



CORE GROUP MEETING
May 4 2016 – 8:30 - 10:00am, NY time
Minutes

Facilitator: Andrew Griffiths (Sightsavers)

Participants: Arelys Bellorini (World Vision), Andrew Griffiths (Sightsavers), John Patrick Ngoyi (JDPC), Busani Sibindi (Save Matabelaland), Gomer Padong (PhilSen), Daniel Rodriguez (Cepei) and Naiara Costa (Together 2030 Secretariat).

1) Review of Action points from April 6 meeting - Follow up actions from that meeting:

Points to be discussed in the next Core Group Meeting (May 18):

- *Secretariat ToR*
- *Setting up small group to propose criteria and process for engagement with external partners – Call for volunteers and propose deadlines. ACTION: Cepei agreed to draft a proposal on this. Deadline to be established.*
- *Setting up small group to work on proposals/criteria/processes for setting up national and regional structures for Together 2030. ACTION: JP volunteered to support. Gomer agreed to support Deadline to be established.*

Item discussed:

- *Volunteers to facilitate Core Group meetings – Core Group revised proposal from the Secretariat and agreed. Members of the Core Group should check months they are expected to facilitate meetings and alert Secretariat and other members whenever they cannot lead on specific meetings.*

2) Funding and Fundraising – Update and next steps

- World Vision and Sightsavers confirmed a 50/50 additional financial support to the Together 2030 Initiative for the period of April to December 2016 dedicated to staffing needs.
- World Vision will allocate additional funding to support with fundraising activities, including hiring a consultant to scan opportunities and tailor proposals.
- World Vision has also mentioned that they are open to discuss making contributions towards a face-to-face meeting of the Core Group tentatively for July 2016.
- Sightsavers also looking for additional resources, including to support a revamped version of the website.
- Members of the Core Group applauded the efforts of Sightsavers and World Vision in making contributions to the work of Together 2030.
- Meetings with potential donors already being undertaken.

ACTION: Arelys to draft ToR for consultancy on fundraising scanning.

3) Update from Global Civil Society week

Arelys updated the Core Group on the Civil Society week, held in Bogota the previous week. More than 900 participants from 110 countries. Very active event with several parallel meetings happening at the



same time. Very good to engage with colleagues from different regions and check what is “trending” within civil society. Arellys shared information about Together 2030 and invited colleagues to join.

John Patrick informed that he was representing Together 2030 at a Conference in Berlin, about jumpstarting the SDGs in Germany and that he has reinforced the message about togetherness with differentiation and added value.

ACTION: Core Group and Secretariat to continue monitoring civil society platforms and partnerships related to the 2030 Agenda and check for opportunities for concrete joint action related to the priorities and approach of Together 2030.

4) Planning Ahead

- **Maternity leave coverage** – Naiara informed the Group about preparations for her 12 week maternity leave (due date May 28). Members of the Core Group discussed the need to provide support to Marggie Simo, who will be supporting the Core Group during Naiara’s absence, especially for the mobilization towards the HLPF.
- **Preparations for the HLPF:**
 - The Core Group heard about the dissemination and outcomes of the Perception Survey. Together 2030 should continue measuring the “pulse” of civil society regarding the implementation of the Agenda to be responsive to needs and priorities from the national level.
 - The Core Group discussed preparing a mapping of how civil society has engaged in the national reviews in some of the volunteer countries. Cepei informed that they are already working on a paper about the Colombian Intergovernmental commission. Gomer mentioned mobilizations happening in Australia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and the Philippines about civil society participation at the APFSD.
 - Face-to-Face meeting – Core Group to continue discussions about the feasibility of organizing a Face-to-Face meeting during the HLPF.

ACTION: Naiara to prepare a draft strategy for engagement during the HLPF, including a draft google doc to plan for the mapping. Core Group members to follow up on comments to the HLPF side-event concept note.

- **Next Webinars**
 - May 11 – Introductory Webinar in French – Final introductory webinar will be held in French.
 - May 17 – 4th Implementation Series Webinar – Role of Parliamentarians – Being organized in partnership with IDA, IDDC and the African CSO Working Group. Mobilizing Parliamentarians to speak.
 - Forthcoming webinars – Secretariat has shared draft plans for next webinars (until August 2016).

The Core Group reinforced the importance of organizing webinars in partnership with other groups/coalitions that work on the topics or share priorities with Together 2030.



ACTION: Marggie to follow up with Core Group on the organization of following webinars.

5) Core Group and Europe

Andrew shared outcomes of discussion with colleagues in Europe about reinforcing engagement with Together 2030 and with the Core Group. The Core Group agreed for Andrew to continue discussions with colleagues from the Hub-1 of Concorde and explore potential links for joint work and engagement. Arelys reported on conversations with SDG Watch and their invitation to their upcoming event. The Core Group agreed on the need to continue setting up strong connections with CSO colleagues in Brussels.

ACTION: Andrew to continue exploring with colleagues at Hub-1 on potential linkages and bridges. Arelys to email the Group on the SDG Watch event. Core Group to set up an appropriate time during the F2F meeting in July to discuss this engagement.

6) AOB

- a. ICSC meeting – Andrew informed the Core Group that he would make a presentation about Together 2030 at a meeting of the ICSC.
- b. Next Meeting: May 18