



CORE GROUP MEETING
August 31, 2016
Minutes

Facilitator: Gomer Padong

Participants: Arelys Bellorini (World Vision), Andrew Griffiths (Sightsavers), Gomer Padong (PhilSen), Daniel Rodriguez (Cepei), Naiara Costa and Marggie Simo (Together 2030 Secretariat).

Summary

Highlights:

- Cancellation of side-event proposed for the UNGA
- Agreed for the Secretariat to prepare a report of UNGA statement focusing on commitments towards implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- A package of suggested tweets to be drafted and shared with membership during the UNGA.
- Set up meeting to discuss governance options paper.

Action Points:

- Naiara to inform missions about postponement of the side-event
- Naiara to prepare a report with an analysis of statements delivered during the UNGA and references to the 2030 Agenda.
- Naiara to prepare tweets to be shared with Membership as social media engagement during the UNGA.
- Naiara to send reminders to the Membership about the governance survey.
- Naiara to set up meeting on September 16 for Leo to present the governance options paper.
- Naiara to send reminders to the Membership about the governance survey.
- Naiara to add “proposal for DATA for SDGs” to next agenda.
- Javier to collect inputs from Core Group and submit contribution to OECD consultation by Sept 9
- Naiara to resend google doc with concept note for comments – Deadline: September 13. Arelys to lead on next steps.
- Naiara to add A4SD to the next agenda.
- Andrew to invite Sally Nichols (WWF) for next meeting.

1) UPDATE UNGA

- A. Update on Side event – Missions, speakers
- B. Discuss T2030 UNGA messaging
- C. Discuss other activities T2030 will engage at the UNGA

Marggie updated the group on efforts undertaken to organize a side-event during the UNGA. Several Missions were approached with positive responses from a few. She reached out to several venues but none was available for that week.



The Secretariat made it clear that she had no capacity to undertake this event given that Naiara was just returning to work and the event was scheduled for three weeks hence. Furthermore, there are a set of other items to which the Group needs to give priority to. In light of this, the Group discussed these capacity concerns, the amount of energy and support that would be needed/available to organize an event at the GA with such a strict timeline. The Group was asked if there was a member available to undertake responsibility for this event. At this point, some members of the Group expressed concerns that this was discussed at this advanced stage of preparations given that an outreach had been made to key external stakeholders. Preparations for this event had started early enough and had been in the Groups meetings' agenda a number of times. The Group agreed to cancel the side-event and seek other opportunities at the global level. All agreed that this was a belated discussions and that capacity should best be assessed a prior to moving forward on an engagement plan, activities and initiating contacts with external partners and that this type of situation needs to be avoided in the future.

It was agreed that the Secretariat will develop an analysis of statements delivered during the UNGA and references to the 2030 Agenda to be shared with Together 2030 membership. Twitter messages will also be prepared for social media engagement.

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2) Governance

A. Governance Consultancy Update

Andrew updated the Group on the status of the options paper being drafted by Leo Williams. Leo has undertaken a series of interviews with all members of the Core Group, Secretariat and others as well as a broad literature review. The Survey monkey was shared with the Membership and deadline for responses is September 12. Naiara to send reminders to the membership.

Draft "options paper" will be shared with the Core Group by September 9. Core Group to meet on September 16 for the presentation of the results.

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3) Spill over pending Action Points

Recap of Action Points being carried from previous calls and proposed way forward



- Inform the CG how much budget is left- Arelys and Andrew confirmed that there are resources available to cover core expenses until December 2016. Arelys and Andrew to have a separate conversation on this issue to be able to provide more details to the Core Group. The Group also discussed the need to set up a strategy to reach out to INGOs members of T2030 for resources.
- Forward proposal for DATA for SDGs – This item was not discussed at this meeting.
- Follow up with WV colleagues on fundraising mapping and share updates with CG – Arelys will reach out to her colleagues regarding the fundraising mapping consultancy and will update the Group accordingly.
- Draft an opinion for the OCDE consultation process and share with CG for feedback- Javier has drafted a proposal to be reviewed by the Core Group. Naiara to share the document for comments – deadline September 6. Submission to be done by September 9.

Action Points:

- Naiara to send reminders to the Membership about the governance survey.
- Andrew/Arelys to set up separate meeting to review available resources.
- Andrew to provide additional information on the process for Sightsavers to become the fiscal agent.
- Naiara to add “proposal for DATA for SDGs” to next agenda.
- Arelys to follow up with WV colleagues on fundraising mapping.
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4) AOB

- *Revisit Face-to-Face meeting in November-* The Group discussed the proposal of hosting a planning meeting later in 2016 (possibly in November) with the Core Group and other key members of the Initiative. Arelys is leading on this activity and a concept note has already been shared for comments. Arelys recommended to consider budget implications to define the venue and reiterated World Vision commitment to contribute to it. Arelys suggested we place greater efforts in convening a good meeting even if it means finding another date and not only November. It needs to be timely convened. Daniel suggested Colombia be considered as possible venue. The Group agreed to review the concept note by September 13. A small group will be set up to work on the details of the event. This group may include member organisations.
- *A4SD* – The Group agreed to have a discussion about A4SD.
- *Invite WWF for next meeting* – The Group agreed to invite Sally Nichols, from WWF to the next meeting.
- *Farewell and Thank you to Marggie Simo* – The Core Group expressed their appreciation to Marggie Simo for the great work done for Together 2030 and thanked her for her dedication.

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