



## Fifth virtual meeting of the Group of Friends for SCP

### Draft summary report

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#### **BACKGROUND**

A process of consultations was initiated in 2020 to build an ambitious vision and strategy for multilateral cooperation on SCP beyond 2022. The 'Group of Friends for SCP' was established on the initiative of Argentina (Chair the 10YFP Board) to bring together 10YFP Board members and engaged member States to support this process, and to ensure strong political support for the continuation of the 10YFP.

The Group of Friends has held four workshops. Each workshop built on its predecessor to develop the vision, principles, substantive focus and roadmap for delivery of the 10YFP's 'Global Strategy on SDG 12 and SCP' which will guide programme works beyond 2022.

The 76<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly has decided, by [resolution](#), to extend the mandate of the 10YFP up to 31 December 2030.

#### **OBJECTIVES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE GoF**

This 5th virtual informal meeting reconvenes the Group of Friends for SCP with the following objectives:

- Provide an update on progress on the formation of the Board.
- Present and seek guidance on a proposal to include reference to the 10YFP mandate extension in a UNEA Resolution/Ministerial Declaration.
- Provide an update on the planned High-level Side Event to be held at UNEA 5.2.
- Plan for the next meeting of the Board and Group of Friends on SCP on the strategy development (March)

#### **EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE FOURTH WORKSHOP:**

1. Members of the GoF are informed about the status of the Board nominations.
2. Members of the GoF are mobilized to support inclusion of language welcoming the extension of the 10YFP in UNEA 5.2 outcomes (resolution or ministerial declaration).
3. Member States are informed and will mobilize support for the High-level side event to be held at UNEA 5.2.
4. The next meeting of the Board & Group of Friends to focus on the strategy development is planned in March

## AGENDA

- 1. Welcome Remarks (Switzerland, Co-Chair 10YFP Board) (5 mins)**
- 2. Update on the composition of the Board (Jorge Laguna-Celis, Head 10YFP) (10 minutes)**
- 3. Inclusion of 10YFP mandate extension in UNEA 5.2 outcomes**  
Background and ambitions (Jorge Laguna-Celis, Head 10YFP) (10 minutes)  
Open discussion (15 minutes)
- 4. Update on the 10YFP High-Level Side event at UNEA 5.2**  
Information sharing on the preparations, purpose and planning for the high-level event (Jorge Laguna-Celis, Head 10YFP) (5 minutes)  
Q&A (10 minutes)
- 5. Closing Remarks, including planning for the next meeting in March to discuss (Switzerland, Co-Chair 10YFP Board)**

### WELCOME REMARKS

- The Chair of the meeting (Damaris Carnal, Switzerland) welcomed participants to the meeting, and invited attendees to introduce themselves in a quick tour de table. She congratulated the Board, GoF and 10YFP Secretariat on their successful efforts in getting the mandate of the 10YFP extended. The Resolution sets the stage for the group's high ambitions for the 10YFP beyond 2022.
- She noted that the coming months will provide several opportunities to raise the profile of the 10YFP, including by gathering political support behind the extension and the future Strategy of the 10YFP. Most imminent is UNEA 5.2 at the end of the month.
- In that vein, she introduced the meeting objectives:
  1. Provide an update on progress on the formation of the Board (which is expected to be established on 28<sup>th</sup> February).
  2. Present and seek guidance on a proposal to include reference to the 10YFP mandate extension in a UNEA Resolution/Ministerial Declaration.

3. Provide an update on the planned High-level Side Events to be held at UNEA 5.2. and discuss key messages that the Group may wish to convey
4. Plan for the next meeting of the Board and Group of Friends for SCP, in March, for a full update on the strategy development

#### UPDATE ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

- Group of Friends is welcoming USA and Singapore, who have expressed interest in joining the group.
- In terms of update on Governance, the General Assembly has communicated to Member States that the PGA will appoint and elect the members of the Board for a period of 2 years starting 28 February 2022.
- The nominations put forward to date are Mauritius and Senegal (African Group of States); Kuwait<sup>1</sup> and the State of Palestine (Asia and the Pacific Group); Croatia (Group of Eastern European States); Costa Rica (Group of Latin America and Caribbean States); and Sweden and the United States of America (Western Europe and Other Group).
- While the full Board has not yet been nominated, there is a quorum according to rules of operation of the GA (50 per cent plus one) which means that the new Board can formally be convened.
- Until the elections are formalized, the 10YFP continues to count on leadership from current Board members.

#### INCLUSION OF 10YFP MANDATE EXTENSION IN UNEA 5.2 OUTCOMES

- It is important that the extension of the 10YFP and the ongoing efforts to develop an ambitious strategy for SCP and SDG 12 beyond 2022 are acknowledged at UNEA.
- UNEA is also an opportunity to think further about strengthening and making explicit the mutually re-enforcing linkages between SCP and circular economy - which is a key economic model for achieving sustainable consumption and production - in the context of the Framework.
- It is in this spirit that Switzerland has suggested that an informal note on this matter be shared with the members of the Group of Friends for discussion.
- The informal note draws attention to member States of the 10YFP as an intergovernmental framework that can advance circularity. Evidence of how the 10YFP is already supporting action on circularity is presented.

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<sup>1</sup> Nomination not yet formally received by Office of the President of the General Assembly.



- In this vein, Switzerland has proposed text for inclusion in a UNEA 5.2 resolution or the UNEA 5.2 Ministerial Declaration that welcomes the mandate extension, as well as the intention of the Board of the 10YFP to develop a new Global Strategy on Sustainable Consumption and Production. The text also signals that this Strategy will be launched at Stockholm +50.
- Overall the Group welcomed the suggestion.
- It was suggested that the language be proposed in two ways. For the Ministerial Declaration, it was proposed that concise text on only the mandate extension be proposed.
- For the Resolution, the text proposed will strive to maintain its operational and technical characteristics. Some language and suggestions were proposed by the meeting, including adding reference to other UNEA resolutions that contextualize SCP and circularity to guide Strategy development; and insuring a systematic approach/lens in addition to circularity.
- The suggestions for the Ministerial as well as Resolutions can be put forward either by one country (Switzerland) or by the Group of Friends.
- Revised language and a proposed way forward will be sent to the Group of Friends in follow up to the meeting.

#### UPDATE ON THE 10YFP HIGH-LEVEL SIDE EVENT AT UNEA 5.2

- Jorge Laguna-Celis and Veronika Cerna (Communications, 10YFP) shared information on the agenda, purpose and planning for the high-level side events organized by Member States and the 10YFP for UNEA 5.2.
- The first side event will allow member States to start discussing the two main pillars of the global Strategy: how we the 10YFP is aiming to change behaviors and shift pathways of high impact sectors towards SCP, while also not leaving anyone behind.
- The Group of Friends are invited to share their priority messages (quotes, inputs, messages). An online gallery will be curated to put these messages forward to represent the support from the Group of Friends and Board. Instructions will be shared as follow up to the meeting on how to contribute.
- The second side event is about Transforming Global Value Chains for a Healthy Planet and Prosperity for All, supported by Sweden. It will also take place at UNEA 5.2 and information will be further circulated to the Group of Friends.
- All are invited to connect, engage and contribute as both events will be virtual.
- Concept notes and updated programmes will be shared with all participants.

#### CLOSING REMARKS

- The Chair noted that all follow up to the meeting would be shared by email.



- She also confirmed that the next meeting of the Group of Friends will take place once the new Board of the 10YFP is established, and will provide a full update on the development of the strategy.

### LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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The following countries, including members the 10YFP Board and of the Group of Friends for SCP, have been invited to participate in the workshop:

<b>Member States and intergovernmental organizations</b>	
- Argentina (confirmed)	- Italy (not attending)
- Bhutan (confirmed)	- Japan (confirmed)
- Costa Rica (confirmed)	- Mauritius (confirmed)
- Denmark (confirmed)	- Netherlands (confirmed)
- European Commission (confirmed)	- Spain (confirmed)
- Finland (confirmed)	- Switzerland (confirmed)
- France (tentative)	- South Africa (confirmed)
- Germany (confirmed)	- Sweden (confirmed)
- Hungary (confirmed)	- United Kingdom (confirmed)
- Indonesia (confirmed)	- USA (confirmed)