



CORE GROUP MEETING
May 18 2016 – 8:30 - 10:00am, NY time

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).

MINUTES

1) Review of Action points from May 4 meeting

- *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. Secretariat to check with Gomer if available to support. Deadline to be established.*

ACTION: Those outstanding issues are to be followed up by the volunteers. To be included in the agenda of next meetings. Marggie to follow up with volunteers once she starts to set up deadlines.

2) Funding and Fundraising – Update and next steps

The Group discussed the importance of prioritizing this issue for the sustainability of the Initiative. It was flagged that all members of the Core Group have a responsibility to scope and flag opportunities and also to review funding proposals.

Some meetings with potential donors being held although no concrete signal of support at the moment. Andrew to advance discussions regarding drafting a ToR for roles and responsibilities of the fiscal agent. Arelys informed that she has already drafted a ToR for a consultant to support with scoping opportunities for fundraising and is consulting internally for names to be approached.

If a face-to-face meeting is set, this topic should be one of the key priorities for discussion. Decisions to be made regarding the Initiative should be realistic about the current availability of funds.

ACTION:

- **Members of the Core Group to review draft funding proposal and add comments/recommendations.**
- **If a Face-to-Face meeting is organized in July, allocate specific time in the agenda to discuss funding and fundraising, including strategies to approach potential donors.**
- **Andrew to start drafting paper (ToR) for the roles and responsibilities of the fiscal agent.**
- **Marggie to prioritize following up on action points related to funding and fundraising.**



3) HLPF Strategy

The Core Group revised a draft strategy for the HLPF. Discussions included:

a. Side-Event:

- i. The Group agreed to submit a request for a side-event during the HLPF and to start seeking partners for the event. Deadline for submission of request form and concept note to UN DESA: **June 1st**.
- ii. The Group discussed potential partners and co-hosts for the side-event.

ACTION: Naiara/Andrew – to review list of action points regarding side-event and share with Core Group with specific follow up requests.

- #### b. Face-to-Face meeting in July
- The Core Group discussed the possibility of organizing a face-to-face meeting in July, at the margins of the HLPF. Several colleagues still have to clarify their plans regarding the HLPF and the Group decided to continue this conversation via email.

ACTION: Core Group to continue discussions via email about participation in the HLPF and possibility of hosting a F2F meeting.

- #### c. Mapping of civil society participation on follow up and review
- The Core Group agreed on the importance of developing a mapping on how civil society has engaged on national reviews in some of the volunteer countries, building upon the perception survey.

A draft plan has been prepared by the Secretariat and needs to be reviewed. Template for the collection of information to be set up.

ACTION: Andrew to draft template for the collection of information and list follow up actions for members of the Core Group to support. Andrew agreed to lead on editing of the text.

- #### d. Other activities
- Naiara mentioned other potential activities that Together 2030 could engage on during the HLPF. Core Group to discuss capacity and priorities as planning advances.

4) Webinars

- #### a. May 11 – Introductory Webinar in French
- Naiara informed that the first introductory webinar in French was organized with 12 participants.

- #### b. May 17 – 4th Implementation Series Webinar – Role of Parliamentarians
- Naiara informed that 67 participants engaged and feedback has been very positive about this webinar. Arelys informed that she would be interested in hosting a webinar in Spanish with Latin American Parliamentarians.

ACTION: Arelys to keep the Core Group informed about the proposal of hosting a webinar with Parliamentarians in Latin America.

- #### c. Forthcoming webinars

- i. Next Implementation Webinar: Preparations for the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) – June or early July

ACTION: Marggie to follow up with Core Group to set a date and agenda for this webinar.

- ii. Introductory Webinars – After organizing 4 introductory webinars (2 in English, one in Spanish and one in French), the Core Group agreed to hold on regular scheduling of those webinars. They should be organized based on opportunities and on the need to mobilize colleagues in different regions and languages. Gomer informed about his interest in hosting an introductory webinar focusing on Asia.

ACTION: Gomer to inform Secretariat once he decides to host a Webinar focusing on Asia.

1) AOB

- a. **European Development Days – Proposed side-event with IASS (June 16, Brussels)** – The Core Group agreed on partnering in this side event. **ACTION: Naiara to connect organizers with Andrew for follow up.**
- b. **IASS invitation – Co-Hosting High-Level Event on “Thematic Reviews for an Integrated Follow-Up & Review of the 2030 Agenda” (July 7-8)** – The Core Group also considered it strategic to partner in this event. **ACTION: Naiara to connect organizers with Arelys and Marggie.**
- c. **Intergovernmental negotiations on follow up and review:** Arelys informed about the latest on the negotiations including the expectation that the resolution will be finalized and agreed before the end of May. She has shared Together 2030 position paper with Denmark.
- d. **ICSC meeting** – Update shared by email.
- e. **Transform Together Initiative** – **ACTION: Andrew to follow up via email.**
- f. **Reporting on meetings attended representing Together 2030** – The Core Group agreed to report on meetings where they represent Together 2030. **ACTION: Secretariat to draft a template.**
- g. Next Meeting: **June 1st** (Facilitator of the month: Arelys)