

70th Working Group Meeting of the MEA IKM Initiative

Tuesday, September 23, 2022, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM GMT+3

Audio Conference – Bonn, Geneva, Nairobi, Montreal, Rome, Santiago, Singapore

Draft Report

Meeting Participants

BRS – Osmany PEREIRA, Julien HORTONEDA
CBD – Frederick VOGEL, Claudia Paguaga TREWIN
CITES – Shashika SEDARA-HETTIGE
IPBES – Benedict OMARE
IWC – Moussa Ki SOW
Minamata Convention – Anna GARCIA SANS
Regional Seas – Nancy SOI
DOALOS/OLA - Francois BAILET, Jessica HOWLEY

KM Team

UNEP – Eva DUER, Kelly KABIRU, Peter SPEELMAN, Iddah KAMAU, Lillian ONYANGO, Stephen TENG'O, Abdul RAJPUT, Andrew COCCOLI

A. Update by the InforMEA Team

The meeting opened with a brief update from Ms. Duer. This is the last working group meeting before the upcoming 13th InforMEA Steering Committee Meeting (SCM). The draft agenda and provisional list of participants has already been shared. Travel information and other logistical information have also been shared, and the MEA focal points are expected to submit their Travel Requests on time.

UNEP Chief Scientist, Andrea Hinwood, has been invited to brief the Steering Committee on the Science Policy Interface.

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) might also be welcomed to the SCM as new observers.

Update on the systems contract situation was that there is not much movement at the moment. We are currently piggy backing on the existing contracts.

B. Discussion on the Steering Committee Meeting Agenda

I. Interventions

The various interventions that came up at the meeting resulted in the action points listed below under item C.

II. Proposed discussion/group leads

- BRS: Julien proposed for the technical group while Osmany is interested in the Joints issues group.

- IPBES (Benedict) and CBD (Fred): Akoma Ntoso
- Minamata/Ramsar/UNFCCC: Joint issues group
- CBD: E-Learning (remote participation by Kristina Taboulchanas)

C. Action Points

1. The BRS management would be interested in the discussions with GEF on days 2 of the agenda and if a concept note is available, they would like to share this with their management. Eva drafts a concept note with Anna and share with the BRS team.
2. IPBES to make a presentation on AKN work.
3. Minamata to make a presentation on dashboards, reports, and online systems in the context of GEF work.
4. Hosting discussion to be included on the agenda if BRS is okay with this.
5. Suggestion by IPBES and CBD to present the MTR report audit recommendations at the beginning of the meeting.
6. BRS suggests inclusion of discussion on the new Indigo platform that has to be used for meetings registration and would like to hear on other MEAs experiences during the meeting. Suggested an additional point/item for the agenda i.e., Meeting Planning as IPBES and CBD has had experience with this platform.
7. Query on participation of Executive Heads and other seniors from the MEAs arose. Would a video recording suffice e.g., from CBD Executive Secretary, because of the remote participation? To be included on the agenda once confirmations are received.
8. CBD requested for an update on the progress of some InforMEA projects e.g., AKN and taxonomy/ontology. Requested for perhaps a side agenda for informal discussions in the evening with interested colleagues.
9. IPBES offered to bring some Webcams for the meeting, if required.

D. AOB

There was no AOB.