

# Global Board Meeting Minutes – Digital meeting

**Thursday 16 March 2023 – 12-3pm BST**

**Board Participants:** Graciela Salaberri (Chair of the Global Board), Dr Emad Adly, Loreine Dela Cruz, Lorenzo Mota King, Prime Nkezumukama, Ruiti Aretaake, Sophie Rigg, Tania Triminio, Tolekan Ismailova, Zenaida Willison, Emmanuel Seck, Mario Flores, Peter Curran (Chair of Trustees), Ian Farrer (Treasurer), Claire Tiffen, Ewout van den Blink

**Apologies:** Farah Kabir, Rod Snider

**In attendance from the Secretariat:** Florencia Pasquale (TPA), Liza Hernandez, Naomi Paul, Nick Roberts, Shivangi Chavda, Marco Concepcion Raba

**External Support:** Brenda (Interpreter), Facundo (Kudo)

Key:

Resolutions in red text

*Links to documents are highlighted*

## 1. Welcome from the Chair

Graciela welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular Marcos as the incoming Executive Director. She also noted that for some board members it would be their last meeting.

Marcos introduced himself to the meeting.

## 2. Recording Apologies

Apologies were received from Farah Kabir and Rod Snider

## 3. Agenda

The Chair presented the agenda for approval.

**Resolution: The agenda was approved**

*2023.03.16 Agenda 3 Draft Agenda of Global Board meeting 16 March*

## 4. Global Board 30 Nov – 1 Dec meeting minutes

The meeting minutes were reviewed page by page.

Resolution: The minutes of the last Global Board meeting were approved

2023.03.16 Agenda 4 Global Board meeting 30 November & 1 December 2022

## 5. Summary actions from Nov-Dec 22 Global Board meeting

Nick went through the summary. There was one item, regarding the ongoing board elections. Nick gave a brief update on this, referring also to the briefing paper provided. No comments from the Board.

2023.03.16 Agenda 5 Summary Action Points from December 2022 Global Board meeting

Agenda 5 Internal Briefing – Board election Process

## 6. Update from Secretariat

### 6.1 Secretariat Update

Marcos introduced the Secretariat update and invited the respective sub group leaders to take the floor and give an update. These were provided as follows:

**Policy** - Marcos)

**Projects and Asia region** - Shivangi

**LAC region** - Liza

**Africa region** - Marcos

**Fundraising** – Naomi

**Operations** - Nick

Comments and questions were as follows:

Graciela asked for more details regarding the regional consortia established in East Africa for fundraising, noting this was something which would be good to replicate in other regions.

Peter asked for status on the Team Administrator/Board Liaison Officer. Nick advised the post was being recruited for, with temporary cover due to start on 27 March.

Tania expressed concern relating to how the VFL project had ended in Honduras, and felt this should be captured in an end-of-project evaluation.

Lorenzo congratulated the secretariat on the achievements highlighted in the report, and agreed with Tania's comments above.

Tolekan thanked the secretariat for the report, and highlighted some of the challenges facing local CSOs in Central Asia, and their need for support.

Shivangi responded to Tania's concern above, and Graciela suggested the matter should be discussed further under agenda item 7. She believed the new BHA project would be easier to manage as there were less countries involved in the project.

Zen reminded the group that our strategy is about localisation, and therefore local organisations should be involved in setting the agenda

*2023.03.16 Agenda 6.1 Secretariat Update*

## **6.2 Finance scorecard/6.3 Risk Matrix**

Nick suggested these documents should not be presented, in the interests of saving time and since they had already been reviewed in detail at the FAWG. Instead he invited questions; there were none.

*2023.03.16 Agenda 6.2 Financial Scorecard*

*2023.03.16 Agenda 6.3 Risk Matrix*

## **6.4 Funding pipeline**

This was presented by Naomi. Questions and comments were as follows:

Sophie asked if support was available from the secretariat if local organisations chose to apply for a grant. Naomi indicated that there was, but that there had been limited take-up on this to date.

Tolekan commented that the local leadership academy should be prioritised, highlighting the many needs in several countries in her region. Naomi suggested she contact regional representatives for more details.

Loreine asked if we make a distinction between funding opportunities for the network and those for the secretariat. Naomi explained that we don't "compete" for grants, but that the secretariat makes an initial assessment to decide whether opportunities are more appropriate for itself or for the members to apply for.

*2023.03.16 Agenda 6.4 Funding Pipeline*

## **7. Feedback from RAGs**

Board members gave feedback for their respective regions as follows:

**LAC.** Graciela shared a presentation (copy attached). Comments as follows:

As the representative for North America, Mario commented on the difficulty of establishing collaboration and communication across regions.

Lorenzo commented that GNDR's board election process was very "democratic", and thought there should be more scrutiny of board candidates, with preference being given to those who actively contributed to the network. Members need to have access to their governing board.

Tania thought there should be quarterly meetings between regional groups and the global board.

A proposal was highlighted from a member in Argentina to access funds at a regional level.

Marcos noted Lorenzo's concerns about board candidates, and the need to scrutinise candidates properly during the ongoing election process.

Emmanuel felt the election process was not always well understood by candidates, with some putting themselves forward and asking for support.

**Europe.** Feedback given by Sophie

**South East Asia.** Feedback given by Loreine

**Central Asia.** Feedback given by Toleskan

**West and Central Africa.** Emmanuel shared a presentation (copy attached).

**North Africa and West Asia.** Dr Emad shared a presentation (copy attached). He also raised the issue of governance challenges within the region, and the need to follow up on the meeting held last year with members of the board and secretariat.

**East Africa.** Feedback given by Prime

**Pacific.** Feedback given by Raiti

## **8. Recommendations from Finance and Audit Working Group**

*2023.03.16 Agenda 8 Recommendations from FWG*

## **9. Recommendations from Governance Working Group**

*2023.03.16 Agenda 9 Recommendations from GWG*

## **10. Recommendations from Membership Working Group**

*2023.03.16 Agenda 10 Recommendations from MWG*

## **11. Recommendations from Resources Working Group**

*2023.03.16 Agenda 11 Recommendations from RWG*

## **12. Trustees Update and Recommendations**

*2023.03.16 Agenda 12 Trustees Update and Recommendations*

## **13. Stichting GNDR Update**

*2022.03.16 Agenda 13 Stichting GNDR Update*

Due to time constraints, none of the above papers were presented at the meeting.

All of the recommendations contained in the above papers, including the annual plan and budget for 2023-24 referred to in item 12, were voted on and approved.

## **14. Face to Face Meeting**

Marcos explained that if the face to face global board meeting were to take place in September, funding of approximately £25,000 would need to be found to fund the costs, and the only option at present was to fund this from reserves. Board members were asked to vote on whether they wanted the meeting to go ahead on this basis.

At this point a number of board members had to leave the meeting as it had overrun. **Of the board members remaining, all 7 voted to go ahead.**

## **15. Conclusion and Thanks**

Graciela thanked everyone for their contributions, expressing satisfaction that so many voices had been heard. She said goodbye on behalf of the group to Farah, Dr Emad and Loreine, inviting the latter two to share some closing words (Farah not being present).