



**CORE GROUP MEETING**  
**June 21 2017 – 9:00 - 10:30 am, NY time**

Minutes

Facilitator of the month: Kalisiana Buliruarua, PacificWIN Youth (Not present)

**Chair of the meeting: Andrew Griffiths**

Participants: Philipp Schönrock & Camilo Gamba (Cepei), Andrew Griffiths (Sightsavers), Arelys Bellorini & Marggie Simo (World Vision), Ola Abu Alghaib (Leonard Cheshire Disability), Busani Sibindi (Save Matabelaland), Naiara Costa and Milagros de Hoz (Together 2030 Secretariat).

**1) HLPF preparation and plans**

Naiara reviewed Together 2030's draft workplan and activities during the HLPF, and updated the Core Group on the current developments at the MGoS CM.

The group discussed the side-events application process, decisions made by DESA, and the letter spearheaded by Savio Carvalho about this issue. Additionally, Cepei and Sightsavers shared that they were looking at external venues to host the side events proposed in partnership with Together 2030.

**Action:**

- Sightsavers and Cepei to inform if side-events are confirmed.
- Naiara to keep following up with UNDESA on side-event request.
- Core Group members to keep Secretariat updated on their plans to attend (or not) the HLPF.

**2) Core Group Face-to-Face Meeting (July 16)**

The Core Group reviewed the draft Agenda proposed for the F2F and members who would be available to attend the session. Core Group members would be assigned roles for the F2F meeting.

**3) Raising the Profile of Together 2030**

Andrew brought a discussion about the profile of Together 2030 and how to raise it, especially amongst international NGOs and how to use the engagement of some active Together 2030 members in spaces like the International Civil Society Center. He proposed a discussion on the following points:

- Do we think that profile is important and what does profile bring?
- If the Group considered this as important: what strategies should be followed to increase Together 2030's profile?
- How can an increased profile supports efforts to more equitably share the burden of the provision of a collective good (as the work provided by Together 2030) between civil society (and, especially, INGOs)?



Philipp brought up the need for stronger partnerships. In order to keep the momentum and for Together 2030 to deliver clearer and more strategically organized products. The link between Together 2030 and those on the ground had to be strengthened. In this context, Andrew reminded the group of the challenge in terms of capacity and that strengthening the outreach to the national level will demand increased commitments from larger INGOs and groups.

Arelys reflected that elevating the profile of Together 2030 had different layers:

- How can members of the Core Group bring their whole organizations to support T30? How can they create **ownership** beyond the active members of the Core Group?
- How can we develop a strategy with concrete actions where Together 2030 has **multiple faces** and avoid having Together 2030 as a personality driven initiative?
- How is Together 2030 engaging at the national and regional levels? (This can go in tandem with contributing to our fundraising efforts.)

Ola commented that LCD was keen on collaborating more with the Initiative.

Andrew agreed to work on a draft discussion paper on the Together 2030 profile.

**Action:**

- Andrew to work on a draft discussion paper on Together 2030 profile for next steps of the discussion.

Philipp brought the proposal of a partnership with Cepei to work in Latin America, which was shared with the Core Group. Proposal to be revised during the F2F Meeting.