The MEA Information and Knowledge Management Initiative
8th MEA IKM Steering Committee Meeting

AGENDA

20 June 2017

14.00 Opening
- Welcome address by Ms. Mrema, Director, Law Division, UN Environment (Co-Chair)
- Key note Address by the Mr. Scanlon, Secretary General of CITES (Co-Chair)
- Key note Address by Ms. Rojas-Urrego, Secretary General of Ramsar
- Key note Address by Mr. Martin-Novella, Deputy Executive Secretary, BRS
- Tour de table by MEAs
- Tour de table by Donors, Observers and Partners

15.15 Revisiting the broader vision and impact of the MEA KM Initiative: What are the Elements of Inter-operability at the core of the Initiative and its TORs
Format: Knowledge Cafe
- Examples
- The value of standards – and principles
- The leverage (of MEA KM)

Coffee Break

16.30 Report by the KM Team and Expected Outcomes of the 8th MEA IKM SC Meeting
- Progress Report - new features and developments (IKM Team)
- Introduction of issues of discussions and areas of work

18.00 Day’s Closing Remarks by Co-chairs followed by Group Photo Cocktail and Dinner

21 June 2017

Topics: Interoperability, (Auto)tagging, Piloting UN Standards, Outreach and E-learning

09.00 Interoperability – extending the ways of knowledge exchange
- Introductory Presentation
- Achievements this year
- Update on the tracking mechanism and information exchange with non-MEA partners
- Alternative standard on data exchange
- Discussion
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09.20 The Semantic Standard of MEA KM: LEO/Tagging/Auto-tagging
- Status of LEO
- Evolution of LEO – Management and Governance
- Auto-tagging as important requisite to human Tagging:
- Context: other important Thesauri
- Guidelines on Tagging

09.40 E-learning (A vehicle for outreach?)
- Status of E-learning
- Co-using the Moodle Platform
- UNITAR a Partner to the MEA KM Initiative in addition to LRI
- Discussion

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10.30 Break out Session (discussion in two, maximum three groups)
- MEAs are invited to split in 2-3 groups with experts/partners supporting discussions –

12.30 Initial feedback from group sessions

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14.15 Outreach - Rethinking the Logic of the InforMEA Portal
- How can new functions and features be meaningfully integrated?
- New Logic and Interface

14.45 The UN-Standard (UNHLCM) – Akoma Ntoso: A pioneering opportunity?
- Presentation
- Is MEA KM / InforMEA well placed for testing the new standards
- What are the opportunities and challenges/impacts on workflow, etc
- Discussion

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15.30 Break out Session (formulating draft bullets for recommendations in groups)
- MEAs are invited to split in 2-3 groups with experts/partners supporting discussions –

17.00 Summary of Outcomes
- Short presentation of the main bullets
- Preview at next day’s agenda
Meeting Agenda

22 June 2017

Topics: Goals and MEAs (SDGs, Aichi and beyond); Making national reports and voluntary information more easily accessible; UN Environment Projects relevant to MEA KM Initiative; A new interface and wire frame for the InforMEA Platform

09.00  What’s next for the new Goals Section on InforMEA
□ How was this section developed?
□ What are the next steps and applications?
□ Discussion

09.30  Re-usability of reported/voluntarily shared information - closing the Gaps
□ Presentations on latest development of reporting tools by MEAs
□ How can I search reports right now in InforMEA?
□ The Project Concept InforMEA Component V – Collective Intelligence from Reports
  ○ What are the scenarios of re-use of reports to be supported?
  ○ What is missing now

10.00  Outreach: New and classical approaches
What are the key priorities and the likely impact of activities?

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11.00  Break out Session (discussion in groups)
□ MEAs are invited to split in 2-3 groups with experts/partners supporting discussions –

12.30  Initial feedback from group sessions

14.30  Projects of relevance to the Initiative – How can InforMEA add value?
□ BD-Synergies Project
□ NBSAP Forum
□ MEA ACP Project
□ BD-project in Pan-Europe
□ IRIS-UNEP Live (tbc)
□ DART (Synergies Project)

This Session will again be organized as Knowledge Cafe (Short introductions in plenary and then more interaction between project managers/proponents and participants)

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15.30 **Break out Session (formulating draft bullets for recommendations in groups)**
- *Group discussions with project managers and experts for MEAs on respective common ground between projects*

17.00 **Discussion and Summary of the Day**

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23 June 2017

Topics of the Day: Formulation of Outcomes, Outreach Opportunities, Feedback

09.30 **Formulation of Outcomes, Calendar of Outreach Opportunities, Feedback**
- Revisiting of outcomes in bullet form
- Important events for outreach and promotion of InforMEA
- Round of Feedback

12.30 **Closing of the Meeting followed by Joint Lunch**