



CORE GROUP MEETING
March 23 2016 – 8:30 - 10:00am, NY time
Minutes

Facilitator: Andrew Griffiths, Sightsavers

Participants: Andrew Griffiths (Sightsavers); Arelys Bellorini (World Vision); John Patrick Ngoyi (JDPC), Daniel Rodriguez (Cepei) and Naiara Costa (Together 2030 Secretariat).

Excuses: Busani Sibindi (Save Matabelaland), Gomer Padong (Philippines Social Enterprise Network).

1) Review of Action points from March 9 meeting

- Naiara informed the group that the “perception survey” on the engagement of civil society and other stakeholders at national reviews has been launched and is being disseminated.
- The Core Group reinforced the commitment to enhancing gender balance within the Together 2030 Core Group and to follow up on previous agreements.
- **ACTION: The Group agreed to set up a small group to define criteria and options for the engagement of external partners (non-civil society). Secretariat to seek volunteers via email.**

2) Draft ToRs

The Core Group discussed draft proposals for ToRs for the Core Group and the Secretariat. Some colleagues flagged the need to have more time to review the papers. The Group agreed to prioritise finalizing the ToR of the Core Group. A clause regarding the review of the ToRs will be added to allow flexibility as the work advances.

ACTION: By March 28, Members of the Core Group should provide additional comments to the draft ToR for the Core Group and flag if they consider the need to extend deadlines for review. April 20: proposed deadline to close the ToRs of the Core Group and Secretariat.

3) Next Webinars

The Group discussed the outcomes of the first webinar held in Spanish (organized on March 22) and the good level of participation (30 participants) from Latin America.

It was agreed that the 3rd Implementation Series webinar would be hosted in partnership with the TAP Network and focus on the next steps on the follow up and review processes. **ACTION: Secretariat to follow up with members of the Core Group on their participation at the webinar.**

For May, the Core Group agreed to host a webinar on the role of Parliamentarians in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and to try to get Parliamentarians from several regions. **ACTION: Secretariat to start planning via email.**

4) Regional and National Structures

The paper prepared by the Regional and National Structures Task Force was shared with the Group for review and the Group reflected on the importance of reviewing the recommendations and start working on the proposals for national and regional structures of the Initiative.

The Group discussed the need to consider different approaches and structures for different regions and countries, including the identification of structures that could be strengthened by a partnership with Together 2030. Members also highlighted the concern about the capacity of the Initiative and on setting up sustainable structures.



The Group discussed setting up a meeting with the African CSO Working Group. **ACTION: Busani to follow up.**

ACTION: Core Group to set up small group to discuss principles, criteria and process for setting up structures at the national and regional levels.

5) Supporting Beyond 2015 legacy

- MoU between Beyond 2015 and Together 2030 - The Group discussed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Beyond 2015 and Together 2030 specifying the role of Together 2030 as custodian of the legacy of Beyond 2015 (mainly website, files archive and databank). **ACTION: Secretariat to share draft ToR with Core Group. Comments by March 24.**
- Multi-regional event in partnership with Beyond 2015, ODI, Cepei, Together 2030 – The Core Group agreed to partner in this event, expected to happen simultaneously in the UK, Colombia, NY and Nairobi. Additional information to be shared with the Core Group as planning advances.

6) AOB:

- **Protocols for documents** – The Group agreed on the need to set up specific protocols for drafting and signing of documents and position papers on behalf of Together 2030. **ACTION: Secretariat to draft paper and share with Core Group for comments/review.**
- **Maternity cover** – The Group agreed on the need to interview a person to work for the Secretariat and cover for maternity leave. Members of the Core Group and Secretariat to participate in the interview. **ACTION: Arelys to set up interview.**
- **Next meeting:** April 6. **ACTION: Secretariat to request volunteer to facilitate via email.**