



**CORE GROUP MEETING**  
**June 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 – 8:30 - 10:00am, NY time**  
**NOTES**

Facilitator: Arelys Bellorini, World Vision (Facilitator of June 2016)

Participants: Arelys, Marggie, Busani, Daniel, Andrew, Naiara, Gomer

Marggie will start next week (June 6).

**1) Review of Action points from May 18 meeting (Attached)**

- *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.*

ACTION: Ask Cepei if they will continue to engage on this or if we should find another volunteer.

- *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 group discussed the need of prioritizing this task. Need action from the volunteers and very soon. Need criteria and processes before starting to engage with colleagues at the national level. Also, need to focus on the national level. Regional level is advancing. Propose that this is discussed during the face-to-face in July but some preparation is needed before the meeting.

**ACTION: Marggie to follow up with JP and Gomer to prepare a draft paper to be discussed during the F2G meeting.**

*From Funding and Fundraising:*

**ACTION:**

- **Members of the Core Group to review draft funding proposal and add comments/recommendations.** – Message was sent to the Core Group.

**ACTION: Comments by June 10 to fundraising proposal and logframe.**

- **If a Face-to-Face meeting is organized in July, allocate specific time in the agenda to discuss funding and fundraising, including strategies to approach potential donors.**
- **Andrew to start drafting paper (ToR) for the roles and responsibilities of the fiscal agent.**
- **Marggie to prioritize following up on action points related to funding and fundraising.**



## 2) HLPF Strategy (attached)

- a. Side-Event – Update and next steps – Together 2030 submitted the request for the side event yesterday to UN DESA. Next step is for us to wait for UN DESA to confirm the room. Then start planning the side-event.

### **ACTION: Need to follow up with a letter to the Missions in NY**

- b. Mapping of civil society participation on follow up and review (Andrew)
  - The group agreed to the case study template. JP and Busani are reaching out to colleagues in Africa. Gomer is getting a case study from the Philippines and potentially from another Asian country and possibly from the Pacific. Andrew has reached out to Norway and the UK and will reach to Germany. Busani – Zimbabwe will provide one and another country from Southern Africa. Cepei will provide Mexico and Colombia.
  - Sightsavers will do first analysis.
  - Need to make a differentiation between volunteers and non-volunteer countries. Need to flag that in the reports.
- c. Face-to-Face meeting – Discuss possibility of organizing a F2F meeting of the Core Group at the margins of the HLPF
- d. Other activities
  - Other event that we are invited to attend – Opportunities for Together 2030 to engage. Good for the visibility of the Initiative.
  - List of potential activities – on the draft strategy.
  - Also need to discuss how to engage on the negotiations of the HLPF Ministerial Declaration – to be discussed once there is movement around this.

## 3) AOB

- a. SDG Watch – Arelys – A panel will be organized. Arelys will be sending info to the Core Group.
- b. European Development Days – Proposed side-event with IASS (June 16, Brussels) – Update – Andrew – will keep the Group updated.
- c. IASS invitation – Co-Hosting High-Level Event on “Thematic Reviews for an Integrated Follow-Up & Review of the 2030 Agenda” (July 7-8) – update from Naiara. Arelys/Marggie to follow up.
- d. Intergovernmental negotiations on follow up and review – Naiara – following up. Arelys – negotiations have to be closed by next week.
- e. Transform Together Initiative (Andrew) we’ll be catching up in a couple of weeks’ time and will update the Group.
- f. Arelys – Replicating the Parliamentarian webinar in Spanish –Will check with Philipp for a representative from South America.

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- g.** Arelys – Meeting last week in Mexico – Regional Meeting of ECLAC. At that meeting they finally convened the Sustainable Development Forum after 2 years. It was a very good outcome. There is a timeline for the Forum to be working. Want to discuss a Webinar hosted by Together 2030 to brief LAC orgs on what happened in the forum – a briefing to those organisations, promoting participation and greater engagement. The Regional agenda is now opening to civil society and we need to use this opportunity.
- h.** Next Meeting: **June 15<sup>th</sup>** (Facilitator of the month: Arelys)