

Global Board Meeting Minutes – Online

Thursday 30 May 2024 12:00 - 15:00 UK time

Board Participants: Graciela Salaberri (Chair of the Global Board), Lorenzo Mota King, Tania Triminio, Tolesan Ismailova, Zenaida Willison, Mario Flores, Ghada Ahmadein, Dr Khurram Malik, Eena Geslaine Barrun, Sophie Rigg, Tasneen Siddiqui, Prime Nkezumukama, Usha Menon.

Apologies: Peter Curran (Chair of Trustees), Heleen van der Beek (Chair of Stichting GNDR), Ian Farrer (Treasurer), Claire Tiffen, Rod Snider, Emmanuel Seck.

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: Brenda Bibiloni Kreisher (Interpreter)

Key:

Resolutions in red text

Links to documents are highlighted

1. Welcome from the Chair

Graciela welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Recording Apologies

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

3. Agenda

The Chair presented the agenda for approval.

[2024.05.30 Agenda of Global Board meeting FINAL.docx - Google Docs](#)

Resolution: The agenda was approved

4. Global Board February 2024 meeting minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

[2024.02.24 Board Meeting Minutes.docx - Google Docs](#)

Resolution: The minutes were approved

5. Summary Actions from the February 2024 In Person Global Board Meeting

5.1 The role of NFPs to be fleshed out and clarified, with KPIs, in the Governance Manual. A taskforce for the role of the NFPs is to be created.

Marcos invited Board members to join the taskforce on the role of the NFPs. Baimba asked for clarification on the goals of the taskforce.

We are electing NFPs in 75 countries. We are adding new criteria for the NFPs: NFPs must belong to a member organisation that has been a full member for at least 12 months and they must be able to provide supporting statements from two full members in their country. We will also require demonstrable commitment to GNDR through participation in RAGS, NCMS, webinars etc.

The NFP election process will begin in June and conclude by the end of July. Baimba asked for clarification on which countries are eligible for an NFP. Marcos clarified that elections will run in all countries that have more than 5 members, as per the GNDR policy on NFPs. Graciela indicated that Board members who wanted to revise this policy are very welcome to join the Governance Working Group.

Two of our regional representatives are stepping down: Graciela and Tania. We will launch an election process for their successors in July once the NFP elections are concluded.

5.2 Capacity building for our members to help them access institutional funding

We took advantage of the Global Summit to provide fundraising training to our members and we will continue to offer training through the Local Leadership Academy.

5.3 Diversification of funding pipeline

To be covered in the Secretariat Update

6. Work Plan and Budget

Marcos presented the Work Plan for 2024/25 which was drawn up following direction from the Global Board after the Midterm Review.

The Work Plan prioritises areas of change, focusing on the six risk-drivers, through a decentralised process. It seeks to refine and fortify governance arrangements, boost a more integrated approach to DRR, increase localisation and evolve the funding model.

There are four areas of priority:

1. Ensure **effective participation and collaboration spaces** for our members, not only to **ensure the governance of the network, but also the generation and sharing of knowledge** from the frontline.
2. Offer a powerful **training programme to strengthen our membership and its capacities.**
3. Generate **locally led evidence and innovative good practices for resilience to increase the influence** of the network in the DRR and Climate Action spaces.
4. Ensure the sustainability of the network through a **new funding model** and the sound management of resources.

The Trustees met in March and provisionally approved the Budget with a deficit of £82,000. The Trustees will review the Budget again in July.

Baimba raised the idea of an introduction of the role of a Regional Fundraiser in each GNDR region to assist the members in their fundraising. Marcos confirmed that that is the medium term plan for GNDR, and that in the meantime the Secretariat are available to help members with their fundraising applications and the Community Platform highlights fundraising opportunities in each region.

There was concern from some over the limited time and opportunity for members to engage with and contribute to the workplan, but it was also agreed that it was a useful tool for monitoring and measuring progress over the year.

[GNDR WorkPlan 2024-25_GB.docx - Google Docs](#)

7. Update from the Secretariat

Marcos presented an update from the GNDR Secretariat [2024.05.30 Secretariat Update.docx - Google Docs](#)

8. Update from the RAGs

Baimba presented an update from the Southern African RAG [Regional Action plan SA RAG 2024-2025- Olivia.doc - Google Docs](#)

Eena presented an update from the East and Southeast Asia RAG [ESEA Updates_Global Board Meeting_05302024.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Eena suggested that we replicate the Global Summit session with our Funders at the regional level. Marcos agreed that this was a great proposal, and that the Secretariat is in the process of arranging field visits for our donors in Africa and LAC.

Tolekan presented an update from the Central Asia RAG [Shrinking Space n the CA 2024.docx - Google Docs](#)

Ghada praised the Global Summit as a great opportunity for knowledge sharing and presented an update from the Arab RAG. The Yemen NFP has been selected as the coordinator for a regional project, **Preventative Measures to Enhance Community Building**, for UNDRR and the Arab Academy in Yemen and Lebanon. A mapping on human mobility in the Arab region was undertaken in 22 countries and was shared with the League of Arab States. It will be translated and shared with GNDR for dissemination. A speaker from the region took part in the GNDR webinar Inclusive DRR Strategies from Developing Countries. Members in the region are preparing a regional position for COP29.

Marcos confirmed that after SB 60, GNDR will be launching a process to develop position papers for COP29.

Tasneem presented an update for the South Asia RAG. The RAG is planning a workshop in the region to design a template to share common themes for Climate Vulnerable Forum countries to develop their own template for displacement management. India and Bangladesh have been hit by a cyclone and there is a need for coordination between members in the region to help and advocate for the displaced. **Tasneem** was pursuing a funding opportunity with SDC with assistance from GNDR. SDC asked that one third of the funding be provided to Bangladesh by GNDR which would not be possible unfortunately.

Graciela presented an update from the LAC RAG. A meeting was held in the region to clarify the selection process for Global Summit attendees. A poll of retiring NFPs was undertaken and the results will be shared with GNDR for dissemination. An update from the World Meteorological Organisation on weather in the region in 2023 was shared with the members.

Lorenzo presented an update from the Caribbean RAG and noted that the Caribbean has been experiencing very heavy rainfall. A NFP for Haiti has just been elected. The internal political situation in Haiti is very harsh. Kenyan police are being brought to Haiti in an initiative from the US government.

Liza noted that a further regional update from **Mario** will follow by email.

Sophie presented an update for the Europe RAG. A key discussion in the region is the upcoming NFP elections. The NFPs in the region are relatively new and a lot of them will be up for reelection at the same time. **Sophie** raised the idea of longer tenures for NFPs to ensure continuity and longevity of knowledge for the NFPs. **Sophie** suggested that this point be discussed by the Governance Working Group. **Graciela** agreed with this suggestion and stressed the importance of supporting the NFPs.

The European region is proposing to deliver a webinar and will discuss this at the European RAG in June.

Prime presented an update from the Africa RAG. He noted that the region is experiencing a number of disasters and challenges and requested the support of GNDR in advocating for the region. **Prime** noted that several RAGs have been held in the region and presented the recommendation that more support should be made available to the region, due to the high number of GNDR members and programmes in the region.

9. Recommendations from the from Finance and Audit Working Group

Ewout presented an update from the Finance and Audit Working Group

[2024.05.22 Recommendations from FAWG.docx](#)

10. Recommendations from the Governance Working Group

Zenaida presented an update from the Governance Working Group

[2024.05.03 Recommendations from GWG.docx - Google Docs](#)

11. Recommendations from the Membership Working Group

Eena presented an update on the Membership Benefits Opportunities to Contribute document for noting, as the document was approved in the last Global Board meeting. The headings of the document have been adjusted to reflect the headings on the Community Platform.

The Working Group proposed that we provide new NFPs a concise list of the work of GNDR in their region as part of their induction process.

[GNDR Membership Benefits and Opportunities to Contribute Responsibilities.docx](#)

[MWG minutes 14 May 2024.docx - Google Docs](#)

12. Recommendation from the Resources Working Group

Marcos presented an update from the Resources Working Group

[2024.05.08 Recommendations from RWG RS.docx - Google Docs](#)

13. Conclusion and Thanks

Graciela concluded the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting concluded at 15.30 UK time.