



CORE GROUP MEETING
August 16 2017 – 9:00 - 10:30 am, NY time

Minutes

Facilitator of the month: Ola Abu Alghaib, Leonard Cheshire Disability (not present)

Chair of the meeting: Naiara Costa

Participants: Arellys Bellorini & Margie Simo (World Vision); Nalini Vaz (Sightsavers), Gomer Padong (PhilSEN); Javier Surasky (Cepei); Naiara Costa & Milagros de Hoz (Together 2030 International Secretariat)

Excuses: Andrew Griffiths, Sightsavers

(1) Reflections from the HLPF

Naiara provided an overview of the discussions held during the T30 Core Group Face-to-Face meeting (July 16) and highlighted the main follow up actions.

Javier proposed to map the expertise within Together 2030 members. This would facilitate peer-learning and the formation of partnerships. Gomer asked about discussions regarding the engagement with existing regional groups. He flagged the work on regional indicators, currently being undertaken. This has not been discussed during the F2F meeting but was a pending theme on governance.

Javier mentioned how Cepei is strengthening its relationship with ECLAC and on the LAC Sustainable Development Forum. He highlighted the importance of civil society meaningful participation in Regional Economic fora and Commissions.

(2) Review of 2017 Workplan implementation and planning for 2nd Semester

Naiara walked the group through the draft Workplan for the second semester of 2017, including rationale for activities, potential and confirmed partnerships and next steps.

Regarding the UNGA 72, the Secretariat will set up a mailing list to connect Together 2030 members. If there is quorum, they will seek to set up a meeting at the margins.

A proposal to coordinate a collective review of the VNR guidelines has been presented. The Secretariat will be following up with the Together 2030 members.

Naiara informed the group that she would soon start planning the activities for the Together 2030 second Anniversary. She stressed the need to define a theme for the celebration, and suggested



something along the lines of “Accelerating the pace of implementation of the Agenda 2030”. The group then brainstormed possible topics for upcoming webinars:

- Means of implementation and financing (Naiara)
- Environmental issues -before UNEA Nairobi meetings (Gomer)

Action points:

- Secretariat to set up mailing list for UNGA 72
- Secretariat to open consultations to collect inputs on the VNRs guidelines.
- Secretariat to share workplan and activities plan with Core group for review/comments.

(3) Governance Issues – Follow up and next steps

Naiara shared with the Core Group a list of pending governance issues. Arelys suggested to post all the governance issues in a Google doc to allow Core Group members to comment/reflect. Only outstanding issues will be brought to Core Group meetings.

Action Points:

- Secretariat to set a Google doc and a deadline for Core Group members to comment. Comments will be reviewed and outstanding issues will be brought to the attention of the whole group.

(4) AOB

- Core Group agreed to move the next meeting to **September 13**.

Action points:

- Naiara to send updated invitation.