



CORE GROUP MEETING
February 10 2016 – 8:30 - 10:00am, NY time
MINUTES

Facilitator: Busani Sibindi (Save Matabelaland)

Participants: Busani Sibindi (Save Matabelaland), Gomer Padong (Philippines Social Enterprise Network), Priscilla Miranda (CEPEI), Arellys Bellorini (World Vision) JP Ngoyi (JDPC), Philipp Schönrock and Javier Surasky (CEPEI), Naiara Costa (Together 2030 Secretariat),

Excuses: Andrew Griffiths, Sightsavers

1) Review of Action points from February 10 meeting

The Group revised the minutes from the previous meeting.

ACTION: Andrew/Naiara to advance work on fundraising proposal and share with Core Group for review. Andrew to share update about “fiscal agent” with the Group.

2) Review of next events and webinars

The Group revised the plans for next webinars and priority events:

- [Information sharing]: *February 19, 2nd Introductory Webinar*: 29 participants, followed by very interactive discussions. The Group discussed the need for members of the Core Group to take a more proactive and leadership role in those webinars. The language barrier was flagged as well as the need to promote webinars in Spanish and French.
The Core Group also discussed the need for members of the Core Group to lead on specific issues in their engagement with the membership.
ACTION: Members of the Core Group to inform the Secretariat in advance when they are planning to attend webinars so they can commit to specific roles.
- *February 25 – 2nd “Implementation Series” Webinar - Measuring the ambition: setting up the SDG Indicators* – Organized in partnership with the CSO Indicators Task Force. Javier, Arellys and Andrew have confirmed participation. John Patrick would try to join.
Philipp informed that Cepei is a partner in the organization of an event with statistical commissions from several countries on March 4-5 in New York.
- *Co-hosting event during the UN Statistical Commission* – Arellys updated the Core Group about the idea of having Together 2030 as a partner in a side-event during the UN Statistical Commission Session (8-11 March, New York) and the proposal was for postponing it considering the revised report of the IAEG (recently published). She is in discussions with some partners about the idea of organizing a broader event in April more geared towards implementation (probably at the margins of the PGA High level event on April 21). The Core Group was unanimous in supporting the engagement of Together 2030 in this event.
- *Meeting on Coordination across civil society on the Sustainable Development Agenda (Istanbul, 7-8 March), organized by Civicus* – Javier Surasky, from Cepei will be attending the event and will make a



presentation about Together 2030. The Core Group agreed for participation in this event to be focused only on listening and learning from other platforms and groups and to share the work of Together 2030. It was reinforced that Together 2030 aims at maximizing the different self-organization formats of civil society and its plurality, as this will be needed for a dynamic national implementation.

ACTION: Javier to share the agenda with the Core Group prior to the meeting and also report back after the event.

- *PGA High Level event on SDG Implementation (April 21)* – Busani has agreed to apply as a speaker on behalf of Together 2030. **ACTION: Busani to apply for a speaking role accordingly to the deadline.**
- *Next Webinars: March 17 (Introductory) and March 31st (Implementation Series)* – The Group discussed the need to organize webinars in other languages. Cepei is coordinating the organization of a webinar in Spanish (planned for March 15) and will disseminate it broadly within networks in LAC. John Patrick willing to organize a webinar in French – Secretariat to follow up.
ACTION: Secretariat to share more information about those webinars. Cepei to keep Core Group updated on Spanish Webinar. Naiara to follow up with John Patrick about the organization of a webinar in French.
- 3) **Comparative Advantages Position** – The Group discussed the review of a paper emphasizing the comparative advantages of Together 2030. Draft to be revised by March 2nd.
ACTION: Members of the Core Group to review and add comments to draft paper.
- 4) **Enhancing gender balance in the Together 2030 Core Group** – The Group advanced the discussions about the need to enhance gender balance in the Core Group. A deadline of March 2nd was established for comments/recommendations.
ACTION: Members of the Core Group to review and add recommendations to draft paper.
- 5) **Draft Communication Strategy**
Gomer informed that he was going to review the draft communication strategy paper, incorporating elements of the “comparative advantages” paper and would set up a google doc for comments by members of the Core Group. Javier recommended that regional institutions (not only UN) should be included as target audiences.
ACTION: Gomer to set up google doc and deadline for comments.
- 6) **Review of Action points from F2F Meeting and priorities**
Considering the time constraints, the Group focused the discussion on the need to define concrete actions to be held in preparation to and during the HLPF.
ACTION: Secretariat to set up an email chain to collect views/ideas.
- 7) **AOB**
 - *Draft ToRs (Core Group and Secretariat)* – Following up on decisions taken during the F2F meeting, the Secretariat has drafted proposals for the ToRs of the Core Group and the Secretariat. The Core Group discussed the need to carefully review the text, although avoiding been entangled in long discussions

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on the matter and also for the text to maintain the necessary flexibility to adapt the ToRs to the advancement of the Initiative.

ACTION: Secretariat to set up Google Docs to collect inputs from members of the Core Group. Initial review to be held by March 9. Group to have a detailed discussion about ToRs during the March 9 meeting.

- *Update on Task Forces/Working Group* – Naiara updated the Core Group on the work of the Task Forces and Working Group – all currently operational and undertaking remote joint work. Members of the Core Group are represented in all structures. The Core Group agreed to take a stronger leadership and ownership role with the Task Forces/Working Group, including in facilitating the work.
ACTION: Secretariat to follow up directly with the Member of Core Group engaging on specific Task Force/Working Group to discuss next steps.
- *Volunteer intern* – The Core Group agreed for the Secretariat to pursue the idea of trying to recruit a volunteer intern to support with the work as long as there are no financial implications. **ACTION: Secretariat to follow up.**
- *Next meetings of the Core Group: March 9th* – **ACTION: Secretariat to follow up and identify a member of the Core Group to facilitate the call.**