



CORE GROUP MEETING
March 9 2016 – 8:30 - 10:00am, NY time
Minutes

Facilitator: Busani Sibindi (Save Matabelaland)

Participants: Busani Sibindi (Save Matabelaland), Gomer Padong (Philippines Social Enterprise Network), Camilo Gamba (CEPEI), Andrew Griffiths, Sightsavers, JP Ngoyi (JDPC), Naiara Costa (Together 2030 Secretariat),

Excuses: Arellys Bellorini (World Vision)

1) Review of Action points from February 24 meeting – Naiara revised the action points from the previous meeting. **ACTIONS: Javier Surasky (CEPEI) to brief the group on his participation at the Civicus Istanbul meeting; Gomer to set up a google doc for the draft communications strategy by March 14, comments by March 28. Secretariat to send reminders.**

2) Fundraising Proposal

Discussions about the proposed fiscal agent ongoing and the Core Group will be kept informed. A draft fundraising proposal is being prepared. **ACTION: Members of the Core Group should review the proposed “Vision/Objectives/Expected Results” by March 11. Expected deadline to close the proposal: March 31st.**

3) Perception Survey on National Reviews

The Core Group agreed to launch a “perception survey” regarding civil society and stakeholder participation in national reviews to be launched soon. A draft questionnaire was circulated. Sightsavers will support with the login details for the Survey Monkey (the Group thanked Sightsavers for the support). **ACTION: Secretariat to set up questionnaire and broadly disseminate the Survey. Members of the Core Group to support with the dissemination of the Survey. Naiara to reach to Cepei to check for support to analyze the data.**

4) Draft ToRs – Core Group and Secretariat

The Core Group discussed the draft ToRs for the Core Group and Secretariat. It was agreed that the ToR for the Secretariat will cover responsibilities and roles and not be too specific on positions since those will depend on the availability of resources. **ACTION: Secretariat to review comments and reopen revised version for comments by March 15. Core Group members to comment by March 22nd. Next discussion to be held on March 23rd (next Core Group meeting).**

5) High Level Political Forum (HLPF)

The Core Group agreed that Together 2030 should engage with the major groups and other stakeholders Coordinator Mechanism for the HLPF, including by participating in the Steering Group.

UN DESA is organizing an Expert Group meeting (April 19) for major groups and other stakeholders to discuss the implementation of paragraph 89 (about reporting from stakeholders to the HLPF). Core Group members were invited to apply for the funded seats allocated by UN DESA.



Regarding the submission of inputs to the HLPF, the Core Group agreed that the Global Processes Working Group should be responsible for leading on the drafting of those inputs. The Group also agreed to promote specific activities during the HLPF. **ACTION: Interested Core Group members to apply to attend the April 19 EGM. Arellys/Naiara to follow up with Global Processes WG on the process to draft and submit written inputs to the HLPF.**

6) Next Webinars

- **Introductory Webinar (Spanish) - March 22** — Cepei is leading on the organization of this webinar, the first to be held in Spanish. The Core Group agreed on the need to set up an introductory webinar in French. The Group agreed to only organize one introductory webinar in March. **ACTION: Cepei/Secretariat to lead on the dissemination and organization of the March 22 webinar. JP to seek a volunteer to translate the package for the introductory webinar in French and propose a date.**
- **3rd Implementation Webinar – Follow up and Review** – The Group agreed to set this webinar for April 5th and to look for a partner to co-host. **ACTION: Secretariat to follow up and set up plans for this webinar.**
- **4th Implementation Webinar – Engaging Parliamentarians** – The Core Group agreed on the theme for the 4th Implementation webinar. **ACTION: Secretariat to follow up by email to set up dates and identify Parliamentarians that could attend and bring interesting and concrete views on their role in the implementation of Agenda 2030.**
- **WebEx System – World Vision** to provide support beginning in April. The Group expressed their gratitude to World Vision.

7) Position Paper: The international landscape, civil society engagement and the role of Together 2030

The Group agreed to close the document and to broadly disseminate it. **ACTION: Secretariat to: upload the document at website under the “Core Group” Section; publicize the link in the next Communication to be sent to the Initiative; Prepare a blog signed by all members of the Core Group with the text; Use this paper as inputs to questions and for the fundraising proposal.**

8) Enhancing gender balance in the Together 2030 Core Group

The Group reinforced its commitment to reinforce gender balance within the Group. Members will continue to seek and propose names for consideration and follow up. The need of identifying a partner fluent in French was stressed. **ACTION: Core Group members to follow up on this theme, proposing names for consideration and follow up.**

9) Update on Task Forces/Working Group

Naiara informed the Group that the Task Forces and Working Group were fully operational and initial deliverables expected to be shared soon. **ACTION: Secretariat to keep the Group updated on the work of the Task Forces/Working Group**

- a. **Regional and National Structures** – Finalizing recommendations on the setting up of Together 2030 structures at the national/regional level. Document being finalized and will be submitted to the Core Group for review.



- b. Global Processes – Finalizing first advocacy paper (focus on essential elements for follow up and review). Meeting set up for March 10th to discuss next steps.
- c. Principles Paper Task Force – First review of document finalized. Next phase to start soon.

10) AOB:

- a. Interest of External Partners and how/if to engage them - Naiara reported that a few organizations from governments and the business sector have approached the Secretariat interested in joining Together 2030. The Group discussed the importance of keeping membership focused on non-profits but also to set up appropriate mechanisms to engage with other partners, as this will be critical for the implementation of Agenda 2030. **ACTION: Secretariat to bring this issue to the next meeting of the Core Group. A small working group could be set up to discuss the mechanism and types of engagement.**
- b. Next Meeting: **March 23 – ACTION: Secretariat to follow up on a volunteer to facilitate the call.**