



**Together 2030 - First Introductory Webinar  
January 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 – 9am – 10:00am (NY time)**

Number of Participants: **74**

Theme: **Introducing Together 2030 – Let’s build our initiative!**

**NOTES**

*Welcome and review of the Agenda*

Naiara Costa, Together 2030 Secretariat, welcomed participants and reviewed the agenda.

Note: Due to connection issues Busani Sibindi (Save Matabelaland, Zimbabwe) were unable to facilitate the call.

*What is Together 2030? What brings us together?*

Power Point Presentation (Attached) shared by members of Together 2030 Core Group: Andrew Griffiths (Sightsavers), Arellys Bellorini (World Vision) and John Patrick Ngoyi (JDPC)

Additional comments:

- Member of Together 2030 by January 11 2016: 239.
- Together 2030 does not intent to try to solve all civil society problems or respond to all challenges related to Agenda 2030 but to mobilize forces towards concrete actions that promote the implementation and accountability of Agenda 2030 and the SDGs.
- The need for a lot of creativity in the ways of work and engagement to address the complexity of Agenda 2030 at all levels.
- The space for civil society engagement has been granted in the outcome document of Agenda 2030. Now is the time to use this incredible opportunity and jointly push implementation.

*Focusing on Action – Proposal of initial activities and next steps*

Philipp Schönrock (CEPEI) shared some ideas on the next steps regarding activities, including:

- **Webinars** – A series of Webinars are being planned to introduce the initiative and also to promote more technical and political discussions amongst its members. **Next webinar: January 20: Implementation Series.**
- **Together 2030 Principles:** A Task Force will be set to work on the core principles for the work of the initiative. **Information to be shared by email soon!**
- **Together 2030 Blog:** space created for members of Together 2030 to share their perspectives on the implementation and accountability of Agenda 2030. **All are invited to submit blog posts!**
- **Setting up the structures** – The core group of founding organizations will be promoting discussions and proposals regarding the setting up of structures within Together 2030.

*Current structure and governance*

Gomer Padong (Philippines Social Enterprise Network) explained that Together 2030 will be part of the diverse civil society response to the 2030 Agenda and aims to collaborate with the broad and diverse “ecosystem” of initiatives, platforms and partnerships that may be established in following up on the ambitious Agenda 2030. Governance and working structures will be set up as the initiative develops but this process will be balanced with a strong focus on action and joint work.

*Discussion and recommendations for Together 2030*



Several colleagues congratulated and expressed their excitement about working together in this new initiative.

Points/Questions/Recommendations raised by participants:

- Will Together 2030 also work on the monitoring, follow up and review process related to Agenda 2030?
- Engagement with the SDG Watch initiative, which will be focusing more on the EU – Keeping consistency.
- Are Together 2030 Specific Objectives set on stone or still open for discussion?
- Together 2030 should consider working on issues related to cast based discrimination.
- What type of relationship/bridges will Together 2030 have with other existing platforms and social movements? Important to keep the linkages and support each other.
- Can Members of the initiative use the name “Together 2030” name?
- Will there be regional and national structures established?
- What type of engagement will there be towards the 2016 Session of the High Level Political Forum (HLPF)

Feedback from Members of the Core Group:

- Expressed gratitude to all for the comments/questions/recommendations.
- One of the principles that we want to protect is to avoid taking over from others that are already doing a coordinated work. An example is the Indicators Task Force, which is already coordinating work around the indicators process at the global level.
- Next step on indicators will be to work with countries on how they will be integrating the global indicators in their national monitoring systems. An opportunity to set up concrete activities for Together 2030.
- Regional Coordination – Important experience from Beyond 2015 that should be improved and further developed. Invited thoughts and ideas on how to establish those structures.
- Funding – An important element for the work since Together 2030 and its members will need to work in mobilizing the necessary funds to support its activities.
- Global Architecture – Important elements to consider/engage: Follow up and Review system, HLPF session, UN fit for purpose discussions, finalization of the indicators process and how to make sure that the appropriate linkages with the national level are kept.
- Clarification that Together 2030 is an open platform to civil society around the world. Specific objectives are indicative and colleagues are encouraged to bring ideas and proposals on what should constitute the building blocks of Together 2030.

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

- Notes of the call, recording and power point to be made available to members of Together 2030.
- Efforts will be made to translate ppt into Spanish and French (depending on capacity).
- Colleagues invited to attend and contribute to the Webinars.
- Task Force to draft the principles of Together 2030 will be set up soon.
- Blog – Members invited to draft and share posts (English, Spanish, French, Portuguese).
- Task Force to work around the HLPF to be set up – information to be shared by email.
- Colleagues invited to follow us/tag us on Twitter: @Together\_2030.
- Web-site: [www.together2030.org](http://www.together2030.org) is now online!