



## Together 2030 Core Group Elections 2016/2017

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### Background:

Together 2030 was set up in December 2015 as a self-organized civil society initiative to promote national implementation and track progress of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Together 2030 was started by a small but diverse group of organizations which have a long experience working on the advocacy around the definition of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs and also share a strong commitment towards open, creative and coordinated spaces where civil society actors can join forces towards action.

Those organizations comprise the “Core Group” of founders, which currently lead the development and guide the Initiative. The Core Group of Together 2030 is the main decision-making body of the Initiative.

Together 2030 was founded by the organisations who make up the “Core Group”, comprised by: CEPEI (Colombia); Justice, Development and Peace Commission – JDPC Ijebu-Ode (Nigeria); Philippine Social Enterprise Network (Philippines); Save Matabeleland (Zimbabwe); Sightsavers (Global) and World Vision (Global).

The Foundational Core Group has been responsible for setting up Together 2030 as a global initiative and to organise the basis for a transparent and inclusive governance structure.

The foundational Core Group prioritises the sustainability of decision-making and the continuity of the work of Together 2030 as well as a diverse and participatory engagement of Members on governance structures. For this reason, the foundational Core Group decided to expand the number of organizations serving in the Group and to hold elections for **three additional seats**. The objective is to strengthen the Group without jeopardizing decision-making capacity and institutional memory.

### *Current Status of the Together 2030 Core Group (on December 2016):*

Total Number of Members: 6

Female representatives: 1

Male representatives: 5

Southern based representatives: 4 (2 in Africa, 1 in Asia and 1 in Latin America)

Northern based representatives: 2 (1 in Europe and 1 in North America)

## Core Group Elections

- Together 2030 will hold elections to appoint **three new members** to its Core Group. After the elections, the total number of Core Group members will be **nine**, including the **six representatives** of founding organizations and the **three newly elected members**.
- The Core Group Terms of Reference are available [here](#).
- At least **two seats** will be allocated for **female leaders**.
- Selection of the new members of the Core Group will be determined primarily by the **number of votes** from an open process followed by a weighted system to promote balance and diversity within the Group. A balance between Northern and Southern representation will be sought. Representatives from under-represented regions and from under-represented sectors in the current Core Group will get a premium. The process will be facilitated by the Together 2030 International Secretariat with guidance from the Interim Co-Chairs (Andrew Griffiths and Busani Sibindi).

Elected members will be defined based on a **weighted system** considering:

- Gender equality
  - Number of votes
  - Northern/Southern balance
  - Regional Diversity
- The Foundational Core Group, through the International Secretariat, will issue a call for self-nominations for representatives of member organizations to serve on the Together 2030 Core Group.
  - Candidates should be nominated by their organizations and will be asked to provide detailed descriptions of the nature of their organization's work and their motivation in becoming part of the Together 2030 Core Group.
  - Candidates will confirm their understanding that this is not a paid position.
  - Only Together 2030 **publicly open members** by the date the nomination process is announced will be able to nominate themselves for the Core Group elections.
  - The International Secretariat will bring any potential eligibility issue to the attention of the Interim Co-Chairs for a decision.
  - The nomination process will be open for a minimum period of three weeks and at least three emails will be released on the matter.
  - Once the nomination process is concluded, the International Secretariat will review nominations, check for eligibility and completeness of information and prepare a ballot for voting.
  - A webinar will be set up for candidates to share their views and perspectives with the membership prior to the finalization of the voting.



- The International Secretariat will release the instructions for Members to vote. Voting will be open for a minimum period of two weeks and at least three emails will be shared on the matter.
- Each organization will be allowed to submit **one ballot** in the voting process, voting for **three candidates**. If the organization has more than one person registered in the Together 2030 mailing list, the first member to vote will be the one considered.
- The Co-Chairs and the International Secretariat will **review the votes and apply the weighted system** to define the elected members.
- The International Secretariat will **release a communication** to the whole membership presenting the final results.

### Eligibility criteria for Core Group Members Nominations

To be considered eligible to become a Member of the Together 2030 Core Group, candidates will need to show that they fulfill the criteria below:

- Represent or be mandated by a CSO member of Together 2030. The Organization must be a **public member** of Together 2030 and fully respect its principles. (Check the public list of members [here](#) – As of December 7 2016)
- Be committed to open, inclusive and participatory ways of working that demonstrates respect, tolerance and support for others.
- Have the ability to engage with other Core Group members in democratic decision-making, and are able to deal with majority positions and respect minority opinions.
- Demonstrate knowledge of global development issues, and experience in national and international arenas, ideally including at the UN.
- Be skilled in strategic decision-making and have a high level of political insight on the 2030 Agenda.
- Have demonstrable leadership abilities, and a proven track record in participating in inclusive multi-actor negotiation processes.
- Have capacity to create linkages involving growing and widening constituencies, engaging them for better ownership of and participation
- Be willing and able to give the time required to ensure the functioning of the Core Group.
- Must be fluent in English. Working knowledge of French and/or Spanish is also desirable.

### REVISED! Timeline

- **December 8 2016** - Open call to Members inviting candidate nominations to join the Together 2030 Core Group. (DONE)
- **January 12 2017** - Deadline for expressions of interest (DONE)
- **Week of January 16 2017** - Review and shortlisting by Together 2030 International Secretariat. (DONE)

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- **February 2nd 2017 (9am NY time)** - Candidates are invited to participate in a webinar where they will have the opportunity to highlight why they should be on the Together 2030 Core Group and members of the Initiative will be allowed to pose questions to candidates.
- **Week of February 3<sup>rd</sup> to February 17** - Members of the Initiative are asked to vote electronically on the candidates.
- **Week of February 20** - International Secretariat to review the results and confirm elected members.
- **Week of February 27** - Announcement of new members of the Together 2030 Core Group.
- **Week of March 8** - First meeting of the Together 2030 Expanded Core Group