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WEEKLY UPDATE

DECEMBER 9 TO 15th 2021



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Background

Through this communication, we are pleased to provide you with weekly summarised updates on Stockholm+50 Youth Engagement, especially on tasks on global activities. We will endeavor to send such short updates every week on Thursday. Subsequent updates may also be sent by leads of workstreams, and other topics.

The selection of the members of the Stockholm+50 Youth Task Force was conveyed to the successful applicants in the first week of December 2021 and the work of the Task Force has continued with new constituents of Task Force now on-boarded. List of the Task Force is available [here](#). Please find outlined below a brief summary of the activities of the Task Force in the previous week from the 9th December - 15th December 2021.

Overall Meeting of the Task Force

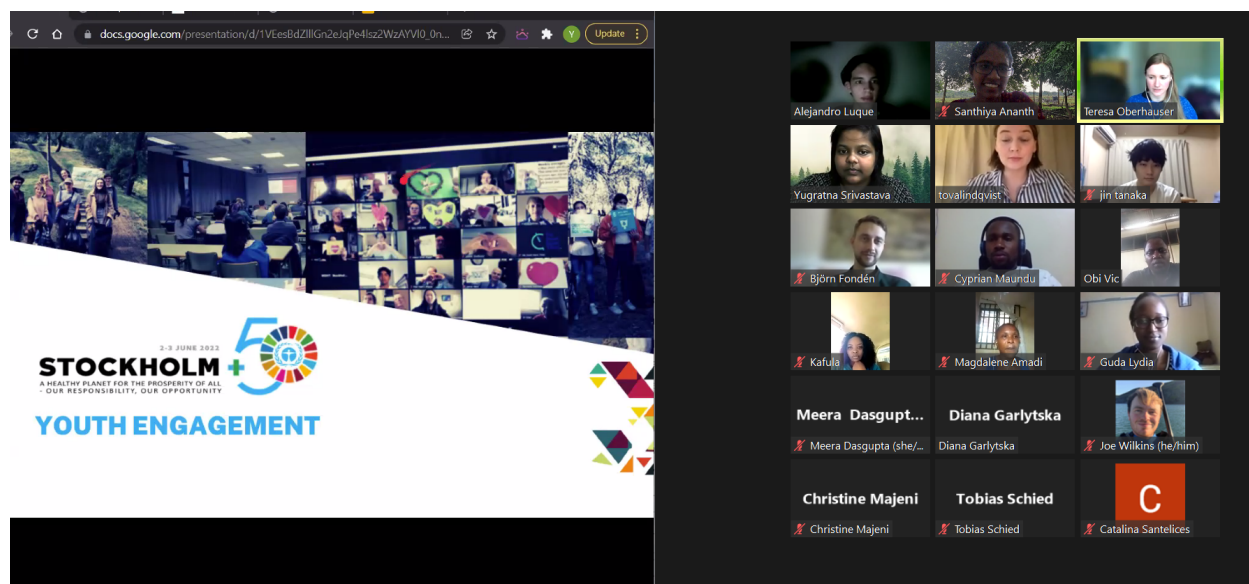
An overall Task Force convened on the 9th of December 2021 and started with a brief introduction of all the entities. To provide context to the new Task Force colleagues, background information about the Stockholm+50 international meeting, youth engagement on road to the meeting with an estimated timeline of events and works ahead was presented. The selection process of the Task Force was also explained transparently and the meeting was opened to questions and further brainstorming. The next overall Task Force is scheduled to meet on the 19th December to discuss further works ahead. The workstreams and sub-groups have been meeting already during the week.

2 Capacity Building Sessions hosted

To enhance the knowledge and understanding of the Task Force constituents, two capacity building sessions were designed and delivered keeping in account that the Task Force consisted of constituents new to the UN processes and environmental and development policy. Considering the time differences in different regions across the globe, two sessions were organised to allow members to attend as per their availability and convenience on the Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th of December, 2021. Pre-reading materials were shared with the to provide wider insight. In the sessions, we discussed in detail about the key actors involved in the Stockholm+50 meeting, 50 years of multilateral history, political context to the negotiation processes, and the UNGA enabling & modalities resolutions on convening this meeting. In follow-up with the capacity building sessions, the PPT and recordings of the session have been shared with the Task Force.

- Please find [here](#) the powerpoint presentation used during capacity building
- A list of the pre-reading materials shared with the Task Force are available [here](#)

A third optional capacity building session is scheduled for Monday 20th December 2021, for anyone interested in further understanding and interaction.



Picture 1: Screenshot from one of the capacity building sessions organised on 12th December 2021

Website Development

The work on developing a website for youth engagement in Stockholm+50 has been progressing. The website is being developed by an entity outsourced by LSU and the Task Force met with the website developing entity on the 14th December 2021 to exchange their ideas on developing the website. A slack channel has been set up to ensure smooth flow of views between the Task Force and the entity. It is expected that the landing page of the website with key information would be ready before Christmas 2021. We will also be hosting forms for the funded participation to youth in Nairobi pre-event on the website, and expect the website therefore to be broadcasted across the youth community and UN partners. Domain name being used is www.youthstockholm50.org

Newsletter

Furthermore, an end of year newsletter will also be published for wider youth community building upon the [initial newsletter](#) published on 9th November 2021.

Participation of Task Force in various meetings

We have already started to enable and ensure the participation of the Task Force in various meetings / work deliberations. Among which:

- TF took part in the meetings with website and conversation with SIDA
- Two of the Youth Task Force constituents (Mr. Pierre-Jean Clause and Mr. Jin Tanaka)

also participated at the ministerial declaration consultations for UNEA 5.2 hosted by the environment minister of Norway on the 15th December 2021

- Task Force has also been shared further opportunities for their participation from the broader community

Workstreams commenced

We are also pleased to share that 4 workstreams have commenced, in which the Task Force constituents have been invited to sign-up to the workstream(s) of their interest and also asked for those interested to lead / co-lead the workstreams. While the four work streams below are based on the deliverables and the core plan, the youth in the Task Force have also been invited to come up with their own innovative ideas on work they want to commence / support. More work streams will commence in January 2022. The meetings of the workstreams are planned during this weekend and early next week. As for communication aspects, the global team intends to have a hired communication lead starting in January 2022.

- **Development of Stockholm+50 Youth Policy Paper**
 - (zero draft to be available by the first week of February 2021)
- **Development of Stockholm+50 Youth Handbook**
 - (first version of handbook available for dissemination to be available by the 22nd January 2022)
 - This workstream will also address the framework for regional / decentralized consultations
- **Supporting design of Stockholm Youth Pre-Event in Nairobi**
 - Our colleague Alphonse and his team will send another update on the progress of this, however we wanted to share that the global youth are leading the agenda-setting of the event, alongside Nairobi based youth groups coordinating the logistics and national components of the event
- **Designing of Competitions**
 - Initial discussions on how the policy case competitions, and children-focussed competitions can be designed

Nairobi Youth Pre-Event

Preparations are underway for the Stockholm+50 Youth pre-event part 1 in Nairobi, with arrangements for accommodation already have been made for upto 40 youth to be present in Nairobi from the 18th February - 5th March 2021. Per the latest update from the documents of the UNEA Bureau, we are confident that all 40 funded youth would be able to access the UN compound upon their accreditation arrangements.

Arrangements for food / daily catering are being made, in conjunction with arrangements for the venue for the days events will be hosted in Nairobi (outside UNON compound). We are also pleased to confirm that arrangements are being made for daily testing kits to be made available

for all youth participants on each day during the activities in Nairobi.

It is expected that the Stockholm+50 Youth Pre-Event part 1 will take place tentatively during the weekend between OECPR and UNEA 5.2, with further activities also taking place during UNEA itself (such as to share outcomes from the youth event, etc.). Exact dates and further updates on this will be sent before the 22nd December 2021. A call for funded participation in Nairobi is expected to be rolled out before the 22d December 2021.



Picture 2: Children and Youth Major Group Steering Committee representative Alphonse Muia from CYNESA participated alongside UNEP Executive Director Inger Andersen at Stockholm+50 reception organised by the Permanent Mission of Nairobi in Kenya, on the 1st December 2021

Next weekly update(s)

Next weekly update will be sent on Thursday 23rd December 2021, followed by another update on the 30th December 2021.

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