



CORE GROUP MEETING
February 22 2017 – 9:00 - 10:30 am, NY time
Minutes

Facilitator of the month: Busani Sibindi, Save Matabelaland.

Participants: Andrew Griffiths (Sightsavers); Arellys Bellorini and Marggie Simo (World Vision); Javier Surasky (Cepei); Gomer Padong (PhilSEN); Busani Sibindi (Save Matabelaland); Naiara Costa (Together 2030 Secretariat)

(1) Governance

- **Schedule of Core Group meetings**

Participants revised the frequency of meetings of the Together 2030 Core Group and agreed that, at this stage of the development of the Initiative, it would be appropriate to set up the meetings once every month instead of every two weeks. This would allow more time for Core Group members to engage on working groups and other actions of the Initiative. The Group also discussed the need to allocate more time for strategic discussions.

It was agreed that meetings of the Core Group would be established once every month, on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (whenever possible). Urgent and ad hoc meetings may be called by the Co-Chairs and Secretariat, if necessary.

- **Update on the Elections**

The Secretariat updated the Core Group on the elections (voting closed on February 21) and on the next steps to finalize the process. Secretariat would review the votes (check for duplications, confirm member organizations) and total number of votes. A weighted system was going to be used to review regional and thematic balance as per the election guidelines. Secretariat to work with Co-Chairs on finalizing the elections. Report with proposed outcomes to be shared with the Core Group prior to the communication of the results to the membership.

The Core Group discussed the need to reaffirm the commitment of all members to the work of Together 2030. A “letter of commitment” will be proposed to be signed by all members (newly elected and founding members).

After the elections, the Core Group may still consider the possibility of co-opting an active member of Together 2030 from any region that may be under-represented.

- **Update on Working Groups**

Information was shared about the activities of the four currently operational working groups:

- 1) *Global Advocacy Working Group (lead by Arellys)* – Focusing on the HLPF. Drafting of written inputs has just started. This group is showing a great potential and a good level of participation.



- 2) *Civil society participation Working Group (lead by Busani)* – Will start with an assessment survey to verify interests and priorities of members.
- 3) *Parliamentarians Working Group (lead by Gomer)* – Will also start with an assessment. Some materials already shared.
- 4) *National implementation working group (lead to be defined)* – First meeting was cancelled due to the lack of quorum. This WG may need more direct support from members of the Core Group. JP volunteered to engage with this working group.

Action Points:

- ✓ Naiara to review and share updated calendar of meetings.
- ✓ Naiara to close elections, review information and draft report in collaboration with the Co-Chairs outlining the outcomes of the elections.
- ✓ Core Group to review elections report before official communication to the Initiative.
- ✓ Naiara to publicize more on the working groups.

(2) HLPF

- **Draft Plan for 2017**

A draft plan for the HLPF engagement has been shared. It was considered very ambitious and outlines several ideas that have already been discussed/proposed by the Core Group and to consolidate Together 2030 engagement at the global level. Core Group members were invited to comment on the draft HLPF plan and volunteer to lead specific activities. The substantive work will be lead by the Global Advocacy WG.

- **UN DESA Expert Group Meeting (EGM) and Partners for Review Meeting – Colombia, March**

The Group was updated on the planning for the UNDESA EGM and the Partners for Review meeting. Work was on going to allow for the participation of a few Together 2030 colleagues at both events.

- **Written Inputs – Preparing T30 position paper**

Arelys informed that the official Together 2030 written inputs to the 2017 HLPF are currently being drafted by the Global Advocacy Working Group. This will be our main advocacy piece for the HLPF. Once UN DESA shares the guidelines, the inputs will be adapted accordingly.

- **Perceptions Survey (2nd Edition)**



Naiara informed that the second edition of the perceptions survey was being drafted and counted with the expert support of Newcastle University (UK). Members of the Core Group have agreed to support with testing the survey and with translation. All colleagues will be invited to share the survey.

Action Points:

- ✓ Naiara to share HLPF draft workplan and request volunteers for activities.
- ✓ Participants of Colombia meetings to update the Core Group on outcomes of events.
- ✓ Arelys, Andrew, Busani and Naiara to have a separate meeting on this and bring recommendations to the Core Group.

(3) AOB

- Webinar with UN Women and Women's Major Group – Naiara updated the Core Group on the organization of this webinar, scheduled for March 1st.
- New Together 2030 website – Final stages of development and expected to be launched soon.