



CORE GROUP MEETING
February 1st 2017 – 9:00 - 10:30 am, NY time
Minutes

Facilitator of the month: Busani Sibindi, Save Matabelaland

Participants: Andrew Griffiths (Sightsavers); Arelys Bellorini and Marggie Simo (World Vision); Javier Surasky (Cepei); Gomer Padong (PhilSEN); Busani Sibindi and Patience Lunga (Save Matabelaland); Naiara Costa (Together 2030 Secretariat)

(1) 2017 Workplan

The Group discussed the proposed workplan for 2017, its ambitious scope and comprehensiveness. It was discussed that the participation at the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) in July should be a priority and to enhance our engagement at this space.

Governance and communicating to members about how they can best engage with the Initiative should be another priority.

Core Group Members asked for the Workplan to be translated into detailed activity plans and timeline.

Members expressed their concern about expanding the activities and working groups of the Initiative without mobilizing additional resources.

Action Points:

- Naiara to review Workplan with a focus on the timeline
- Arelys/Naiara – to work on a draft plan for the HLPF
- Gomer/Naiara – check feasibility of sending letter to all VNR countries.

(2) Governance

- *Core Group Elections: Update and next steps* – Naiara updated the Core Group on the elections process, candidates and next steps.

The Group discussed the importance of encouraging leadership within the working groups as well in order to have more active members engaging.

- *Working Groups: Leading roles, Update and next steps* – Naiara updated the Core Group on the setting up of Working Groups and on the need of having Core Group members supporting with the facilitation of the work at least until active members are identified to take up the role. The Core Group discussed that Working Groups should respond to the needs at the national levels and be spaces for interaction and exchange – or “conversation platforms” - between Together 2030 members.



(3) Face to Face meeting

- The Group agreed to move the Face-to-Face meeting to July and to do it back-to-back with the HLPF (July 16-17, weekend in between expert and ministerial segments of the HLPF). This will allow for prior interactions amongst the Core Group (founding and newly elected members) prior to the F2F and for members to mobilize the necessary resources to come to NY.

(4) AOB

- Meeting with David Nabarro (February 6) – Naiara informed that Arelys, Orsolya Bartha and herself would meet with Dr. Nabarro to introduce Together 2030 and discuss recommendations for increased participation of civil society on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and UN processes.
- Devex Article – Javier and Naiara will work on the draft Devex Article. Andrew will bring the support of the Sightsavers speechwriter.
- Webinar with UN Women and Women’s Major Group – Naiara informed that a webinar is being planned for March 1 with UN Women and the Women’s Major Group on Goal 5 and its interlinkages. This activity is included in the 2017 Workplan where it was proposed one activity per Goal under review at the HLPF this year.