



**CORE GROUP MEETING**  
**January 24, 2018 – 9:00 - 10:30 am, NY time**

Minutes

**Facilitator of the month:** Gomer Padong, PhilSEN.

**Participants:** Andrew Griffiths (Sightsavers), John Patrick Ngoyi (JDPC), Arelys Bellorini and Margie Simo (World Vision), Gomer Padong (PhilSEN), Philipp Schönrock (Cepei), Naiara Costa (Together 2030),

**1. Preparing for 2018: What are the key opportunities to advance the implementation and follow up of the 2030 Agenda?**

The Group discussed key opportunities of engagement in 2018, focusing at the global and regional levels. Gomer informed that discussions have already started to prepare for the UN-ESCAP regional forum, to be held later in March. Philipp shared that the LAC Regional Sustainable Development Forum will be held in April, in Chile, and that multi-stakeholder dialogues are planned before the event.

Andrew called the attention to the need to prepare for the review of the HLPF structure (planned for 2019). Naiara revised the plans of the President of the UN General Assembly (PGA) and ECOSOC. The Group also discussed the Global Festival of Ideas, to be held in Bonn, in March.

Arelys flagged the need to connect the global compacts (migration, refugees) with the SDGs and the role Together 2030 could have in this regard. The new agendas related to development need to be linked to the SDGs.

JP shared the plans to organize a national SDG conference in Nigeria in March, to discuss the challenges of implementing the 2030 Agenda at the sub-national level.

Philipp flagged the special meeting being organized by the President of ECOSOC in March and for Together 2030 to advocate for a presence at the agenda and to prepare concrete inputs to the discussions. He also highlighted the opportunities brought by the reform of the UN Development System.

The Group also discussed the need for coherence and for a strategy on how to prioritize spaces of influence. Participation, implementation and accountability should be the main priorities.

**2. Governance Issues – Follow up from discussions conducted later in 2017**

Andrew informed that he has had conversations with Philipp and Ola and would chat with Arelys soon. Busani is also following up on conversations. Co-Chairs will share a summary of the outcomes of these conversations soon.

John Patrick requested that any pending issue on Governance to be flagged and solved soon.



Action Points:

- Andrew and Busani to update the Core Group on the outcomes of discussions with Core Group members.

**3. Review of activities planned for the first trimester**

Naiara revised draft activities planned for Jan-March 2018.

Philipp informed that Cepei would engage on the organization of webinars for Latin America and the Caribbean. They will be considering the most strategic dates.

Philipp also asked for the alliance being lead by Cepei and including WRI, UN Foundation, ODI, the German Council on Sustainability, Together 2030 and others in the workplan. This community of practice will be preparing concrete inputs on the UN reform, fit for purpose and other strategic issues. A series of meetings will be organized during the year.

Andrew updated the group on the partnership with Sightsavers in India, focusing on supporting DPOs to hold their governments accountable. This partnership will allow Together 2030 to access some funding to develop some helpful tools for civil society. An introductory webinar is being planned for March.

Gomer will discuss with colleagues the idea of organizing a webinar for Asia (in April or May).

Action Points:

- Naiara to update the Workplan accordingly to the discussions.

**4. AOB**

- Global Festival of Action – March 21-23, Bonn – The Group discussed the event and whether it would be strategic for Together 2030 to engage. If capacity and resources were identified, T30 should consider participating.
- Core Group Face-to-Face meeting – Andrew suggested for the Group to discuss opportunities for a face-to-face meeting (to be included in the agenda of the February meeting).
- Next Core Group: February 21<sup>st</sup>.