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Global Council Meeting 16 November 2021 MINUTES

Attendees

Global Council

Adnan Bahiya, AB, Iraq (MENA)
Athayde Motta, AM, Brazil (Latin America)
Fatima Diallo, FD, (ASC representative)
Evelyn Tsague, ET, NREGI (Global Reach)
Gloria Majiga, Malawi, GM, (Anglophone Africa)
Mariatou Amadou, MA, Niger (Francophone Africa)
Maria Ramos, MR, Oxfam America (Global Reach)
Joe Kraus, JK, USA (Europe and North America)
Olena Pavlenko, OP, Ukraine (Eurasia), Chair

Secretariat

Elisa Peter, Executive Director
Stephanie Rochford, Director of Member Engagement
Joseph Bardwell, Strategic Communications and Campaigns Manager
Irene Mwendu, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Coordinator
Nyree Woolston, Operations Manager
Elisia Lawrence, Executive Assistant and Team Administrator

Apologies

Chad Llanos, Philippines (Asia Pacific)

Actions To Update

Action	By who	By when
Once approved by the PWYP Board, share a top level 2022 budget with the Global Council.	Secretariat	January 2022

Welcome

OP greeted participants to the meeting and highlighted the principal objectives: to welcome new Global Council members and to consult members on key areas of the Secretariat work plan for 2022.

Introduction of new Global Council members - Evelyn Tsague and Joe Kraus

The Global Council welcomed two new members following the resignations in October of Joe Williams (NREGI, Global Reach) and Miles Litvinoff (PWYP UK, Europe North America). Evelyn Tsague, Capacity Development Advisor for Africa at NREGI takes the seat representing an organisation with Global Reach seat; and Joe Kraus, Policy Director, Transparency and Accountability at ONE takes the seat representing Europe and North America.



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Both Evelyn and Joe are delighted to join the PWYP Global Council and are looking forward to advancing the strategic goals of Vision 2025.

Update on actions from the last meeting

Since July 2021 the following actions have been completed:

- A Global Assembly advisory group has been established, composed of representatives from the Board, Africa Steering Committee and Global Council. The first meeting will take place on 1 December, with meetings to be held monthly thereafter.
- A consultant has been recruited to develop PWYP's gender policy by the end of June 2022.
- An advisory survey was shared with PWYP members in October to collate feedback regarding the Global Assembly and PWYP's 20th anniversary celebrations. The feedback will help inform plans and communications with members in 2022.

The following action is in progress:

- Revised TOR for virtual Global Assembly (part of the 2022 work plan)

PWYP Secretariat 2022 work plan highlights

The 2022 work plan comprises 12 milestones, three of which are cross-cutting at an organisational level. This plan has been developed in the context of:

- Ongoing uncertainty due to the Covid-19 pandemic
- Urgency of the energy transition & identifying PWYP's unique role & strategic approach
- Strategic reviews by many PWYP donors, some of whom are leaving the fields of natural resource governance and transparency, accountability and participation
- Continuing the Secretariat's shift from a focus on network health to a focus on network impact

Organisational milestones will focus on;

1. The Global Assembly and PWYP's 20th anniversary
Key results against this milestone include the election of a new diverse and skilled Global Council; review of policy and governing documents that reflect our commitment to inclusion, diversity and effectiveness; and the delivery of a reconceptualised, virtual Global Assembly. At a regional level, Global Assembly meetings will focus on governance and strategy, while the global conversations will focus on thematic priorities, including the energy transition, gender equality and civic space.
2. Campaigns & global advocacy, namely the #DiscloseTheDeal campaign
Key results against this milestone refer to coalitions and members' engagement in the campaign and ensuring that we coordinate global advocacy. Activities include designing campaign and advocacy actions which members can coordinate around; and elevating the visibility of the campaign at the global level, ensuring strategic communications that contribute to change.
3. Fundraising and sustainability
Example activities against this milestone include the creation of a new Subgrants Coordinator role, investment to supplement prospecting and cultivation, and support of national PWYP coalitions to underpin institutional strengthening of key member organisations.

Furthermore, we will also undertake a comprehensive mid-point review of PWYP's Vision 2025 strategy which will inform the development of the Secretariat's 2023 to 2025 Operational plan. As the strategic advisory body for the movement it is important that the Global Council plays an active role in the mid-



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strategy review and the Secretariat will continue to work closely with Global Council members in the design of the review and the use of the findings to inform future plans.

PWYP Secretariat 2022 work plan discussion

The Global Council congratulated and thanked the team for their comprehensive work-plans for 2022 and discussed;

- What opportunities PWYP should be taking advantage of in 2022 to drive priorities
- Potential gaps in the Secretariat's work plan for 2022

A number of Global Council members noted the priority for fundraising and were keen to understand how the Secretariat is approaching fundraising in the context of organisational sustainability and strategy implementation. EP confirmed that the fundraising required is to maintain the current resourcing level and is due to the exit of one of the Secretariat's major core funders from the field of resource governance. EP referred Global Council members to PWYP's Joint Fundraising and Re-granting Policy which informs our approach to sub-granting, something the Secretariat is investing in, in order to continue to channel financial resources to members.

ET shared that the plans for the Global Assembly were heavily future focused and encouraged time to celebrate the successes of the past 20 years as well as to reflect on lessons learned and to identify the opportunities for coalitions to build and advance on. She noted the importance of ensuring that we collectively learn from experiences and failures to help us build and move forward.

GM articulated her excitement to be involved in preparations for COP27 and the opportunities for collaboration with networks and coalitions taking a more active role in climate change. Today's youth are a powerful voice, particularly at COP26, and she encouraged thinking on how PWYP can amplify young voices with a focus on extractives.

MR cautioned the need for capacity development on the energy transition. As we prepare to enter new areas of work the coalition needs to have a shared understanding of challenges in terms of how advocacy works in the field and we need to work collectively to ensure that coalition members are resourced.

PWYP global positioning priorities: energy transition

This year was the 26th annual summit of the 'Conference of the Parties' known as COP26 which took place in Glasgow. Ahead of the summit, PWYP issued a joint statement, signed by over 280 PWYP members, calling for a just transition and based on the [PWYP global position](#) on the energy transition. A copy of the statement is available [here](#) for reference.

A small delegation of the PWYP secretariat attended COP26 and relevant side events. Over 20 bilateral meetings were held with relevant civil society organisations. The objectives were to establish new relationships with donors and organisations in the energy transition field, as well as to discuss and test the added value of PWYP in the context of climate change discussions. PWYP also hosted an online side-event during the people's summit to discuss transition mineral governance with a particular focus on Sub-saharan Africa.

A new global agreement - the Glasgow Climate Pact - was reached at the COP26 summit.



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The agreement aims to reduce the worst impacts of climate change and focused on the following areas:

- Emissions
It was agreed countries will meet next year to pledge further cuts to emissions of CO2. This is to try to keep temperature rises within 1.5C - which scientists say is required to prevent a "climate catastrophe".
- Coal
For the first time at a COP conference, there was an explicit plan to reduce use of coal - which is responsible for 40% of annual CO2 emissions.
- BOGA
Led by Denmark and Costa Rica, the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance (BOGA) was announced at COP26. Each member will commit to ending new licensing for oil and gas exploration and production.
- Fossil fuel subsidies
World leaders agreed to phase-out subsidies that artificially lower the price of coal, oil, or natural gas. However, no firm dates have been set.

PWYP global positioning priorities: energy transition discussion

The Global Council shared their reactions to the COP26 agreement along with opportunities for added value at future events. Furthermore they shared observations of how the energy transition conversations have developed throughout 2021 and considerations for 2022.

FD reinforced the need for a just transition. PWYP is uniquely positioned to provide opportunities for collaboration and dialogue between civil society organisations and other key stakeholders. This can be leveraged in the course of the next year to amplify extractive considerations in ongoing discussions.

OP shared that capital does not readily flow to countries with growing energy demands where significant investment is needed. Accelerating the energy transition will require a substantial increase of investment. However it could also be framed as an opportunity to leapfrog fossil fuel technologies and become leaders in renewables.

MA believes that countries rich in fossil fuels and transition minerals need to be supported with exit options and mechanisms to move away from and retire the extractive model. It is important to build COP27 initiatives into our work plans for 2022 as well as to consider capacity building of coalitions to support transitions.

MR highlighted an opportunity for PWYP to deepen engagement and coordination with other key initiatives that are aligned and like-minded with the overall effort.

JK shared that it is important to be present at events like the COP summits among others, to participate in discussions and help shape conversations relating to climate change from an extractives standpoint. It provides visibility, underspins PWYPs work and helps to build momentum surrounding pertinent issues. Strategic participation in COP27 can help to position the PWYP movement and ensure that our unique voice is considered in ongoing developments.

ET and GM pointed out that the position of some PWYP members in regards to the potential socio-economic benefits of extractives-based development may be at odds with the position of anti-mining

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organisations that have been active in the climate change debates in Africa. GM raised the need to highlight the interrelationship between equality issues, the energy transition and climate action. PWYP is well positioned to encourage collaborative efforts in this remit.

Approach for next year

JB shared that we will be developing policy asks and advocacy briefs on specific challenges faced by established fossil fuel producing countries, emerging fossil fuel producers and countries rich in transition minerals. We will also be looking at supporting an advocacy campaign by several coalitions in OECD countries on climate-related financial risk disclosure. Energy transition risks will need to be reviewed in line with climate change and financial disclosure. There is a real opportunity for PWYP to help inform specific contexts, deepen discussions with coalitions whilst supporting capacity building.

AOB

It was agreed that the frequency of Global Council meetings in 2022 will be quarterly.

Closing

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned