

Proposed text from the Organizing Partners of the Major Groups for OP 16
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Decides that the forum will be open to Major Groups and other relevant stakeholders, based on, but not limited to, arrangements and practices observed by the Commission on Sustainable Development, including Economic and Social Council resolutions 1993/215 and 1996/31 of 25 July 1996, as well as on the following modalities of the further enhanced consultative role and participation of Major Groups in line with the process leading up to the Rio+20 Summit as well as with the outcome document of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development "The Future We Want":

- a) to have active access to all meetings of the forum, including at all levels and during all stages of agenda-setting and decision-shaping;
- b) to have access to all information and documents, including negotiating documents as negotiations proceed,
- c) to have speaking rights in all meetings to express views and opinions;
- d) to freely submit documents including thematic background documents and to be engaged in position shaping documents;
- e) to contribute actively to developing UN background documents relevant to agenda themes;
- f) to participate in review and reporting processes as well as all the other functions that the forum will undertake;
- g) to be consulted in the preparation of the forum meetings;
- h) to prepare and set up with the support of the UN secretariat and the Bureau and co-chair dynamic two day multi-stakeholder processes with full participation of governments within the framework of the forum meetings