Notes

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1. UNGA 74/SDGs Summit Debrief
   - On the SDG summit - the climate summit as expected over took the whole agenda for the week and many of the other summits were invisible including SDGs Summit.
   - After the climate summit - the one that got a little bit more attention was the SDGs one but not as much. Other summits/meetings like FFD or SAMOA pathway were pretty much invisible.
   - Mixed reactions mostly because SDGs summit was less ambitious than expected -
   - Surprising to hear many member states saying we are “entering to the decade of action”- question is what we have been doing in the last five years?
   - Impression is SDGs Summit lacked content
   - Many of the member states took the summit as space to repeat same things they have conveyed in other forums and in other meetings - Nothing new was said.
   - Many of them use the opportunity to repeat what they said in July - especially 2019 VNR countries
   - Many of the statements were not related to the leaders’ dialogue they were supposed to respond to
   - Many of member states have not put any mechanisms or structures needed for serious SDGs implementation
   - Some of the government still give the impression that SDGs is still a side agenda that should be located within the ministry of environment.
   - Governments are finding it more comfortable to align with the private sector rather than involving civil society - also lack of physical funding for civil society participation is worrisome
   - Impression is member states did not understand what the summit was about. It was not clear to them what was expected from them.
   - CEPEI’s analysis of Latin American and Caribbean statements at the general debate is ready and will be launched in a couple of weeks’ time.

2. Secretariat Updates
   - The HLPF activities report was published in our website and shared with membership.
   - We have also published the fourth perception survey and 4-year analysis during the UNGA - unfortunately, it got lost in the high level week. PS resonated more when launched at other times that were less crowded.
   - However, we manage to make some noise via the Twitter account of together 2030.
   - October’s count of membership will be shared later this week.
3. New co-chair discussion

- Sightsavers will not continue as co-chair but it would continue to be in the core group with Aissata’s representation. A space in the co-chairmanship is available.
- The CG decided that Javier from CEPEI would be an interim co-chair. while the CG initiates a much more robust process for selection.
- Andrew will continue to lead for us on the coordination of HLPF review.
- Aissata confirmed funds for T2030 were secured in SS budget.
- WV have also confirmed budget for Together 2030 activities.

4. Workplan for remainder of the year

- On 4th anniversary- it’s going to be a whole week of activities running from 2 to 6 of December 2019.
- Planned activities for Anniversary:
  o Members letter
  o Special Webinar
  o Blogs
  o Campaign ‘Whishes for HLPF review’
  o 2019 Activities report
  o Twitter Poll
- Upcoming workshop of the Steering Group of the MGOS-CM is being planned for late November-early December.
- One-day strategy meeting is been planned within the workshop. Two reps from Together 2030 could attend. There is funding available from a representative of a developing country.
- Those interested in attending let Arelys know, as nominations should be submitted soon.
- On HLPF reform- Andrew will continue to lead. Meeting with A4SD, TAP Network and Forus will be convened to continue to advance this joint work.
- PGA has appointed the Ambassador of New Zealand to lead negotiations and consultations on the theme of HLPF for 2020.
- On T30 strategy- Consultant for strategy refresh has been identified- Arelys to share information on timeline shortly.