

Note on WCFEG 1st Steering Group Meeting

A first meeting of the WCFEG Steering Group (SG) was held on 21 April 2022 with wide representation from 27 WCFEG members, observers, advisors and Task Team (TT) members and WCFEG Coordinators. The purpose of the first SG meeting was to review the role and working of the group, review progress in establishment of the Task Teams and to review the WCFEG work plan for 2022.

The meeting received an update from Mr Stanley Johnson, WCFEG Advisor who on the basis of active engagement with selected governments has received positive indications of interest in engaging and supporting the development of the WCF.

There has been strong interest to contribute to the various TTs by the WCFEG and other experts. Initial discussions have been initiated amongst the Institutional Framework and Science and Evidence TTs. The Task Teams on International Engagement and Local and Subnational Engagement will need to be brought together in the near future, and the Stakeholder Mapping TT at least when resources become available for a review. Plans to promote awareness of the WCF development and seek involvement of potential partners through engagement in various upcoming international biodiversity-related convention-related meetings and events were discussed.

Progress on the establishment/work of the TTs will be presented to the forthcoming WCF Establishment Group meeting on 17 May 2022.

