



Together 2030 CORE GROUP MEETING
December 6, 2017
Minutes – Public Version

Facilitator of the month: Gomer Padong, PhilSEN (Excuses). Busani facilitated the call.

Participants: Andrew Griffiths (Sightsavers), John Patrick Ngoyi (JDPC), Busani Sibindi (Save Matabeleland) Naiara Costa & Milagros (Together 2030),

Excuses: Arellys Bellorini & Margie Simo (World Vision)

1. A review of the year: lessons learned, challenges and recommendations for Together 2030

The Core Group reviewed the work of the Initiative in 2017, main achievements and challenges. Andrew recalled that many of the workstreams proposed during the Face-to-Face meeting held in July have been showing progress and the successful work on relationship and reputation building.

For 2018, Andrew flagged the need to focus more on 1) Funding and fundraising; 2) Preparing the Initiative to be able to manage larger amounts of funds and 3) Reinforcing Governance structures. He mentioned the need for Core Group members to engage more with the monthly calls and reminded that several of the most active members of the Initiative do not serve on the Core Group.

JP reflected on the important work of T30 in pushing for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Despite all odds and the limited amount of resources, the Initiative has been able to achieve a lot and is being recognized by that in different fora and in several levels. One concern was to motivate newcomers, especially considering the lack of funding to support work at national and regional level.

Milagros highlighted the high productivity of the initiative and stressed that funding may allow for others to engage more directly with Together 2030. There is a clear need for more guidance, support and capacity building and T30 can support in this regard.

Naiara pointed out that Together 2030 is becoming a connector and a hub for stakeholders engaging on the 2030 Agenda. For this reason, there is a need to create a balance between political engagement and setting up the structures for such an approach.

Andrew and JP registered their recognition of the work of the Secretariat. JP also showed gratitude to Sightsavers and World Vision for their continued and critical financial and institutional support.

2. Review of draft 2018 Workplan and priority setting

Naiara revised the 2018 workplan, flagging priorities and key workstreams. The workplan was considered very ambitious and would be kept as a flexible tool to be subjected to regular reviews throughout the year. It collects main action ideas and potential partnerships in one place and will demand further scrutiny and guidance from the Core Group in terms of prioritization and capacity allocation.



A discussion was held about the need to set up processes to review projects and partnerships proposals presented to Together 2030. So far, decisions have been taken more informally. However, considering the increase in potential partnerships, further analysis will be needed in terms of capacities and implications for the Initiative.

Another reflection was made on the increasing demand for CSOs to engage on the SDGs and on the need to mobilize resources (financial and human) to support the necessary capacities.

Action points:

- *2018 Workplan was agreed.*
- *Secretariat to prepare a more detailed Jan-Mar action plan to be revised at the first Core Group meeting in 2018.*
- *Workplan to be revised every 4 months by the Core Group.*

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- **Global Festival of Ideas (21-23 March)** - JP suggested for Together 2030 to consider having a booth at this event. The Core Group agreed to review this at the first meeting of 2018.

Action points:

- *T30 participation at the Festival of Ideas to be reviewed at the next CG meeting.*