



CORE GROUP MEETING
April 6 2016 – 8:30 - 10:00am, NY time
Minutes

Facilitator: Philipp Schönrock (Cepei)

Participants: Philipp Schönrock, Daniel Rodriguez (Cepei), Arelys Bellorini (World Vision), Andrew Griffiths (Sightsavers), John Patrick Ngoyi (JDPC), Busani Sibindi (Save Matabelaland) and Naiara Costa (Together 2030 Secretariat).

1) Review of Action points from March 23 meeting (Attached)

Follow up actions from that meeting:

- *Draft ToR for Core Group* – The Group discussed the current draft of the Core Group ToR. Discussion related to the decision-making on the allocation of funds – to be determined by the Core Group and also on the need for the fiscal agent to have a relationship established with the Core Group to be able to make sure that budgets are aligned with due diligence and agreements with donors. The Group also agreed on the importance of setting up proper strategies for the allocation of budget and accountability and to avoid establishing procedures that would entail over-consultation regarding all expenses.

The Group also requested for more flexibility in the working methods, to accommodate those with the schedules of members of the Group. It was agreed that by-monthly conference calls would be kept during the roll out of Together 2030 and that the frequency of meetings would be revisited after that.

ACTION: Secretariat to share a revised version of the ToR including comments from today’s meeting. Deadline for comments/inputs April 7 (COB) and to close the document by April 8.

- *Setting up small group to propose criteria and process for engagement with external partners – Call for volunteers and propose deadlines.* **ACTION: Cepei agreed to draft a proposal on this. Deadline to be established.**

- *Setting up small group to work on proposals/criteria/processes for setting up national and regional structures for Together 2030.* **ACTION: JP volunteered to support. Secretariat to check with Gomer if available to support. Deadline to be established.**

The Core Group also discussed the importance of setting up structures at the national and regional level and to have a common proposal for Together 2030 on how it will be organized at the different levels and how those levels will be interlinked. Also important for the Core Group to have same approach and “talking points” whenever speaking on behalf of Together 2030.

A general power point is available as well as documents related to strategic positioning of the Core Group.

- *Protocols for developing and signing of documents and positions on behalf of Together 2030* – Draft document was submitted for the review of the Core Group. **ACTION: Core Group members to review draft protocol by April 8. Secretariat to add a note informing that the document could be reviewed as the Initiative evolves, to allow for flexibility and adaptation.**

2) Next Steps on the Perception Survey



Collection of data for the Together 2030 perception survey about engagement of stakeholders on national reviews extended until **April 11**. **ACTION: Secretariat to draft report of the Survey and request support from members of the Core Group if needed.**

3) Meeting with the African CSO Working Group – April 7, 9am NY time

Busani updated the group about the meeting with representatives of the African CSO Working Group, scheduled for April 7. Meeting to be an informal brainstorming about potential collaboration and partnership between the two groups, sharing perspectives and ideas for joint action. Together 2030 would focus on discussing what type of added value it could bring to the work carried out by the African CSO WG in the region.

Members of the Core Group invited to participate. **ACTION: Secretariat to share summary of discussions with the Core Group.**

4) Preparing for the HLPF – Side-Events

The Group agreed to submit a request for a side-event at the HLPF. **ACTION: Secretariat to draft concept note. Busani to support with information from accredited organization. Members of the Core Group to support in the mobilization of Member States to co-host.**

5) AOB

- a. *Feedback on April 5 webinar* – The Group registered its appreciation for the successful Implementation Webinar held on April 5.
- b. *April 13 Inter-regional event* – Secretariat informed that inter-regional event on April 13 was postponed. New date to be informed as soon as defined.
- c. *Next Webinar – May 2016* – The role of Parliamentarians in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda – **ACTION: Secretariat to draft concept note.**
- d. *Update on Indicators Process* – Arelys shared some inputs from the IAEG meeting held in Mexico in the previous week. Very active group of CSOs participated and several opportunities to contribute to the discussions were set. No concrete outcomes were agreed during the meeting. Next steps relate to how indicators will be tiered and implications for the categories they fall on. There were no changes in indicators during the meeting. IAEG was invited to “refine” some indicators but this is also a matter of controversy among Member States.
- e. *Next Meeting of the Group: May 4th*. April 20 meeting canceled.
- f. *Volunteers to facilitate Core Group meetings* – **ACTION: Secretariat to draft proposal for facilitators of 2016 meetings.**
- g. *Update of the name of the Global Processes Working Group* – Group discussed the need to review the names of this Working Group to reflect its major role on advocacy. **ACTION: Arelys and Secretariat to follow up.**