

# Global Board Meeting Minutes – Digital meeting

**Thursday 7 December 2023: 12-3pm BST**

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

**Apologies:** Heleen van der Beek (Chair of Stichting GNDR),

**In attendance from the Secretariat:** Liza Hernandez, Naomi Paul, Nick Roberts, Shivangi Chavda, Marco Concepcion Raba, Orla Cunnane, 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 Heleen van den Beek and (for part of the meeting) Toleskan Ismailova and Ewout van den Blink.

## 3. Agenda

The Chair presented the agenda for approval.

[2023.12.07 FINAL Agenda of Global Board meeting 7 Dec 2023.docx - Google Docs - Google Docs](#)

Resolution: The agenda was approved

## 4. Global Board June 2023 meeting minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

[2023.09.21 Board meeting minutes 21 Sept 2023v1.docx - Google Docs - Google Docs](#)

Resolution: The minutes were approved

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

### 5.1 Global Summit Agenda to be shown to Board Members for their input and suggestions on how to further shape it

Marcos and Nick Scarborough presented an update on the work of the Secretariat to prepare for the Global Summit

[GS Global Board Update \(7 Dec 2023\).pptx - Google Slides](#)

Graciela noted that the selection process for sponsored members and speakers should be transparent and shared with the members. Sophie Rigg congratulated the GNDR Secretariat for their work on the Summit agenda and asked how the sessions with corporate sector attendees will be structured. Corporate attendees are a very different audience to our members. Graciela noted that the aim of the Summit was to facilitate face to face between members from different regions, and that various agenda items are being planned to ensure these meetings take place.

Baimba noted that the different visa requirements for each nation should be borne in mind when arranging travel for the Summit attendees.

### 5.2 Mid-Term Review. Terms of Reference for a Working Group to consider the recommendations of the Mid-Term Review

Marcos presented Terms of Reference for the Mid-Term Review Working Group

[MTR Working Group.pptx - Google Slides](#)

Graciela, Dr Khurram Malik, Lorenzo Mota King, Sophie Rigg and [Emmanuel Seck](#) volunteered to join this working group.

## 6. Update from Secretariat

### 6.1 Secretariat Update

Marcos presented the Secretariat update.

[GNDR Secretariat Update for Global Board 7.12.23 - Google Docs](#)

### 6.2 Finance scorecard/6.3 Risk Matrix

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

[2023.11.13 Agenda 6.2 Risk Matrix updated.xlsx - Google Sheets](#)

## 7. Feedback from RAGs

Board members gave feedback for their respective regions as follows:

**East and South-East Asia.** Eena provided an update. There was a RAG held to support the application to the Dutch government.

The East and South East Asia region is piloting the Innovative Solutions bank - a repository of best practise solutions for Civil Society Organisations. The Innovative Solutions Bank will be reviewed at the next regional RAG on 18th December.

Eena requested that future Global Board meetings could be set during hours that work better for those attending in Asia, on a rotational basis.

**Southern Africa.** Baimba provided an update for the region, noting the achievements of the RAG in Southern Africa, and raising the following main aspects:

- Improving the induction process for NFPs
- Increasing the activities and profile of the NFPs
- Raising GNDR's profile

The full summary of the Southern Africa RAG is attached here

[GNDR Regional Advisory Group- Meeting Notes-Olivia.doc - Google Docs](#)

**South America.** An update was provided by Graciela (a copy of the presentation is attached) raising the following main aspects:

- Clarifying the role of the NFPs, and supporting their visibility and leadership
- Clarifying the benefits to members of being part of GNDR
- Increasing GNDR's profile

[What I expect of....pptx - Google Slides](#)

## Recommendations from Working Groups

### 8 Finance and Audit Working Group

Ian provided feedback on the FAWG meeting of 16th November. There were a number of points for noting, but no recommendations. Ian asked for volunteers to join the FAWG and stressed that any volunteers did not need to have a finance background. Please contact Ian if you would like to join the Finance and Audit Working Group.

[2023.11.20 Agenda 8 Recommendations from FAWG.docx - Google Docs](#)

### **9 Governance Working Group**

Zenaida presented feedback from the meeting on 21 November, which included four recommendations for noting.

[2023.11.21 Recommendations from GWG.docx - Google Docs - Google Docs](#)

### **10 Membership Working Group**

Peter provided feedback from the meeting of 21 November. This included one recommendation for the Board to approve the new updated Membership Engagement Strategy

[2023.11.21 MWG meeting Eng.docx - Google Docs - Google Docs](#)

[Membership Engagement Strategy eng.docx - Google Docs](#)

**Resolution: The Membership Engagement Strategy was approved**

### **11 Resources Working Group**

Marcos and Naomi presented feedback from the meeting of 21 November. There is one request to the Board.

[2023.11.21 Recommendations from RWG.docx - Google Docs - Google Docs](#)

## **12. Conclusion and Thanks**

Graciela concluded the meeting and said that we are all looking forward to meeting in person at the Global Summit.

The meeting concluded around 15.30 pm BST.