

Global Board Meeting Minutes – In Person at the Pridelnn Azure Hotel, Nairobi

Friday 24 February 2024 all day

Board Participants: Graciela Salaberry (Chair of the Global Board), Lorenzo Mota King, Tania Triminio, Tolekan Ismailova, Rod Snider, Zenaida Willison, Emmanuel Seck, Mario Flores, Ghada Ahmadein, Dr Khurram Malik, Eena Geslaine Barrun, Sophie Rigg, Tasneen Siddiqui, Prime Nkezumukama, Peter Curran (Chair of Trustees), Usha Menon

Apologies: Heleen van der Beek (Chair of Stichting GNDR), Ewout van den Blink, Ian Farrer (Treasurer), Claire Tiffen, Naomi Paul, Baimba Sissay

In attendance from the Secretariat: Liza Hernandez, Nick Roberts, Shivangi Chavda, Marco Concepcion Raba, Andrew Knight, Adessou Kossivi, Orla Cunnane, Florencia Pasquale (TPA)

External Support: Interpreter

Key:

Resolutions in red text

Links to documents are highlighted

1. Welcome from the Chair

Graciela welcomed everyone to the meeting

Recording Apologies

Apologies were received in writing from Heleen van den Beek, Ewout van den Blink, Baimba Sissay, Ian Farrer and Claire Tiffen

Agenda

The Chair presented the agenda for approval.

[2024.02.23 Agenda of Global Board meeting.docx - Google Docs](#)

Resolution: The agenda was approved

Global Board June 2023 meeting minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

Resolution: The minutes were approved

2. Secretariat Update

Marcos presented the secretariat update, summarising activities since the last meeting of the Board in December. This generated a number of questions and comments:

- Peter asked about the departure of the Head of Fundraising and its impact on the secretariat. Marcos noted the Job description was being expanded to include oversight of monitoring and evaluation, and external communications, and that the recruitment process would begin shortly.
- Lorenzo asked about the purpose and workings of the stakeholder engagement mechanism (SEM).
- Tasneem noted her organisation in Bangladesh had recently received funding from SDC, and suggested co-operation and collaboration with GNDR on some of the activities related to it. Marcos noted this would be welcomed.
- There was a sense among some that the update did not capture the full breadth of membership activities going on across the regions.

Eena shared concerns over the functionality of the Community Platform in her region. These concerns were widely shared in other regions (LAC, Central Asia, Europe). Marcos noted the secretariat was well aware of the concerns, and that improvements were being worked on.

Adessou gave a separate update on GNDR's participation in COP28.

3. Recommendations from the Working Groups

3.1 Recommendations from the Governance Working Group

[2024.02.13 Recommendations from GWG.docx - Google Docs](#)

3.2 Recommendations from the Membership Working Group

- Request the Global Board to review/approve the Benefits/Opportunities document so that this can be distributed to members and used with new members.
- Add a clause to the project selection principles (criteria for selection for GNDR projects): Organisations who demonstrate their involvement with GNDR through ongoing engagement with the network and its activities; This would be one criterion amongst others to recognise and encourage engagement (being careful not to limit GNDR's ability to reach out to members).
- Use various means (fast-response electronic, suggestion board with post-it notes, questionnaire, etc.) to collect key information/feedback from summit attendees.

- Use the MWG regional expertise more in vetting membership applications when there are queries about organisations.
- Task Secretariat to review membership structure to ensure communities and informal groups have access to GNDR.

Resolution: The Global Board reviewed and approved the following Membership Benefits document drafted by the Membership Working Group

[MWG GNDR Membership Benefits.docx - Google Docs](#)

3.3 Recommendations from the Finance and Audit Working Group

The Finance and Audit Working Group put out a call for a Board Member to join the Working Group. It was stressed that this person did not need to have a finance background. Baimba Sisay has since joined the Working Group.

It was noted that the year to date spend was down due to delayed start of the BHA LLHS project and temporary staffing gaps.

A plan for the preparation of the 2024/ 25 budget was outlined and agreed, with the Trustees scheduled to approve the budget in March.

[2024.02.09 Agenda 3 Recommendations from FAWG.docx - Google Docs](#)

4. Evaluation of the Global Summit

The following aspects of the Global Summit were identified as Things That Were Good:

- Meeting face to face
- The environment and atmosphere
- The organisation of the event
- The content of the event
- Networking, including with Partners
- The Learning and Knowledge Exchange
- The methodologies and discussion

The following aspects of the Global Summit were identified as Things That Could Improve:

- Communication
- The content
- Lack of online streaming
- Lack of an off site cultural visit or GNDR visit within Kenya
- Representation and Inclusion
- Process and Timings

- The venue amenities and room sizing
- Lack of media coverage
- It was commented that it would be a good idea to invite private sector attendees to future Summit events.
- The lack of African donors was noted and the opportunity available to leverage local donors should be noted for future events.
- It was suggested that a plenary event on common topics should be included.
- It was suggested that a review of the risk landscape for GNDR should be included.

Photos of the evaluation exercise [Summit Evaluation Photos - Governance - Google Drive](#)

5. Strategy Mid-Term Review

The management response – Continuation of analysis of the Mid-Term Review findings and analysis from regions to shape future strategy

[Feb Global Board ManagementResponse BOARD_MTR2023.pptx - Google Slides](#)

6. Governance

Roles within the Board, role of the NFPs, 2024 Board election process

The role of the NFPs was discussed and the need to recruit high quality, committed candidates to these positions was noted. Expanding the NFP role to include more responsibilities, and the corresponding benefits that GNDR can offer the NFPs was discussed.

The ability for existing members within a region to vouch for potential new GNDR members was also discussed.

Resolution: the Global Board resolved that a Task Force on the Role of the NFPs should be created.

7. Conclusion and Thanks

Graciela concluded the meeting and said that we have had a very successful Global Summit.

The meeting concluded around 17.30 pm Kenyan time.