and GSC via verbal and written submissions at the 15th July 2023 GSC meeting.
- c. Environmental Health WG: Had a meeting on the 16th July, 2023 with 9 participants. Discussed the mandate of the WG and brainstormed on certain activities we'd like to engage in. We will be having our capacity building session on the 13th of August,2023. Meeting was a success.
- d. Science-Policy WG: Together with Environmental Law WG, we're launching [research](#) on Civil Society and Children and Youth Engagement in UNEP-Administered Multilateral Environmental Agreements, Other Entities & Processes. If you're able and willing to contribute, please choose the MEA and put your name in front of it. The purpose of this research is to map out stakeholder engagement mechanisms, with a focus on children and youth participation, to better inform CYMG engagement in these processes and identify best practices.
- e. Nature & Ecosystems WG: we are happy to let you know that CYMG will be able to nominate two (2) youths for funded travel opportunities for attending Final Nature-based Solutions

¹<https://www.youthenvironment.org/post/children-youth-s-environmental-priorities-for-un-environment-assembly-6>

²<https://forms.gle/j9kSyUdCjvS7DAps8>

³<https://www.youthenvironment.org/general-7>

(NBS) Consultations in Nairobi from 9 - 13 October. And it has been made mandatory for us to nominate those two who are well informed about UNEA Resolution 5/5, their engagement in NBS consultation and their knowledge about their respective Major group (for instance CYMG). We will open up a call for applications soon and will make a selection on the basis of criteria set by UNEP.

- i. July 24th (12 pm UTC): Capacity Building Session on Nature-based Solutions
 - ii. July 27th (12 pm UTC): Nature & Ecosystem WG meeting
 1. Global Youth consultation in the lead up to the main Consultation on NBS in Nairobi (October 9-13)
 2. World Biodiversity Summit in NYC (September 21st)
 - iii. The first regional consultation on nature-based solutions in the Asia Pacific is scheduled to take place from 25–26 July 2023 virtually. The members who showed interest have been reached and we are working to provide accreditation to them.
5. Updates on Operation Facilitation Team (OFT) Selection.
- Hetty : Process still underway. Selection committee met yesterday and we were hoping to wrap up things by the end of this week. We just have a few hitches I would have to discuss with Zuhair or Santhiya. Latest by next week, we would be informing the selected candidates.
6. Updates on CYMG Expert Advisory Group (ExAG) .Have taken this opportunity to involve youth experts in different areas.Inviting youths that are very familiar with different organisations like IPCC among others,working areas.
7. Youth and MGS Consultations in Morocco: They have presented reports, and their great work and involvement is highly commended.
8. Upcoming UNEP meetings in August and September
- a. AMCEN, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
 - b. Global IG Meeting on Environmental Aspects of Minerals and Metals, Geneva, Switzerland
 - c. The 7th Animal Welfare Conference-2023
 - d. 4th meeting of the UNEP Working Group on Nitrogen
9. Logo Update : There was a discussion whether to stay with our old logo get a new one and the majority suggested we get a new one. Planning to have a meeting to discuss the different logo designs.
10. AOB
- a. Santh (written) Website content uploads.
 - i. [Climate & Clean Air Conference 2023 : Youth Learnings & Reflections](#)
 - ii. [Morocco CY Consultation Outcome : Available now !](#)
 - iii. ["An Insider's Perspective: My Experience in the INC-2 Plastics Negotiations"](#)
11. Engagement opportunities in th

- a. Need to nominate someone for an upcoming event on 4-5 October, in Bangkok. Members from Asia are invited to apply. The forms will be sent . [Conference on Corporate Sustainability and Environmental Rights in Asia](#)
 - b. [8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum](#) , invited to provide a proposal for a youth panel. Amullah; There will be a call to finalize the proposal, Feel free to share your ideas,
12. Closure : Before the next constituency call in August , all the updates will be shared. Suggestion to have it in the 3rd week from now, additional updates will be communicated

CYMG Monthly Constituency Call - June 2023

Date and time: 24 June 2023 (Saturday), 12:00 - 13:30 Universal Time UTC

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86198072413?pwd=K3Erbk10ZjBiaTAwZGd3cHhoK1FKUT09>

Meeting ID: 861 9807 2413

Passcode: youth4env

Attending: Zuhair, Santhiya, Amelia, Aseel, Christiane, Clarence, Folorunsho, Gustavo, Hajar, Maureen, Fiona, Megi, Olga, Parth, Rosemond, Samuel, Yrhen, Joshua, Monic, Saad, Maulline, Warefta, Krshtee, Oumnia, Cameron, Tiffanie, Oluwatosin, Ale, AnneFaith, Stevie, Yassine L., Rabeb, Atieh, Talal
Note-takers: Amelia, Annefaith,

- 1) Opening of the meeting
 - a) Intro by Zuhair
- 2) Who are we? Short briefing and about the team
 - a)  CYMG_Process and Procedures_2022 (Provisional)
 - b) Currently 16 working groups,
 - c) Expert advisory group to be convened (group of youth scientists and expert from different UNEP administered places, to contribute to constituency works)
 - d) How orgs can be part of our constituency: UNEP accredits org who are legally registered in their government. You have to showcase works that you have done globally to be accredited as an organisation (to be further discussed in agenda item 13 & 14)
 - e) w
- 3) New WGs (Clean Air, Environmental Health, and Ocean Science & Governance)
 - a) 3 new WG out of 16; Clean Air, Env Health, OSG,
 - b) Clean Air: Climate and Clean Air, Montreal protocol, Vienna convention
 - c) Environmental Health: 1 resolution adopted on health, primary avenue for the WG
 - d) OSG: created as a new working groups, lots of words, separate program called UNEP Seas program, we will facilitate engagement of all members in regional programs and UNEP Seas program,
 - e) Will there be separate onboarding sessions? (To be discussed in agenda item 4)
 - f) How to join; separate mailing list (but not for new ones yet) depending on number of members in WG, in new working groups, find links in Whatsapp Community to ALL WGs, anyone can join if they are interested, join regional group which you belong to (not any others)
- 4) Selection of GSC (Global Steering Committee) members
 - a) Very important committee, coordination team with thematic and regional coordinators, 25 portfolios in GSC,

- b) First call in March, a lot of applications, 28 members selected from different regions. After new WG created, second call shared for 6 other portfolios, transparent and open selection process an additional 7 members. Now 35 members of the GSC. Info to be shared in the next week but selection committee members. Chosen members of GSC have already been contacted, and we will have specific onboarding sessions for each of them about roles and responsibilities. So many applicants, therefore only successful candidates have been notified so far; mailing list to be notified this week to all constituency members
 - c) Santh : written inputs : the 2nd round of selection is concluding and results and process would be communicated to the mailing list this week.
 - d) Economic WG: facilitator will send updates about progress, request will be sent to facilitator to send info about scheduled call
- 5) Operation Facilitation Team
- a) [CYMG All Emails_Mailing List](#)
 - b) **Deadline 30th June**, Application <https://forms.gle/aGVM9aTCEhDsvYmv9>, Selection Team <https://forms.gle/8uC5gzePVsmeXw2m9>
 - c) OFT Supports constituency in different communications tasks; onboarding, communication resources, updates to members via mailing list and WhatsApp,
 - d) After Zuhair and Gyubin joined, rolling application for OFT, so that members can apply. 6-10 people with relevant technical skills will be in the OFT, 'first come-first serve' basis (info already shared in chat, mailing list and this document (see above 4b)
 - e) Is it a mandatory thing to be a part of any WG to be in the OFT, after being an OFT members you have to support WG with different tasks,
 - f) Santh: 6 portfolios in OFTs, description of assignments in the application form, refer to Santh and Zuhair is any further questions
- 6) Updates from PCG (Quarterly report)
- a) Previous : [PCG Quarterly Engagement Summary Jan to Mar 2023](#) , Upcoming : Will be ready by end of June
 - b) **Consultation on 26th June, 1600 UTC**, Registration Link <https://forms.gle/rPbc5t3pbFkBgR6f6>
 - c) Already have a PCG coordinator, next quarterly summary by the end of the month
 - d) Happens every 2 years, we follow sub-committee
 - e) [CYMG All Emails_Mailing List](#)
 - f) Policy consultation on the 26th (see 6b), handled by people in PCG, looking at what is ahead, wide and broad (not very technical),
- 7) Updates from Environmental Law WG (updates shared by Joshua, Atieh)
- a) Capacity Building Sessions
 - i) For anyone who missed the Env Law Capacity Building Series, here is the playlist

[Environmental Law Working Group - YouTube](#)

b) Montevideo Partnerships Strategy (see email on 21st June)

[CYMG All Emails_Mailing List](#)

c) **Next WG meeting on 8th July 1400 UTC** introduce all works for any interested members

d) Josh: Two proposed projects; air pollution (how air pollution affects youth) law and policies in relation to that, women and gender policy paper, implementation and stakeholder paper open for input, consultation to be launched soon

e) Atieh : Env law webinar

i) Want to finish capacity building sessions, and follow up with people who would like to continue these sessions, especially about regional conventions. Ask all people who are interested in Env Law,

ii) Women and Law; provide a draft on how Env law and women law could be collected and related to each other, 'women, gender and environmental law' with examples of national laws/successes, to fill gap for next resolution (nexus between Env and Woman law)

iii) Reaching out to professors for webinars, to have lectures about recent and most important Env law issues

f) Santh : Air pollution; follow Montevideo, one of main process of this WG , Montevideo is a 10 year old program, end in 2029 look at laws and policies used, it's theme is to legally address air pollution

g) Link to join WG: Join through the community whatsapp

8) Updates on UNEP meetings

a. Lots of meetings on the following;

b. SPP OEWG 1.2

i. In the last UNEA 5 resolution 8, 8 member states requested the UNEP executive director to Open Working Group about negotiation and discussion on panel on chemical, waste and pollution by end of 2024. Has already been convened, 1.2 based in Bangkok

ii. Presented in general statement and closing intervention

iii. Science policy panel will be like IPCC, IPBES.

iv. Different types of pollution in different parts of the world, hopefully will be instrumental in policy making and negotiations, allow for more bi- and multilateral agreements

v. Statements at SPP OEWG 1.2 [General Statement](#) and [Closing Intervention](#)

vi. Warefta 18:26 : **Next month we will be gelding capacity building sessions for SPP**

vii.

c. INC-2 and GYCPP

i. INC-2,

1. Aseel

- a. INC starts for Intergovernmental negotiating Committee, to establish legally binding instrument for plastic pollution, adopted during UNEA 5.2,
- b. Paris on 29th May, 5 days with meetings and regional consultation
- c. Reason for INC: in these meetings, the INC is opportunity in the development in the convention/agreement where we can push for youth demands
- d. Open-ending WG at the end of May 2022 (Senegal), member states decided on an engagement process, different youth engagement where youth from different processes are part of the process, lots of efforts from FP's of different constituencies to come up with one set of demands together. 'Global Youth Coalition on Plastic Pollution. Join the [GYCPP Broadcast Group - WhatsApp](#)
- e. Had chance to speak on all interventions, opening plenary and closing plenary interventions and GYCPP interventions during contact groups.
- f. Inc-3 in Nairobi, Kenya. We should work on understanding these processes as we work towards more youth engagements in important stage in plastics treaty

2. Zuhair :

- a. Coming from UNEA resolution 5.14, new implement/treaty/legally binding instrument,
- b. No Major groups or constituency in this process, all stakeholders are recognised as observers,
- c. Huge objection on this, in INC-1 we were really frustrated, after INC-1, worked hard to have a designated seat for this UNEP CYMG. Broader than UNEP, hence different constituencies working together to make GYCPP (Global Youth Coalition on Plastic Pollution)
- d. We have got our flag back in INC plenary, ONLY observer group with their flag and designated seat at the plenary, can make intervention now, details of interventions to be shared in the mailing list
- e. Hassan : How to educate on plastic bags, yes priority to reduce plastics, one of 10 positions to push for agenda, very debated conflict of ideas,
 - i. Zuhair: briefing with other constituencies to be shared with

mailing list, please join the same to discuss this

- ii. Upcoming briefing on INC 2 - to be shared to mailing list
- iii. Youth Interventions: [On Agenda Item 4](#) and [Closing Statement](#)
- d. CCAC 2023
 - i. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15JckWqgVQ_TjCF1GzYiQeoA6lmoCfBv_?ths=true please have a look if you need info/ want to take a look at this section
 - ii. Santh: Climate and Clean Air Conference, meeting in Bangkok, meeting dates same as inc-2, 5 young people, more of what's happening, what's being researched, resource gaps and what needs to be done to address any issues, to see what next steps are, not a policy negotiations kinda meeting, highly recommend anyone working on short lived climate pollutants/ air pollution in asia and pacific region
 - iii. Youth strategy
 - iv. Clarence: attended Bangkok, CCAC founded in 2012, reflection UNEA 3 resolution on Clean Air, member states from USA going to table resolution on Clean Air at UNEA 6, they will bring up at UNEA and lets hope it advances, we have been told that they are very open in any collaboration, first time that they are engaging with young people. This topic is also under the Clean Air WG.
- e. 30th Annual Meeting of International Resource Panel (IRP30)
 - i. One of science policy panels, administer by UNEP, to produce world resources outlook, at Cop, UNEA and other process
 - ii. Have their own meetings, (separate process), 12-16 June they had their annual meeting (also in Bangkok), couldn't provide funding for Civil Society, invited GFP online to share ideas and thoughts on IRP process, produce lots of reports, less youth engagements previously, this was an opportunity to say ideas to member states and scientists,
 - iii. presented ideas can be seen here:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1wwsAL_UU8jVGP2DawgJkbRTq1BJgf5s_g0EXPrar-q4/edit?usp=sharing feel free to take a look
- f. First Global Consultation on NBS (Nature Based Solutions)
 - i. Gustavo : 16th 17 May 2023
 1. We participated in the meeting
 2. consultation; goal to identify best practices or examples of NBS that have already been done to compile them, for member states and constituencies to use. To analyze the ability of these solutions,
 3. Identify sources of finance
 4. First global consultation on NBS, following UNEA 5.5 on NBS, nature approach to mitigate climate change,

5. Aim of consultations; best practices, and analyse the viability of these projects, identify sources of funding for this projects
 6. First global consultation last knots (May 16+17), lots of NGOs and global stakeholders, regional consultations of Latin America, in July will be other regional consultations,
 - g. WhatsApp group for interest in participating in regional consultations:
- 9) Updates on upcoming MGS Consultation in Morocco and Youth Consultation on UNEA6 in Morocco
- a) Santh : **YEA Meeting 25th June, 1300 UTC** [CYMG Meetings, Call for Inputs Calendar](#)
 - b) Omnia:
 - i) Youth consultations taking place on the 3rd July, lead up to major group stakeholder meetings (4-5 July), goal to share about UNEA process, demographics mixed between experienced and new to space, examine role of youth engagement, to have roundtable about youth engagement, group work to have overview of UNEA 5.2 resolution to see any advancements on that side, and another group work to draft potential UNEA 6 resolutions (hasn't started yet, except for Zero ministerial draft, feedback by PCG), greats to have suggestions from youth for concrete youth engagements, discussed and shared with president that we will have these consultations,
 - ii) 5 supported youth that are selected to come to deliver trainings and ensure moderations, going to follow work in Major Group Stakeholder meetings, to ensure direct engagement.
 - iii) Hoping to have a special role for UNEA 6 with youth engagement, to have proper concrete recommendations. Youth have been selected, but a form will be sent out for off-line self funded participants, and on-line format for all others to ensure an inclusive participation
 - c) Zuhair:
 - i) Selection process: send open call for applications, got funding for 5 youth from constituency, (initially only youth with experience of working with constituency, that has now changed). When the link to apply was sent, people were told that those who have worked with UNEA/UNEP will be given priority, and those who don't need a visa would be given priority (due to time constraints). More updates to be shared in the next week
 - ii) Selected candidates have already been contacted.
 - iii) For any future funded opportunities, lots of ones coming up, (SPP in Jordan, INC in Nairobi) there will be funding and opportunities for young people to attend. But it is a very technical process, requires people to have skills and relevant knowledge to engage substantially in the process, founders prefer people who have relevant

leadership qualities, preference to people volunteering their time, already working with the constituency, active in constituency processes and developing their capacity (aka WG FPs, GFPs, active members of CYMG). Therefore, prioritize active members of constituency

- iv) Question: will a meeting in preparation of the INC-3 be happening soon? Answer is YES, more than 5 months of time to prepare, in coming weeks initial meeting
- v) Majority of people from civil society will be attending online. UNEP not enough funds

10) Updates on upcoming RCMs and Regional Ministerial Forums and CYMG's preparation

- a. AMCEN (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)
- b. APMF (Sri Lanka)
- c. LAC MF (Panama)
- d. Arab Ministerial Forum (Muscat, Oman)
- e. Regional facilitators has started planning, more details to be shared very soon,

11) Updates on upcoming thematic events of UNEP

- a) INC -3 in Nairobi
- b) NBS in Nairobi
- c) Metals in Switzerland
- d) To be updated in mailing list

12) Comprehensive Plan 2023-24

- a) Last UNEA 14 resolutions, a lot to do with other UNEP meetings, tough to keep up and difficult to engage, PLEASE SUPPORT FACILITATORS as they are there to help you be active, they are there to support and help so they need your help as well
- b) Need to mobilize resources for UNEA 6.
- c) Until Dec 2024, when these GFPs mandate will be over,
- d) Plan to share zero draft in mid-July
- e) Samuel:
 - i) Regarding who will be formulating the Zero draft? Thematic and regional facilitators to share with members and collect comments, to share some points in each thematic/regional area, under the larger plan, to make it easier.
 - ii) Action plan will last beyond current mandate; any plan in place? Not going beyond mandate, which ends in 2024, not going beyond mandate, but we should establish an interim mechanism to make it easier for new GFPs. A way should be made to ensure that constituency will remain active during the transition period
 - iii) The series of consultations for inputs to Zero drafts: Zero draft to be shared by mid-July in order to give your inputs (to be further discussed in next call)
 - iv) CYMG to UNEP used rather an UNEP MGCY (!!)

13) Accreditation of youth organizations to UNEP

- a) To be left for later,
- b) Link if you google 'UNEP accreditation', can take up to a year or more, if you are youth org and if you apply for Children and Youth, let GFPs know, might make it faster. Org has to be registered at least 2 years ago in your country , must be a registered NGO in your country

14) AOB

- a) Bawa : Request for Submission: Share Your Environmental Initiatives with CYMG
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0sHxTfRA>
 - i) Shared in WhatsApp group, see there
- b) Ale :
 - i) New Mailing List
 - (1) Please be attentive to your emails for the emails shared in the new mailing list
 - ii) YEA logo + collaborations/supporters on the road to UNEA6.
 - (1) Trying to design new YEA logo (later)
 - (2) Important, not good for certain posters or banners (too long)
 - (3) Simple logo to present nature and youth
 - (4) Conversation with Gyubin - had suggested the same thing, so that other WGs could change it slightly, like YOUNGO but slightly different/unique
 - (5) Different visual presence for each WG, but for that we need a new overall logo
 - (6) Can take new OFT on that (possibly)
- c) Very long meeting, discussed a lot - thanks for coming!!!
- d) Very safe place for everyone to engage, so please do!!
- e) Mailing list, slow acceptance and huge backlogs, over 8000+ applications - sincerest apologies!!
- f) Google mailing list is limited, at least 3 months to go through long backlog - please be active in WhatsApp community while waiting!!
- g) Technical support for consultations; please look out for WhatsApp group for that.

CYMG Monthly Constituency Call - Jan 2023 (07 January 2023), 14:00 - 15:30 UTC

Notetakers(s): Santhiya, Maulline, Ayadi

Attending:

Agenda Items:

1. Opening of the meeting
 - a. Meeting is open
 - b. Zuhair and Gyubin start with introductions
 - c. Members are introducing themselves in chat/through mike
2. Introduction of Newly Elected Focal Points
3. Updates of Ongoing processes (INC, SPP, GEO)
 - a. Zuhair :
 - i. INC is the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastics
 1. Has its own process, we are one of the observers
 2. Will share more links on
 - ii. SPP
 1. Coming from UNEA resolution 5/8
 2. Gives background info on earlier meetings
 3. OEWG 1.1 in October in Kenya
 4. Resumed session of OEWG 1 (OEWG 1.2) from 30 Jan to 3 Feb in Bangkok
 - b. Gyubin
 - i. Provides background on GEO
 - ii. Info on nominations to the GEO, See emails in this regard
4. CYMG's inputs towards UNEA6 theme ([link here](#))
 - a. Zuhair:
 - i. There is a proposed consolidated theme from the Morocco Presidency (UNEA 6)
 - b. Gyubin
 - i. We could do a consultation later on about the theme, to reflect on theme, our interests
 - ii. Will share about this again in the mailing list
5. Call for Application for Global Steering Committee Positions
 - a. G : we are preparing this and we should be rolling them out soon
 - b. The structure of the steering committee, thematics, regional wise etc.
 - c. Feel free to email, reach out to us on this
 - i. Ahmed: What is the period of the SC ?
 - ii. G: this would be a one year process, ideally from Jan 2023 and until Feb 2024
 - iii. Y: We had consulted with the membership for extension of the last year steering committee terms for another few months until July 2022, as events were happening and UNEA itself was pushed a year due to Covid. Steering committee is otherwise one year - exactly what Gyubin said just now.
6. AOB
 - a. Mario: can the thematic focal points role be tailored aligned with UNEA 5.2 resolutions decisions since we have been told consistently that this is where the constituency has its mandate
 - i. G: we hope to align them with the resolutions, but also seeing we are working beyond this as well
 - b. Rifa : do members need to renew their membership?

- i. G: Once you sign up, you are part of it, no renewal is required
- c. Yug
 - i. Education, Faith, Health, thematic focal points
 - ii. Mario: There were the then thematic focal points roles: Call being open for the thematics/focus areas - Marine Litter and Microplastics, Environmental law, Environment and health (including COVID-19 recovery), Climate Change and Environment, Environmental education, Environment Security/crisis response, Human rights/Environmental Defenders, Faith-based engagement, Children Focal Point, Science Policy Focal Point, Nature and Ecosystems
- d. Joe : Communications
 - i. Z: mailing list will continue to inform membership, telegram groups, whatsapp groups will remain
 - ii. G: we had lots of groups for thematic works, so now we have a whatsapp community that streamlines the comms, people didn't really know what the other groups are
- e. Adamu
 - i. Capacity Building session for new members would be useful
- f. Ahmed
 - i. Capacity Building sessions would be helpful before applications go out so people know what they are signing for, applying for
- g. Santh
 - i. [PCG Capacity Building Session](#) on 10th @ 1400 UTC
 - ii. CPR Meeting 12th Jan, [Fill google form](#)
 - iii. Share your inputs for the 12th Jan 160th CPR meeting [here](#)
 - iv. See email titled 'Call for Inputs to upcoming CPR Meeting' from santhiya on this for more details
- h. Mario: When are we planning the YEA? Are we planning something earlier to YEA?
- i. Yug: bringing back conversations from MGFC recommendations from last year, was to have more inputs collected earlier on and to be able influence positions in UNEA way prior to OECPR, maybe having two parts one way before UNEA, one in kenya prior to UNEA
- j. Alphonse: it will be excellent to perhaps set up new posts in the SC to increase effectiveness but carefully not to bring fragmentations of roles therein that may undermine the very purpose, congrats to new FPs
- k. Kartik: General Comment 26 in going in 2nd phase of consultation and asking comment from youth group, will constituency submit their comments
 - i. Yug: Children Environmental Rights CERi? Is working on this, they have a coalition on this that YOUNGO is also involved in, we had some conversations on this with them but somewhere lost, maybe now would be happy to connect you with them and to perhaps join the coalition
 - ii. <https://ceri-coalition.org/who-we-are/>
 - iii. Saher: every constituency is welcome to submit inputs, but just make sure it is a consensus based process and transparent, if specifically interested in this topic, we could look back into our work
 - iv. Mario: There was an environmental law meeting sometime in September last year whereby they had reached out to us on this. Santh could possibly speak more on this.
 - v. Yug: We initially had a contact person, however, they later on moved to a different position which made communication a bit difficult. Santh, Mario and Joshua were able to pick it up prior to Montevideo and they did a good job on this. It would be good to have a thematic FP to pick on this going forward.

- l. Mario : [Point on thematic FPs]
- m. Gyubin : [response to Point on thematic FPs]
- n. Adamu : I think it's good to look on or review the process and proceedings doc for CYMG which is very important
- o. Gyubin: while the process should be open and transparent, we had this back in 2022 when we framed these, I would be cautious in reopening it, asks yug if we can reopen and review it, don't see an urgent need to reopen this,
- p. Yug: both me and Teresa advise about not opening P&P document
- q. Yoko: Can we have a drive with all past and current information for the rest to catch up since past UNEAs and outcomes and how we can improve and proceed etc
- r. Maulline : in chat says we have a drive
- s. Gyubin: yes we do have a drive, but some docs are open, but that some aren't like selection records, privacy of members etc. Some of the docs are also on our website.
- t. Mohamed : says hi
- u. G/Z: pls feel free to leave in your thoughts via chat or mike
- v. G: Please feel free to email me or reach out for any questions you have about the process, constituency etc.
- w. Z: nothing more from my side, maybe we could close?
- x. Yoko: Could we record the call?
- y. G: if is in general consensus we could in future consider doing the same, but is dependant on the people attending the meeting
- z. Call closed at 20:35 IST

List of participants:

S L	Name	Country	Organization (Optional)
1	Deepranjan		
2	Gyubin Hwang	UK	
3	Bangura		
4	Ranadi Nahimo		
5	Shreya K.C.	Nepal	INC Group
6	Yoko Lu	Canada	
7	Ayadi	India	Earth Advocacy Youth, Y4N
8	Amelia Turk	Australia	
9	Joe Wilkins	Wales, UK	Reserva: The Youth Land Trust, UK Youth for Nature, Hero Labs,
10	Fifty	Indonesia	- Asia-Pacific Climate Project - ASEAN Youth Forum - Youth Leaders 4 Climate Restoration (YL4CR)
11	Jin	Japan	- UNISC International
12	Kossi	Togo	
13	Lilian Olivia		

14	Man		
15	Clarence Gio Almoite	Philippines	SEED4Com
16	Ahmed Ouda		
17	Saher Rashid Baig	Pakistan, currently based in Czech Republic	
18	Prisha	India	
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