CORE GROUP MEETING
March 26, 2019 – 9:00 - 10:30 am, NY time

Notes

Facilitator: Andrew

Participants: JP, Javier, Andrew, Arelys, Aissata, Margie, Lian, Gomer

1. **Review of current landscape- Identifying strategies for T2030**

- Workplan of T2030 for 2019 was approved
- The CG reflect on having more strategic and constructive thinking at the CG meetings
- Arelys shares that current landscape is very interesting regarding the whole 2030 Agenda, SDGs and civil society engagement through the architecture of the MGoS-Three years into the SDGs, MGoS have found its way to advocate and to put issues in the spotlight-
- Looking back T2030 has been a pioneer in some of the advocacy action that are now taking out by other platforms- based on that is good for T2030 to continue that line of work, but we need to expand and come up with new ideas to open up new avenues to advocate and influencing.
- JP suggests increasing the level of webinars regarding civil society participation- explore webinars that focus on identifying where is CS being left behind or how far CS is being engaged in the implementation of the SDGs, especially for countries under review. JP reminded that in Bogota, the Core Group agreed to ensure that CS is not left behind and to build and insist on this collectively.
- Javier suggests reviewing the tools T2030 has elaborated on CS engagement. Suggests having a space online in which CS reports are put in together- perhaps providing a space in T2030 or ally with other networks to host such space. We should promote the common space where CS can upload their shadow reports
- Andrew shares that funding is strong challenge and suggest thinking better ways to address it long-term sustainability.
- T2030 is the only initiative that does proper policy work. That prove a political angle to SDG work. However, there are areas we have not being identifying mostly due to capacity- targets that run out in 2020 such as environmental targets, disaggregation and data, road traffic accidents; and new CBD negotiation schedule for next year. We must take the lead but at the time we are working in full capacity
- Javier proposes preparing a three year wrap-up analysis of the Perception Survey to be release before the high level meeting on SDGs in September
- CG agrees to do this report- Javier will lead

Action point: Javier and Margie to contact Graham to see if Newcastle University be able to support the wrap-up

2. HLPF preparations

- Margie quickly presented the plan for HLPF engagement- essential work from previous years remains however; some other activities were cut due to capacity.
- T2030 will come together with platforms for side event confirmed by DESA to focus on HLPF reform. Each of these platforms has a paper to share in the meeting.
- Face to face meeting potentially happening on HLPF
- JP suggests ensuring a formal space with other partners A4SD, TAP ant others at the HLPF

Action point: Andrew will initiate the conversation with A4SD, TAP ant others for a potential meeting.

3. AOB

- Margie reminds the CG to input in the T2030 sectoral paper for the HLPF- deadline is April 1st.

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