Together 2030 - Second Introductory Webinar
February 19th 2016 – 9am – 10:00am (NY time)

Number of Participants: 29
Theme: Introducing Together 2030 – Let’s build our initiative!

Link to the recording of the webinar:
https://sapd.webex.com/sapd/lsr.php?RCID=80b0416fb47fd5e23d2ef994521ea68c

Background:
The “Introductory webinars” are an opportunity to share and discuss ideas, structures and plans related to Together 2030 as well as to discuss action proposals and agree on next steps for the Initiative. The webinars focus on sharing information and activities proposals as well as to hear from members on their views and recommendations for Together 2030.

Notes
Facilitator: Arelys Bellorini, United Nations Representative, Child Rights & Sustainable Development, World Vision and Member of the Core Group of Together 2030.

Welcome and review of the Agenda
Arelys Bellorini welcomed participants and reviewed the agenda. This was the second “Introductory Webinar” organized by Together 2030 with the aim of sharing information about the initiative. Arelys informed that the recording and notes of previous webinars were posted online.

What is Together 2030? What brings us together?
Power Point Presentation (available at the website) by Gomer Padong, Philippines Social Enterprise Network and member of the Together 2030 Core Group.

Focusing on Action – Proposal of initial activities and next steps
Naiara Costa, Together 2030 Secretariat – follow up from power point presentation (available at the website)

Discussion and recommendations for Together 2030
Participants engaged on a lively debate and shared several ideas/recommendations for Together 2030.

Summary of comments:
• Questions about the connections between Together 2030 and Beyond 2015..
• Questions about how to submit blogs for Together 2030
• Congratulations that we were not losing the energy set up at Beyond 2015 and were already engaging on concrete action.
• Proposal to create a “Research Group” within Together 2030 to discuss/work on research-related issues, for instance: “who are those left behind”.
• If Together 2030 would set up priorities for engagement in terms of specific SDGs.
• The need for webinars and documents in other languages, especially French and Spanish.
Comments from Members of the Core Group and Secretariat:

- Beyond 2015 is closing by March 31 and all of the organizations on the Core Group have been very active in the Beyond 2015 Campaign. Those organizations have engaged concretely in several key definitions of Beyond 2015 and have engaged in Task Forces and Working Groups, including the “Policy to Action” project. Organizations in the Core Group all shared the concern about the closure of Beyond 2015 and engaged on the discussions about what a new Initiative would look like. The name “Together 2030” came from this spirit of “togetherness” that is needed for implementation and on the need to be flexible and to adapt to the changes. Together 2030 counts on the full support of Beyond 2015 Executive Committee although the campaign is not morphing into Together 2030. Together 2030 comes from the spirit, lessons learned and good practices of joint advocacy carried on by Beyond 2015.

- Members of the Initiative may submit posts for the Together 2030 blog (around 200 -250 words are usually the standard for blogs). Those should be submitted to the Together 2030 Secretariat (naiara.costa@together2030.org) with the name, position, contacts and a picture of authors. Links to documents/references should also be included.

- Together 2030 will be setting up structures based on the needs and demands of the membership.

- Together 2030 will concentrate on the big picture of the implementation and accountability of Agenda 2030. Thematic spaces may be set but the idea is not to prioritize specific goals. The Global South is already playing a big role at Together 2030, we are aiming to have “regional analysts” in the regions, to be able to have a clear perspective of what is happening in the regions and how implementation is happening and how stakeholders are engaging.

Wrap up and next steps – Naiara Costa, Together 2030 Secretariat

- Notes of the call, recording and power point to be made available at the Together 2030 website.
- Efforts will be made to organize webinars in Spanish and French – depending on capacity.
- Next implementation webinar: February 25 (Indicators) in partnership with the CSO Indicators TF.
- Next Introductory webinar to be held in March.
- Blog – Members invited to draft and share posts (English, Spanish, French, Portuguese).
- Colleagues invited to follow us/tag us on Twitter: @Together_2030.
- Website: www.together2030.org is now online!