

Global Board Meeting Minutes – Digital meeting

Thursday 22 June 2023: 12-3pm BST

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

Apologies: Heleen van der Beek, Farah Kabir

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

External Support: Brenda (Interpreter), Michelle (Kudo)

Key:

Resolutions in red text

Links to documents are highlighted

1. Welcome from the Chair

Graciela welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular the new board members.

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

2023.06.22 Agenda 3 Agenda of Global Board meeting 22 June 23

4. Global Board March 2023 meeting minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

Resolution: The minutes were approved

2023.03.16 Agenda 4 Board meeting minutes 16 March 2023

5. Summary actions from March 2023 Global Board meeting

There were no actions arising from the March 2023 meeting.

6. Update from Secretariat

6.1 Secretariat Update

Marcos presented the Secretariat update. Comments and questions were as follows:

Graciela asked about the "new business model". Marcos explained it was about creating a sustainable funding flow for the network (not just project-based grants). Graciela also applauded Tolekan's upcoming involvement with the SEM at regional in Central Asia.

Tolekan expressed her appreciation for the secretariat's service-based approach to members in Asia, led by Shivangi.

Ghada shared updates of RAED's engagement with the League of Arab States at a meeting in Rabat.

2023.06.12 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.

2023.03.16 Agenda 6.2 Financial Scorecard

2023.03.16 Agenda 6.3 Risk Matrix

2023.03.16 Agenda 6.4 Funding Pipeline

7. Feedback from RAGs

Board members gave feedback for their respective regions as follows:

LAC. Lorenzo cited some of the challenges of the region, including the lack of members committed to GNDR, the diversity of the membership and the geographical spread.

Guidelines would be helpful as to how to give support to members leading projects. Whilst the support of the LAC team was appreciated, there was scope for better communication between the secretariat overall and the membership.

North America. Mario explained there was some frustration from members which were unsuccessful in their applications for the BHA LLHS grant. Clarity on selection criteria would be helpful. It would also be helpful if the members themselves were involved in the selection. Shivangi gave an explanation of the methodology for member applications. It was agreed the secretariat has a role to play in ensuring donor compliance requirements are met.

West and Central Africa. Emmanuel noted that the size of the membership inevitably meant not all members could be funded via the secretariat. Involvement in regional consortia may be a better option. Could GNDR engage members in ways other than funding, e.g. areas of interest? Those members which had been involved in GNDR projects had benefitted from it, so thanks were due to the secretariat for this. .

Pacific. Dr Malik introduced himself as a new Board member

East and South East Asia. Eena provided an update

South Asia. Siddiqui would appreciate guidance on how best to engage members in the region.

Central Asia. Tolekan shared update of some successes in Turkmenistan, and will share a copy of the presentation given.

Europe. Marcos thanked Sophie for representing GNDR at the Bonn Climate Week. A workplan is being developed with an emphasis on localisation and learning. The RAG meeting is scheduled for next week.

East Africa. No feedback provided

8. Recommendations from Finance and Audit Working Group

2023.06.16 Agenda 8 Recommendations from FWG

9. Recommendations from Governance Working Group

Zen presented the feedback. No questions arising

2023.06.16 Agenda 9 Recommendations from GWG Jun 23

10. Recommendations from Membership Working Group

Peter presented the minutes and recommendations from the meeting on 22 May. The recommendations were approved. Sophie commented that we should ensure there is equal access to all members to funding from GNDR-funded projects.

2023.06.16 Agenda 10 Meeting minutes MWG May 23

11. Recommendations from Resources Working Group

Rod presented feedback from the meeting. No questions arising.

2023.06.20 Agenda 11 Recommendations from RWG

12. Trustees Update and Recommendations

Peter presented the feedback from the meeting. No questions arising

2023.03.16 Agenda 12 Trustees Update and Recommendations for June 2023

13. Stichting GNDR Update

There was nothing to present, since the meeting is scheduled for the following day (23 June).

14. Feedback on Mid-term Review of Strategy

Ajabu presented a summary of their findings and recommendations. The comments were as follows:

Peter felt that they had done a good job.

Zen asked how far we had progressed against our strategy. Ajabu stressed it was very difficult to tell, since there are no clear outcomes and/or indicators in the strategy. Thus the report is based on perceptions, rather than quantitative data.

Graciela indicated we should be concerned if members are not seeing any progress against our strategy

Emmanuel felt it was an interesting and helpful report, and wondered if members had any suggestions for improvements in the network.

It was agreed that, once finalised, the report should be shared with the members.

Agenda item 14 GNDR MTR Presentation 22-6

15. Global Board Face to Face Meeting//Plans for Global Summit

Marcos highlighted the practical difficulties of holding the September Global Board face-to-face; these included lacked of time for preparation, linkage with GPDRR and funding challenges. The proposal instead was that a face-to-face meeting should be combined with the Global Summit, to be held the week of 19 February 2024. This proposal was approved.

16. Conclusion and Thanks

As a final comment it was noted that the induction of the new Board members had gone well. Graciela ended by thanking everyone for their contributions