



**CORE GROUP MEETING**  
**October 22, 2019 – 9:00 - 10:00 am, NY time**

**Notes**

Facilitator: Arelys Bellorini (World Vision),

Participants: JP Ngoyi (JDPC), Javier Surasky (CEPEI), Arelys Bellorini (World Vision), Aissata Ndiaye (Sightsavers), Gomer Padong (PhilSEN), Margie Simo (Secretariat)

**1. UNGA 74/SDGs Summit Debrief**

- On the SDG summit- the climate summit as expected over took the whole agenda for the week and many of the other summits were invisible including SDGs Summit.
- After the climate summit- the one that got a little bit more attention was the SDGs one but not as much. Other summits/meetings like FFD or SAMOA pathway were pretty much invisible.
- Mixed reactions mostly because SDGs summit was less ambitious than expected-
- Surprising to hear many member states saying we are “entering to the decade of action”- question is what we have been doing in the last five years?
- Impression is SDGs Summit lacked content
- Many of the member states took the summit as space to repeat same things they have conveyed in other forums and in other meetings- Nothing new was said.
- Many of them use the opportunity to repeat what they said in July- especially 2019 VNR countries
- Many of the statements were not related to the leaders’ dialogue they were supposed to respond to
- Many of member states have not put any mechanisms or structures needed for serious SDGs implementation
- Some of the government still give the impression that SDGs is still a side agenda that should be located within the ministry of environment.
- Governments are finding it more comfortable to align with the private sector rather than involving civil society.-also lack of physical funding for civil society participation is worrisome
- Impression is member states did not understand what the summit was about. It was not clear to them what was expected from them.
- CEPEI’s analysis of Latin American and Caribbean statements at the general debate is ready and will be launched in a couple of weeks’ time.

**2. Secretariat Updates**

- The HLPF activities report was published in our website and shared with membership.
- We have also published the fourth perception survey and 4-year analysis during the UNGA- unfortunately, it got lost in the high level week. PS resonated more when launched at other times that were less crowded.-
- However, we manage to make some noise via the Twitter account of together 2030.
- October’s count of membership will be shared later this week.



### 3. New co-chair discussion

- Sightsavers will not continue as co-chair but it would continue to be in the core group with Aissata's representation. A space in the co-chairmanship is available
- The CG decided that Javier from CEPEI would be an interim co-chair. while the CG initiates a much more robust process for selection
- Andrew will continue to lead for us on the coordination of HLPF review
- Aissata confirmed funds for T2030 were secured in SS budget
- WV have also confirmed budget for Together 2030 activities

### 4. Workplan for remainder of the year

- On 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary- it's going to be a whole week of activities running from 2 to 6 of December 2019
- Planned activities for Anniversary
  - Members letter
  - Special Webinar
  - Blogs
  - Campaign 'Whishes for HLPF review"
  - 2019 Activities report
  - Twitter Poll
- Upcoming workshop of the Steering Group of the MGOS-CM is being planned for late November-early December.
- One-day strategy meeting is been planned within the workshop. Two reps from Together 2030 could attend. There is funding available from a representative of a developing country.
- Those interested in attending let Arelys know, as nominations should be submitted soon.
- On HLPF reform- Andrew will continue to lead. Meeting with A4SD, TAP Network and Forus will be convened to continue to advance this joint work
- PGA has appointed the Ambassador of New Zealand to lead negotiations and consultations on the theme of HLPF for 2020
- On T30 strategy- Consultant for strategy refresh has been identified- Arelys to share information on timeline shortly.

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