

GNDR Global Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday 4 May 2017 - 14:00 GMT UK Time.

Board Participants

Marcus, Emma. H, Nicole, Lorna, Ali, Rod, Zenaida, Jose, Graciela, Kheswar, Oenone, Farah (Chair), Peter.

Apologies/Absent

Emad, Nigel, Papiloa

Also attending

Jo Cartwright (Financial update), Esther Fletcher (Minutes), Jesus Cordero (Membership re-Categorisation update / coordinating Spanish interpreters); Cecilia & Virginia (Spanish interpreters), Lucy Pearson (Global Platform update).

Previous Minutes

The last quarterly board meeting was held on the 2nd February 2017. The identified Actions have been completed during the quarter with the exception of the following outstanding actions:

- Rouf and Papiloa to follow up on options for Pacific regional advisory group (RAG)
- Ongoing developments to improve communications between board and regions - see Communications Working Group recommendations

General updates

- Membership Working Group:
Board were sent the re-categorisation document and agreed this is now send to the wider membership for consultation with a clear time limit for input. A risk questionnaire could also be send simultaneously with the summary document. The re-categorisation action will need to be included within the annual GNDR work plan and monitored accordingly. An update of the Governance Manual will also be required to reflect the changes.
- Secretariat Team Planning Days (19-21 April):
Marcus informed the board the purpose of our team planning days was to develop the annual workplan (2017-2018 and associated budget in line with projected income. Lorna asked whether we are getting more RDC's. Marcus said these issues had been discussed during the team planning days. The current thinking was to strengthen the three existing RDC's, look to formalise relationship with the Eastern Africa region, and consider options to reactivate support in the Southern and Northern Africa regions. Anne Akwango in East Africa has recently supported the establishment of a RAG across the East Africa region and could serve as a potential part-time RDC. The Secretariat is currently costing out different options to determine what we can afford and how best to phase this

Emma mentioned concern for the current Secretariat capacity, Oenone concurred. Marcus said that it was the intention to strengthen the Secretariat at both global and regional levels. This would include providing additional capacity into the London office to take some of the pressure of the current team. Again options and costings are being developed in the current work plans and associated budget for subsequent approval by the board

- Views from the Frontline:
VFL launch is at the Global Platform. Australian Gov. has provided an initial grant of £250K for period Jun 2017 to Jul 2018 for development and piloting of methodology. Currently in negotiations with the European Commission for a grant 4M Euros to implement VFL into 50

countries identified in the UN 5-10-50 initiative. Oenone suggested the Board members should be introduced to current / future donors.

ACTIONS:

- **Membership to be consulted on proposed membership re-categorisation - Secretariat to disseminate summary document with timeline for feedback**
- **Re-categorisation action to be incorporated in 2017-2018 Annual work plan**
- **GNDR Board / Trustees to meet donors as opportunities arise**
- **Do a Risk Analysis of the Membership Re-categorisation.**

Financial Update

- Annual Budget Planning: We intend to submit a draft proposal to the German Govt next week for €1.8m over three years. They require a quarterly breakdown for money with no overflow into next quarter.
- Quarterly accounts: World Bank query – current issue managing cash flow.
- Funding Pipeline/Partnership Agreements: Negotiating three year grant agreement with German BMZ worth €1.80 million; Australian DFAT \$ 250 k grant awarded for VFL 2017; Grant awarded for €50k from GIZ German Govt toward GP-DRR; Swiss Govt – implied continued commitment of partnership agreement with a grant of CHF300,000 per year - Lucy had a positive F2F meeting with SDC at the GFDRR CG last month although maintaining contact with the partnership focal point has proven difficult raising concerns about future partnership arrangement (will seek to clarify situation in Cancun); USAID OFDA - Proposal submitted for extension Frontline programme - value US\$ 5000 k per year for three years
- Projected Secretariat annual budget for 2017-2018 is approx. £1.6m total. The planned increases in capacity / staffing levels will require additional office space. Additional “project” applications may increase the annual budget
- Final draft plans and budgets will be submitted to the global board for approval after review at the next Finance Committee - expected mid-June 2017 (after Cancun)

ACTIONS:

- **Annual work plans and budget to be prepared and reviewed by Finance Committee - next meeting proposed after Cancun meeting (circa week commencing 12th June)**
- **Final approval of the GNDR work plans and budget by the Global Board, once reviewed with recommendations by the Finance Committee**

Preparation for GP-DRR 2017

- Programme Highlights: Lucy took us through a slideshow presentation. Team have been very active in the preparations, logistics and planning for the Cancun conference.
- Various actions outlined including request for UNISDR to establish a civil society advisory group. Key events at GP include NGO pre meeting, Frontline side event; GNDR Board / Secretariat and members to contribute to Leader Forums; Plenaries and Working sessions; GNDR will coordinate NGO opening and closing statements and will provide press briefings. Various bilateral meetings with donors and partners will take place to promote GNDR and future resources / partnerships
- It is envisaged the secretariat staff, five board members and the Frontline leads will be attending the conference, plus numerous GNDR member organisations (CSO conference registration list not yet available from UNISDR).
- Discussions amongst board on the GP - Graciella wanted to know more on how CSO's can be involved in the GP. Nicole raised concerns local leaders will not be able to participate in the

conference if UNISDR hosts in an exclusive high level hotel. Nicole to circulate an IIED report on the challenge of getting international climate finance to the local level.

ACTIONS:

- **Nicole to distribute IIED report to Board members**

GNDR 10 yr Anniversary May 2017

- GNDR's tenth year anniversary preparation being led by Rouf. Preparations include a short video of GNDR development over a ten year timeline highlighting key events, actions and challenges
- Plans include for an evening reception to be held at the GP-DRR in Cancun on Thursday 25th May.
- Promotional tee shirt and wrist bands to be worn at the booth in Cancun.
- Mexico is considered the beginning of celebrations that will continue throughout the year. Aim of the 10th Year anniversary are to celebrate GNDR growth, thank key stakeholders, raise the awareness of GNDR and renew commitment for the years ahead
- Farah asked the secretariat to share the tee shirt template so that regions could re-produce to sell / distribute later.

ACTIONS

- **Tee shirt template to be forward to regional board members - Rouf**

GNDR Board

- Rod's contribution is valued by all and his continuation of the Global Board is fully supported
- Rob to become an honorary GNDR member and appointed as an independent Global Board member
- Participatory selection process to be initiated amongst GNDR members in North Americas to appoint a replacement North Americas regional representative onto the Global board. Rod to support the selection / nomination process.

ACTIONS

- **North Americas board selection process to be initiated by Secretariat (after the GP-DRR 2017)**

AOB

- Board members were asked to provide written feedback to Jesus on new conference call facility which was being used for the first time

Next Global Board Meeting: Thursday ^{3rd} August 2017 14h00 UK time (BST)