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PWYP GLOBAL COUNCIL HANDOVER MEETING

1 February 2019

Dakar, Senegal

Participants

Former Global Council

Maryati Abdullah, Asia Pacific (MA)
Suneeta Kaimal, Global Reach (SK)
Dupleix Kuenzop, Africa Steering Committee (DK)
Tur-Od Lkhagvajav, Eurasia (TL)
Camilo Nhandale, Anglophone Africa (CN)
Simon Taylor, Global Reach (ST)
Sihem Bouazza, Middle East and North Africa (SB)

Global Council

Chadwick Llanos, Asia Pacific (CL)
Chenai Mukumba, Anglophone Africa (CM)
Mariatou Amadou, Francophone Africa (MAM)
Miles Litvinoff, Europe and North America (ML)
Athayde Motta, Latin America (AM)
Adnan Bahiya, MENA (AB)
Isabel Munilla, Global Reach (IM)
Joe Williams, Global Reach (JW)

Secretariat

Elisa Peter, Executive Director (EP)
Stephanie Rochford, Director of Member Engagement (SR)
Demba Seydi, Francophone West Africa Regional Coordinator (DS)

Apologies

Ibrahima Sory Diallo, Francophone Africa
Aroa de la Fuente, Latin America (GC/Board Liaison)
Aigul Sultanova, Eurasia

Observers

Susan Hazledine, PWYP Board (SH)



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| Action | By who | By when |
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| Circulate Methods of Work for input from GC, to agree at first meeting in April 2019 | SR | Immediate |
| Ensure engagement and mobilisation of PWYP members around selection of CSO members to the EITI Board | Global Council members | By April 2019 |
| Introduce regional representatives on the GC by email to the national coordinators in the regions they represent | Member Engagement team at the Secretariat | Immediate |

Welcome and introductions

The meeting opened at 9:20 a.m. with a round of introductions. The outgoing Chair (SK) reviewed the agenda, stressing that this meeting provided a unique opportunity for incoming GC members to learn from outgoing members. The agenda was adopted by consensus.

Presentation of roles and responsibilities of the Global Council

SK gave an overview of the primary responsibilities of the GC as outlined in the governance manual. In addition, she noted that the outgoing GC had developed methods of work and she encouraged the incoming members to review and possibly amend these methods of work for the coming three years, including the establishment and leadership of thematic working groups on priority work areas. She noted all written communications needed to be circulated in both English and French as those are the two working languages of the GC. She encouraged members to actively engage on email to ensure an on-going conversation and a smooth decision making process in between face-to-face meetings. It was noted that decisions are taken on a non-objection basis by email.

It is anticipated that the GC would convene physically once a year, in conjunction with Board and/or Africa Steering Committee meetings.

Sharing of lessons learnt by outgoing Global Council members



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Outgoing GC members shared their respective experiences in how to leverage global initiatives such as EITI and OGP.

- *Strategic Partnerships*

SB spoke of the experience of Tunisia in leveraging OGP to secure a commitment by the government to join the EITI. TL encouraged incoming GC members to establish close partnerships with other international organisations such as Transparency International, Open Contracting Partnership, International Budget Partnership. He also emphasized the importance of leveraging OGP for PWYP on issues related inter-alia to civic space, beneficial ownership and contract transparency. EP noted the historical relationship between EITI and OGP, including in the selection of the civil society representatives on the International EITI board (currently 7 out of 10 of the civil society representatives are PWYP members). EP noted that the coming three months will be critical for the GC to engage with their constituencies and to support the nomination of qualified candidates from civil society - who are ready and willing to make a significant commitment to the role - for the upcoming EITI elections which will take place at the EITI Global Conference in June 2019. The schedule of GC meetings should be planned closely to ensure that they do not coincide with other major events in the year, to avoid overloading the GC members. DK encouraged the GC to encourage national PWYP coalitions to foster a strategic partnership approach at the national level. IM noted the need to develop a corporate influencing strategy. It was noted by the outgoing GC members that they had not sufficiently leveraged the collective voice and power of the GC to engage strategically in this way.

- *Constituency consultation*

The GC is both a representative and a leadership body and while it's crucial for GC members to bring members' voices to the fore, it is also important for the GC to take strategic decisions for the global movement as a whole. CN noted the importance of developing a close relationship with the relevant Regional Coordinator at the Secretariat to work together to engage and communicate with members. It was suggested to consider other ways for GC representatives to engage with members other than by email (e.g. virtual meetings). MA shared how she consults with members in her region ahead of each GC meetings by sharing documents and seeking input. ML noted the importance of consulting with and reporting to members as an accountability mechanism. He encouraged GC members to promote better knowledge sharing among members in their respective regions, for instance by preparing a note ahead of each GC meeting of the main developments in their region in order to share with other GC members. A question was raised by JW on the constituency of Global Reach Organisations and suggested his and IM's roles could be to engage specifically with the networks of NREGI and Oxfam, as well as donors. The outgoing Global Reach candidates supported that proposed approach, encouraging the new representatives to consult globally within their own organisations in advance of and following meetings; and reiterated the opportunity for Global Reach candidates to drive forward strategic partnerships.



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- *Working effectively with the Africa Steering Committee, EITI Board members and PWYP Board members*

DK noted that while there are existing challenges, particularly in Anglophone West Africa as well as technical communication challenges, there has been significant improvements in the coordination across the continent. DK noted that the ASC agreed at their first meeting in 2018 to prioritise re-engagement with Anglophone West Africa and have progressed with Liberia in 2018. DK encouraged the Africa representatives on the GC to coordinate closely with him in his role as ASC representative to the GC. DK noted the ASC's other priorities, including the engagement of the national coalitions in the development of the global strategy and to engage more substantively on awareness raising in relation to the Africa Mining Vision.

The Board is also a very important resource and source of expertise for the GC, and there is a responsibility to link between the Board and the GC via the liaison role to bring the GC perspective to the Board and vice versa.

On-going and new priorities for new GC

SK noted on-going priorities including the development of a PWYP gender policy; the review of 2016-2018 business plan; and implementation of the 2020-2025 strategy, including in relation to securing civic space and the implications of climate change for our work. It was suggested that working groups be re-established, for instance on climate change, which Latin American organisations could lead on, so that a more sustained engagement from that region can occur around a key strategic issue for the global network; and on gender. It was also suggested that all relevant procedures and best practices be shared via the PWYP website. JW noted that it was undergoing a strategic planning process that could be used to ensure linkages with coalitions in NREGI priority countries are strengthened. DK encouraged reflection by the GC on how to support PWYP members to access, analyse and use data to support effective influencing strategies. IM reiterated Oxfam's commitment to facilitating knowledge sharing and information exchange on issues related to extractives and transparency, and suggested collecting baseline data on coalition capacity to use data to lead to an advocacy change, including both technical and soft skills.

Selection of Chair and the GC/Board liaison

The Global Council members discussed the role and responsibilities of the Chair. A consensus was reached to accept the nomination of Chenai Mukumba to play this role, in which the Global Council committed to support her actively.

Finalise Global Assembly communique

The GA agreed to review the communique in the coming days and to finalise it for publication by 12 February.



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EP closed the meeting with words of encouragement to the new GC and thanked the outgoing GC and in particular SK for bringing both a strategic but also a personal level of support and leadership during her tenure.