

# Global Board Meeting Minutes – Digital meeting

**Thursday 21 September 2023: 12-3pm BST**

**Board Participants:** Graciela Salaberri (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, Tasneen Siddiqui, Baimba Sisay, Peter Curran (Chair of Trustees), Claire Tiffen, Ewout van den Blink, Usha Menon

**Apologies:** Sophie Rigg, Ian Farrer (Treasurer), Heleen van der Beek (Chair of Stichting GNDR),

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

**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

## 2. Recording Apologies

Apologies were received in writing from Ian Farrer, Sophie Rigg, Heleen van den Beek and (for part of the meeting) Tolekan Ismailova and Ewout van den Blink.

## 3. Agenda

The Chair presented the agenda for approval.

Resolution: The agenda was approved

*2023.08.03 Agenda 3 Agenda of Global Board meeting 21 September 23*

## 4. Global Board June 2023 meeting minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

Resolution: The minutes were approved

*2023.08.09 Agenda 4 Board meeting minutes 22 June 2023*

## 5. Summary actions from June 2023 Global Board meeting

Marcos shared a brief update on the three items listed. The question of equal access to GNDR funding is an ongoing discussion within the Membership Working Group. The mid-term strategy review is picked up in agenda item 11, and the Global Summit/Face to Face Global Board is picked up in agenda item 6.1 and then in more detail in agenda item 12..

*2023.08.31 Agenda 5 Summary action points from June 2023 Global Board meeting*

## 6. Update from Secretariat

### 6.1 Secretariat Update

Marcos presented the Secretariat update. Graciela and Lorenzo both asked about the DEVCO VFL audit. Marcos confirmed that we had satisfied all the requirements of the audit process to date, and were now waiting on the EC to notify us of the next steps. There were no further questions from the Board

*2023.08.23 Agenda 6.1 Secretariat Update*

### 6.2 Finance scorecard/6.3 Risk Matrix/6.4 Funding pipeline

The documents were included in the Board papers but not formally presented.

*2023.09.16 Agenda 6.2 Financial Scorecard*

*2023.09.16 Agenda 6.3 Risk Matrix*

*2023.09.16 Agenda 6.4 Funding Pipeline*

## 7. Feedback from RAGs

Board members gave feedback for their respective regions as follows:

**North America.** Mario explained there had been limited activity amongst the membership during the period, but that a new national focal point was shortly to be appointed.

**East and South East Asia.** Eena provided an update, noting that a RAG meeting had been scheduled for September

**South Asia.** Tasneem noted progress made in relation to the cookbook for the making displacement safer (MDS) project funded by BHA

**West and Central Africa.** An update was provided by Emmanuel.

**Southern Africa.** Baimba introduced himself to the group and provided an update for the region. It was felt that some members did not fully understand the benefits of GNDR membership. There was a suggestion that a group of students should register as members. He also highlighted a need for advocacy material.

**North Africa and West Asia.** Ghada provided an update, noting there was a lot of activity going on and also that two countries in the region (Morocco and Libya) had very recently experienced major disasters.

**Pacific.** Dr Malik provided an update.

**Caribbean.** An update was provided by Lorenzo.

**South America.** An update was provided by Graciela (a copy of the presentation is attached)

**Central America.** An update was provided by Tania.

**South East Asia.** A further update was provided by Zen.

There were no updates from Central Asia and Europe, as the Board members were unable to attend.

## 8. Recommendations from Working Groups

### 8.1 Finance and Audit Working Group

Ewout provided feedback on the FAWG of 24 August. There were a number of points for noting, but no recommendations.

*2023.08.29 Agenda 8 Recommendations from FAWG*

### 8.2 Governance Working Group

Zen presented feedback from the meeting on 14 September, which included two recommendations.

**Resolution: The recommendations from the GWG were approved**

*Agenda 8.2 2023.09.14 Recommendations from Governance Working Group*

### 8.3 Membership Working Group

Peter provided feedback from the meeting in August. There were a number of points for noting, but no recommendations.

## Agenda 8.3 Membership Working Group Meeting August 2023

### 8.4 Resources Working Group

Rod presented feedback from the meeting. Again a number of points for noting, but no recommendations.

## Agenda 8.4 2023.09.06 Recommendations from RWG

### 9. Trustees Update and Recommendations

There was none, since the Trustees had not met formally since their previous Global Board meeting.

### 10. Stichting GNDR Update

Ewout shared the feedback from the Stichting Board meeting on 13 September, noting that the secretariat had been tasked with preparing a proposal/business plan to be presented to the Stichting Board meeting in December. Marcos indicated the Global Board would be kept updated on any strategic issues arising from decisions made.

## 2003.09.13 Agenda item 10 Stichting GNDR Update

### 11. Feedback on Mid-term Review of Strategy

Marcos facilitated a discussion around the recommendations from the review based on three questions (what should we continue to do, what should we improve and what have we learnt). Comments were as follows:

**Lorenzo** suggested that there was insufficient time to for such an important discussion, and proposed a separate working group meeting of the Board to discuss. This was subsequently agreed – see agenda item 13 below

**Emmanuel** felt the recommendations fell into one of two categories, i.e. issues relatively straightforward to address, or those which more complicated (e.g. financing model),

**Graciela** believed the strategy in LAC had been partially fulfilled

**Lorenzo** voiced a concern that the “flame [of localisation] is being extinguished”, and stressed to ensure that local voices are being heard, building on the achievements of VFL. Closer integration with the UN should not be at the expense of GNDR’s independence.

**Emmanuel** stressed the need to align our strategy with Sendai or some other appropriate framework, otherwise our activities may become disjointed.

**Ghada** emphasised that GNDR is a network, and the focus should be on equipping our members to contribute towards the strategy.

**Baimba's** contribution could not be heard clearly due to connectivity problems, so it was requested he share his thoughts via e-mail.

**Marcos** stressed he was keen to improve communications with members, and to that end our membership and fundraising strategies were being revised.

#### *Agenda item 11 MTR Recommendations and Guiding questions*

### **12. Global Board Face to Face Meeting//Plans for Global Summit**

Marcos confirmed that the Global Summit would take place from 20-22 February, and would be followed by a face-to-face Board meeting on 23 February. Nairobi had been selected as the location, based on 1) Cost 2) Ease of access and 3) Security. Shivangi provided a verbal update on the agenda, and two papers were shared, the first on location/agenda, the second on member sponsorship criteria. The board were the invited to comment.

**Tasneem** asked if there could be a session on linking climate change and DRR.

**Emmanuel** agreed, noting GNDR was well placed to "make the bridge" between climate change and humanitarian issues. He also suggested a session on best practices.

**Lorenzo** was happy with the agenda.

**Tasneem** suggested strengthening collaboration, knowledge sharing and skills development were all important components of the agenda.

**Eena** asked if sessions on localisation could include how it can be developed in a country context. What are the common themes? Localisation indicators would also be helpful

**Marcos** confirmed that the first communication on the summit to members would be made next week, and that we would be launching a consultation to enable members to share in creating the agenda.

#### *Agenda item 12 GS Location Agenda*

#### *Agenda item 12 GS selection criteria draft 2*

### **13. Conclusion and Thanks**

Graciela concluded by endorsing Lorenzo's suggestion of a working group to consider the recommendations of the mid-term strategy review – see agenda item 11. All were in agreement that this should proceed.

The meeting concluded around 15.20 pm BST.