

The MEA Information and Knowledge Management Initiative

9th InforMEA Steering Committee Meeting

Hotel René Capt, Montreux, Switzerland

AGENDA

5 June 2018

14.00

Opening

□ **Welcome Addresses by Co-chairs:**

Ms. Elizabeth Mrema, Director, Law Division, UN Environment

Mr. David Morgan, Officer in Charge, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (Co-Chair)

□ **Keynote Addresses:**

Mr. David Morgan, Officer in Charge, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, (co chair)

Ms. Elizabeth Mrema, Director, Law Division, UN Environment, (co chair)

Mr. Rolph Payet, Executive Secretary, Basel Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

Ms. Martha Rojas Urrego, Secretary General, Ramsar Convention

Ms. Rossana Silva Repetto, Executive Secretary, Minamata Convention

Mr. Bradnee Chambers, Executive Secretary, Convention on Migratory Species

Mr. Jorge Peydro Aznar, Advisor, European Commission

□ **Welcoming new Members and Observers:**

Ms. Gabriele Goettsche-Wanli, Director, Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, UN Office of Legal Affairs (UN Convention on the Law of the Sea; UN Fish Stocks Agreement), *via video-link*

Mr. Joseluis Samaniego, Director, Sustainable Development and Human Settlements for Division on behalf of Ms. Alicia Bárcena Ibarra, Executive Secretary, UN ECLAC Escazú Regional Agreement, *via video-link*,

Justice Antonio Benjamin, National High Court of Brazil; Chair, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law and Member, Interim Governing Committee, the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment (GJIE) *via video-link*

Ms. Tammie Alzona, Deputy Chief of Knowledge Management, International Monetary Fund (IMF)

□ Tour-de-table by MEAs, Donors, Observers and Partners

15.15

Report by the KM Team and overview of work for the 9th InforMEA SC Meeting

□ The InforMEA Initiative - Goals and Services

□ Progress Report on InforMEA Phase II and inter-sessional work since 8th SCM

□ Overview of areas of work and expected outcomes

16.30

“Knowledge Café” presenting key aspects of InforMEA’s ongoing work

- **Semantic Interoperability:** *Making data contextually retrievable - tapping into Artificial Intelligence through (semi-automated) semantic indexing;*
- **E-learning:** *Engagement with the academia (joint certificates) and the potential of blended training approaches to capacity building;*
- **Technical Interoperability:** *The value of standards; InforMEA's harvesting mechanism; main focus of work in 2017 and 2018; UN document standards;*
- **MEA Strategic planning and Internationally Agreed Goals:** *InforMEA Goals and Glossary Section; National Reporting and DART.*
- **The potential for partnerships:** *Judiciary and Trade related processes;*

17.30 Feedback from the “knowledge café” session tables.
Overview of next day’s programme and organisation of work

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

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Topics: Interoperability – the value of common standards; E-learning; Collective Intelligence through semi-automated indexing; Trade and multilateral environmental agreements

09.00 Introduction to topics of the day

The value of standards -interoperability – data preparation, technical solutions

- Akoma Ntoso – Presentation by the WG on UN Data Standards by **Remo Lalli**, Secretary to the High-Level Committee on Management and Chief, Geneva Office of the UN Chief Executives Board Secretariat

Interoperability

- Update on status of API implementation and proposals for new categories of data: implementing legislation, Case law referring to MEAs;
- Challenges for MEAs on shared hosting environments
- A dashboard for treaties proposed on InforMEA
- Two-way data sharing - use cases for harvesting information back into MEA websites (content with LEO and SDG tags, legislation through InforMEA from FAOLEX/ECOLEX)
- Update on technical issues related to hosting

Extending InforMEA’s reach to related global and regional networks (I)

- Overview of outreach activities
- NBSAP forum - recent developments and opportunities
- Elements of a section on Trade and MEAs

10.30 Discussion continued in Working Groups

12.00 Feedback from working groups and preliminary recommendations

13.00 _____ *lunch* _____

14.00 **Semantic (automated) indexing – LEO Thesaurus**

- Preliminary results and lessons learned
- Options towards achieving better retrievability of data on International Environmental Law

E-learning – opportunities of evolution

- Successes and lessons learned
- Strategic use for capacity building
- Impacts by the General Data Protection Regulation of the EU

15.00 Discussions continued in working groups

16.00 Feedback from working groups and preliminary recommendations

- Plenary discussions of the recommendations

17.30 **Day's Closing Remarks**

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Topics: SDGs and internationally agreed goals; Collective Intelligence from reports; DART – collaborative spaces for reporters; A judicial portal and comprehensive case law collections

09.30 **SDGs and other Internationally Agreed Goals**

- What next? Indicators – tagging metadata set – contextualization?
- Presentation of revised Goals and Glossary Section

Collective Intelligence from Reports

- Overview of plans for the future
- **DART** - national spaces for national reporters (as a first application)
- Linkages to related knowledge tools –REDlist/species+

10.15 **Discussions in Working Groups**

13.00 _____ *lunch* _____

14.30 **Extending InforMEA's reach to related global and regional networks (II)**

- Potential for engagement with African, Caribbean and Pacific knowledge hubs
- **A Judicial Portal on the Environment** – Presentation by the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment - compliance and judicial decisions on the environment;

15.45 *Continued discussions in working group*

17.00 **Presentation of Group Outcomes and discussions**

- Followed by plenary discussions

17.45 **Summary and Day's Closing Remarks**

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Topics of the Day: Formulation of outcomes, Outreach opportunities, Feedback

09.00 **Discussions in plenary**

- Revisiting of outcomes
- Important events for outreach and promotion of InforMEA
- Round of Feedback

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

Connection details for participation by video-link

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5th June **Opening**

- 14:00 -16.00 Link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/425274941>
- Dial-in audio number: United States: +1 (786) 535-3211
 - **Access Code: 425-274-941**
 - Access by video conference system:
 - Dial: 67.217.95.2##425274941
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7th June **Collective Intelligence of Reports**

- 09:30 - 11:30 Link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/620243109>
- Dial-in audio number: United States: +1 (571) 317-3112
 - **Access Code: 620-243-109**
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7th June **Extending InforMEA's reach to related global and regional networks**

- 14:30 - 15:30 Link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/985015173>
- Dial-in audio number: United States: +1 (646) 749-3112
 - **Access Code: 985-015-173**
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8th June **Formulation of outcomes, outreach opportunities, feedback**

- 09:00 - 12:00 Link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/603285917>
- Dial-in audio number: United States: +1 (571) 317-3122
 - **Access Code: 603-285-917**
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