

## **Minutes of OIBC 4 Co-convener's meeting held on 6 March 2025 on Microsoft Teams**

### **Present**

- Margaret Oduk, UNEP, Chair representing Rose Mwebaza
- James Murombedzi, UNECA
- Nozipho Freya Simelane, UNECA
- Excellent Hachileka, UNDP
- Charles Nyandiga, UNDP
- Alamneh Kindie, FAO
- Catherine Mwangi, UNEP

### **Absent with apologies**

Edward Kilawe (FAO)

Rose Mwebaza (UNEP)

Mathias Naab (UNDP)

### **Discussions and Resolutions**

#### **Agenda Item 1: Status of concept note and program preparation for the OIBC 4 retreat taking place on 12 April 2025**

The chair of the meeting invited Charles Nyandiga (UNDP), at his capacity as the chair of the Retreat Planning Task Force, to give updates on the progress of the concept note and agenda preparation for the OIBC4 retreat planned to take place on 12 April 2024 on the margins of the ARFSD-11 in Kampala, Uganda. Charles discussed the draft retreat agenda proposed by the Task Force and underscored that the proposed retreat agenda indicates the planning process (the issues to be discussed and the order to be followed during the retreat) to come up with the OIBC4 work plan for 2025 as an outcome of such process.

Charles mentioned about the proposal by the Task Force to use David Phiri as a moderator of the event. The proposal met with no objection. Charles also invited OIBC-4 members to volunteer for roles in different sessions.

The Chair informed the meeting that UNEP was committed to support the retreat financially on venue and moderation. In this regard, she requested that travel for the Moderator be processed

before the 21 days window using the funds that UNEP had transferred to UNECA. She also mentioned that a quotation for the conference package had been issued at the negotiated rate as that of the ARFSD. She also informed the meeting that a Purchase Order will be issued to secure the meeting venue. Charles, as the Chair of the Retreat Committee, concluded his discussion by thanking UNEP for agreeing to finance the conference package for the retreat.

Margaret Oduk (UNEP), emphasised on the need to consider during the retreat, the outcomes and suggestions that will form the outcomes of the pre-event dialogue of the Resident Coordinators scheduled for 6 April 2025.

James Murombedzi (UNECA) suggested to consider the possibility of incorporating additional issues in the preliminary discussions of the retreat agenda, including on G-20 requests from AUC, Global Multilateral System, Summit of the Future outcomes, the ongoing changes in the US administration and how they relate to and affect the work of OIBC4.

The meeting also suggested the need to reach out to the flagship Co-leads early enough regarding their participation in the retreat and on the retreat preparation process. A request was put forward on whether there was a possibility of co-conveners supporting the OIBC4 Secretariat participation in the retreat of OIBC-4 and in the pre-event session of the RCs to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Charles agreed to incorporate the suggestions on the programme and to submit a revised and final version of the retreat concept note and agenda by 10 February 2025.

## **Agenda Item 2: Status of concept note and program preparation for the Dialogue on Carbon Markets, Energy Access, and Outcomes of COP 29 taking place on 6 April 2025**

Excellent from UNDP who is the Chair of the working group provided a brief on the status of the preparation of the concept note and agenda for the Dialogue on Carbon Markets, Energy Access, and Outcomes of COP 29. He mentioned that the zero drafts developed across the three thematic areas are expected to be consolidated into a single document. He also stated that the programme was going to follow the format used during the ARFSD-10. The consolidated version will be submitted to OIBC-4 by 7 March 2025.

Whereas UNEP, UNDP, UNFPA, UNECA, and UNFCCC are leading various aspects of the concept note, Nozipho from RCP Joint Secretariat suggested that Yohannes from UNECA be part of the theme working on Energy Access. The concept note on Energy Access will be shared with Yohannes so that he can provide his inputs. James Murombedzi further mentioned that Energy

Access related issues are of great interest to the RCs and that there is the need of making it relevant to address such issues during the dialogue.

Nozipho mentioned that the Resident Coordinators had in their meetings requested to be updated on the status of implementation of the RCs dialogue outcomes from the one held in Addis Ababa in April 2024 and in Nairobi in November 2024. The meeting requested the Secretariat to consolidate the resolutions and share with the members for their action and use during the OIBC-4 retreat.

The Chair confirmed to the meeting that UNEP will provide financial support for the conference package and for the moderator. She called on additional support from the other agencies.

**Agenda Item 3: Accelerating Transformation through the Implementation of Agenda 2063's Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan Alongside the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: The Role of the RC System in Africa**

Information was shared by the chair about the event “Accelerating Transformation through the Implementation of Agenda 2063's Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan Alongside the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” that will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2025. The event will highlight collaboration between UNCTs, RECs, and AUC towards accelerating Africa’s transformation and vision for 2063. It is acknowledged that OIBC 4 has been selected as the flagship coalition. The meeting agreed that Josephine from UNECA shares the draft concept note and agenda of the event with OIBC-4 members. Together with high-level representatives from other UN agencies Rose Mwabaza, Director and Regional Representative from UNEP Africa Office, will make presentation at the event.

**Agenda Item 4: Any Other Businesses (AOB)**

A suggestion was made in relation to the first agenda item; to use the 12 April 2025 retreat to plan strategically for OIBC4 beyond 2025. The understanding was that this would enable OIBC4 to better respond to the needs of RCs and countries. .

This matter was discussed at length and it was agreed that given the nature and purpose of OIBC4, which is to respond to thematic and emerging issues, it is better to discuss and plan issues pertinent to the current year (2025).

**Any other business**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 15:30 hrs.

### Action points

| Action point  | Responsible                                |
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| 1. Submission of finalized OIBC 4 retreat agenda by end of the week of Feb 10, 2025   | Retreat Planning Task Force                |
| 2. Sharing the two documents/reports compiled on the previous two dialogue events (ARFSD 10 and Nairobi Dialogue 2024) with OIBC4 members | OIBC 4 (Catherine)                         |
| 3. Submission of finalized concept note and agenda on the RCs Dialogue by 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2025                                      | Chair of the Working Group on RCs dialogue |
| 4. Concept note and agenda for the 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 event to be shared to OIBC4 members   | Josephine/Nozipho (UNECA)                  |
| 5. Confirm agency contributions for retreat expenses  | All agencies                               |
| 6. Confirm participation of key speakers for RC-Pre-event session and for the OIBC4 Retreat   | Conveners                                  |
| 7. Set up session for RCS to reflect on global developments (G20, geopolitics)  | OIBC4 Conveners                            |