

Seventh meeting of the 10YFP Board

18th of May 2017 – UN Environment, Paris

MEETING REPORT

List of Participants:

Ulf Jaeckel, Germany (Chair); Edda Fernandez Luiselli, Mexico (Vice-Chair); Amelia Turtorean, Romania; Arthur Andambi, Kenya; Emmanuel Oguntuyi, Nigeria; Henri Bastaman, Indonesia; Ingrid Prizreni, Albania; Kwang Hee Nam, Republic of Korea; Maria Celeste Pinera, Argentina.

Observers: Ms. Raquel Breda dos Santos, Ministry of Environment, Brazil; Mr. Luca Marmo, European Commission; Ligia Noronha and Steven Stone, UN Environment.

The seventh meeting of the 10YFP Board took place over half a day, following the Executive Meeting of the 10YFP, which was held on 17th May in Paris.

SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

The first session was dedicated to a debrief on the 10YFP Executive Meeting. The Chair of the Board introduced the session highlighting the richness and strategic dimension of the 10YFP Executive Meeting discussions.

- Board members all recognized the value of the 10YFP Executive Meeting, which allowed for a better understanding of the 10YFP in general and of the programmes in particular, as well as for experience sharing across regions. Board members recommended that such a meeting be held on a regular basis (once a year or every 2 years was suggested) and advised for a 2-day meeting, which would provide more time for interactive discussions.
- Based on the 10YFP Executive Meeting exchanges and discussions, Board members also recommended to:
 - Strengthen the participation of 10YFP National Focal Points (NFPs), as agents to promote the 10YFP in their region and country. This would be done through further guidance provided to the NFPs, experience sharing activities as well as better linkages and communication between the NFPs and the 10YFP programmes. 10YFP NFPs should also be encouraged to fulfill their role with regards to national implementation and target 12.1 under the SDGs. The nomination of more NFPs should also be encouraged.
 - Further advocate for SCP among governments, by linking SCP with the Paris Agreement or other key agendas such as biodiversity, as well as by further highlighting the importance of SCP and the 10YFP in Agenda 2030 and the SDGs. This is also needed from a fund raising perspective.
 - The engagement of the business sector;
 - Communications, including through the Global SCP Clearinghouse, and showcasing important achievements under the 10YFP programmes.
- During this session, Ms. Bettina Heller, member of the Coordination Desk of the Consumer Information for SCP programme, presented the “Guidelines for providing product sustainability information”. The Board agreed to support this work, notably in reference to target 12.8, and encouraged a reference in a ministerial declaration at UNEA 3.

The second session was dedicated to the 10YFP mid-term review and the development of the 2018-2022 Strategy. More specifically, the discussions focused on the finalization of the terms of reference of the external assessment of the 10YFP, as well as on the need for and conditions for the development of a 10YFP strategy for the next five years. Board members requested the following:

- Strong representation of the Board members, as representing Member States, in the Task Force in charge of developing the strategy and overseeing the external assessment process, in order to ensure ownership and the uptake of regional priorities in the 2018-2022 strategy of the 10YFP.
- Further guidance on the role of the Board members with regards to coordination with the 10YFP NFPs and their representation in the Task Force.
- The Board members should be consulted on the focus / key questions to be addressed by the external assessment on operational effectiveness, including: the added value and specificity of the 10YFP, linkages with other key agendas and processes (climate change, biodiversity, and others), engaging the business sector, 10YFP programmes' responsiveness with regards to regional priorities
- It was agreed that, even though these questions would not be included *a priori* in the Terms of Reference of the consultant in charge of the external assessment in order to maintain his/her independence, they would be discussed with the Board members together with the draft inception report.
- The Terms of Reference were approved, pending the inclusion of the following text in paragraph 15: ***"The analysis would include successes and gaps as well as focus on practical recommendations to strengthen the operational effectiveness of the 10YFP: It will also examine the contribution of the 10YFP to other relevant processes"***.

During the second session, Board members also considered the recommendations made to the 10YFP Board by the evaluation of the 10YFP Secretariat for the period 2013-2016. Board members agreed on the following answers to those recommendations:

- Recommendation 1 (scope of the 10YFP and mid-term review) and 2 (role and mandate of the 10YFP Secretariat) are being taken up by the ongoing mid-term review.
- Recommendation 3 (role of the Board) was considered unclear and inaccurate, hence rejected.
- Recommendation 4 (frequency of Board meetings) was rejected, as the Board considered it should meet at least once a year.

The third session was dedicated to the 10YFP visibility in 2018, and more specifically to planning and preparations for HLPF 2018. Board members agreed on the following:

- Engaging Member States who will be presenting at HLPF 2018 and planning for an active involvement in the regional meetings which will take place in preparation of HLPF 2018.
- Whereas a global conference for the 10YFP mid-term review was originally envisaged, the discussion indicated that the review of SDG 12 at HLPF 2018, may be an optimal platform to raise visibility of the 10YFP in the context of its mid-term review and new strategy; this was further reinforced by the fact that no financial resources have been made available to date for a global conference. However, Board members agreed on the importance of engaging further the business sector, notably through increasing the visibility of the 10YFP at relevant events (e.g. World Economic Forum, Global Compact, HLPF business events).
- A formal request should be sent by a Member State or group of Member States to the President of ECOSOC for the 10YFP to be included in the formal agenda of HLPF 2018, given the key role the 10YFP is playing with regards to SDG12. The Board member from Kenya accepted to further investigate the process for putting forward such a request.
- The 10YFP Secretariat should also develop a proposal for a side event at HLPF 2018, and do its best to ensure that the 10YFP is well represented in other panels and events.