

Minutes of Meeting: Co-conveners, Co-leads of the Groups & Secretariat held on 6 April 2025 on Microsoft Teams

Present

Margaret Oduk (UNDP)	-	Chair and Acting Convener
James Murombedzi (UNECA)	-	Convener
Edward Kilawe (FAO)	-	Convener

Group Co-leads
OIBC4 Secretariat
Agencies represented:
UNEP, FAO, UNDP, UNECA, WMO, DCO
UNICEF

Absent with apologies:

Rose Mwebaza (UNEP)	-	Convener
Mathias Naab (UNDP)	-	Convener

1. Opening & Agenda Overview

- The meeting was opened by Margaret Oduk who was representing Rose Mwebaza, UNEP Convener.

The agenda was shared and confirmed, focusing on:

1. OIBC 4 Retreat Preparation
2. UNRC Dialogue
3. OIBC 4 Dialogue on Energy, Carbon Markets, and COP 29 Outcomes
4. Implementation of OIBC 4 Flagship Programs

The following are the meeting proceed

1. OIBC 4 Retreat Preparation

Charles Nyandiga of UNDP, the retreat Chair informed members that a first committee meeting had been held and that the OIBC4 retreat was proposed to take place on the sidelines of ARFSD meeting to be held in Kampala from 9 – 11 April 2025. He mentioned that key issues for discussion could include:

- Reviewing 2024 progress made by OIBC4 in 2024.
- Developing a 2025 work plan.
- Identifying challenges faced in 2024 and how to address them.

Key concerns raised include the following:

- No dedicated funding confirmed.
- Room availability concerns at the ARFSD venue.
- Logistics planning for accommodation and travel.

- The Retreat Committee was requested to finalize retreat agenda and concept note. UNECA, UNEP, FAO, UNDP and other OIBC4 members to source funding for venue, catering, and logistics. James Murombedzi & Nozipho Simelane were requested to confirm whether Uganda government was going to cover costs under the host country agreement. The Secretariat of OIBC4 was requested to liaise with Nozipho on the room requirements.

2. UNRC Dialogue –OIBC 4

Chris Ambala from UNEP informed the meeting that the UNRC dialogue is a follow up of the event which was held in Nairobi in November 2024. He stated that the meeting aims to strengthen UN country team engagement on climate resilience and that the topics to be covered include progress in climate commitments, challenges faced by UN country teams in implementation, coordination strategies for more effective climate action. The meeting agreed that the concept note should be reviewed and shared with the OIBC4 members. The meeting also agreed that there should be coordination between the ARFSD organisers and alignment to the discussion with the Second 10-year implementation plan of Agenda 2063.

3. OIBC 4 Dialogue on Energy, Carbon Markets & COP 29 Outcomes

James Murombedzi and Josephine Ulimwengu of UNECA informed the meeting that UNEP and UNECA had signed a UN2UN transfer Agreement to provide support on the of the scheduled dialogue to be held on 8 April 2025 with the following e focus areas:

- Outcomes of COP 29 relevant to Africa.
- Africa's position for COP 30.
- Strengthening UN support for regional energy transition and carbon markets.
- Policy recommendations for governments and UN entities.
- Identified stakeholders to be invited, including African negotiators and key UN agencies.
- UNEP and UNECA colleagues to clarify the resource allocation for this event.

4. Implementation of OIBC 4 Flagship Programs

The following update was provided on to implementation of the flagship programmes.

1. Early Warning thematic area co-chaired by UNDRR and WMO

Marianne Diop from WMO informed the meeting that National rollouts completed in 7 countries. She mentioned that Roadmaps were developed for Ghana, Somalia, Tunisia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Kenya, and South Africa. She highlighted that there was a major drawback on the Lack of sufficient funding for implementation and that to overcome this challenge, they were exploring donor funding expansion.

2. Climate Action chaired by UNEP & UNECA

- James informed the meeting of how the flagship is supporting the African countries in updating their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). He requested that OIBC4 identifies priority countries for UN support.

3. Food Systems Transformation Led by WFP, FAO, UNDP

Levis Kavagi from UNEP informed the meeting that countries are preparing for stocktaking on Food Systems in July 2025. He mentioned that on Biodiversity and Land Restoration, there was progress on the Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity Framework. He urged OIBC4 to support African countries in aligning biodiversity strategies.

3. Any other business

Theory of Change for Africa RCP

OIBCs were requested to provide input on Africa RCP Theory of Change. Nozipho Simelane & Josephine Ulimwengu to organize focus group discussions with the OIBC4. Information on the Theory of Change will be shared with members.

Task	Responsible	Deadline
Finalize OIBC 4 Retreat Concept Note	Charles Nyandiga	20 February 2025
Confirm Venue & Budget for Retreat	UNECA, UNEP, FAO, UNDP	20 February 2025
Submit to OIBC4 members final UNRC Dialogue Concept Note	Christopher Ambala/Margaret Oduk	25 February 2025
Align Energy, Carbon Markets Dialogue with COP29 for UNRCs	Conveners of OIBC4	10 February 2025
Provide Input on Theory of Change	All OIBCs	7 March 2025
Identify Priority Countries for NDC Support	All OIBC4 members led by UNDP	30 February 2025
Confirm Funding for Early Warning Expansion	WMO/UNDRR	

Meeting Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.