



CORE GROUP MEETING
November 15, 2017 – 9:00 - 10:30 am, NY time

Minutes – Public Version

Facilitator of the month: Busani Sibindi, Save Matabeleland - He could not facilitate due to the situation in Zimbabwe. Andrew facilitated, instead

Participants: Andrew Griffiths (Sightsavers), John Patrick Ngoyi (JDPC), Philipp Schönrock & Javier Surasky (Cepei), Margie Simo (World Vision), Naiara Costa & Milagros de Hoz (Together 2030 International Secretariat)

Excuses: Gomer Padong (PhilSEN), Arellys Bellorini (World Vision)

1) Draft 2018 Workplan Review and 2016/2017 Activities Report:

Pending comments to the activities report will be revised by the Secretariat bilaterally.

Naiara explained that the draft Workplan has been prepared based on the priorities discussed at the last meeting of the Core Group (October 2017). The Workplan should also be considered as a flexible tool, to be adapted to the Together 2030's current financial structure and political priorities. Naiara proposed to have a deadline to close the workplan and for quarterly reviews to be held during 2018 to assess progress and make necessary adjustments.

Action points:

- *Naiara will follow up bilaterally with colleagues who may have specific comments on the Activities Report.*
- *Workplan to be revised at last meeting of the T30 Core Group of 2017.*

2) Governance issues: Update from Co-Chairs

Andrew and Busani will be having bilateral conversations with Core Group members in early December and will bring updated recommendations to the first CG meeting of 2018.

JP shared his experience and insights from the multi-stakeholder partnership meeting held in Germany. He highlighted the importance of having a Core Group made of 'visionary' people that would continue over the first few years to drive the process until a more rotational structure is set up.

Action point:

- *Andrew and Busani to bring updated recommendations to the first CG meeting of 2018.*

3) Current and forthcoming work: Updates and next steps



VNR Guidelines review: Naiara updated the group on the Expert Group Meeting held in Korea, where the T30 recommendations to the VNR guidelines were shared. The new set of (updated) guidelines is expected to be presented during a retreat of VNR countries in Geneva and officially launched later in December.

Naiara and Milagros updated the CG on **Anniversary Plans**, including the special blog series, webinar, and twitter campaign. They shared activities undertaken on the **Mapping of national CSO coalitions project, the parliamentarian's Handbook, the UNGA statements report, VNR Quick Access guide (with CAFOD) and VNR report review (with CCIC and partners).**

Action points:

- Andrew to draft the letter from the Core Group to the members for T30 Anniversary
- Naiara to share the UNGA72 draft report for the Core Group to review.