
Praia City Group Steering Committee meeting minute

1. Context:

Local	Skype Meeting	
Date/ Schedule	07/12/2017	09h00 (Praia time)

2. Participants:

Name	Entities
Attendees	
Osvaldo Monteiro Borges	Praia City Group - President
Khalil El Gazri	Praia City Group - Secretariat
Malene Almeida	Praia City Group - Secretariat
Oscar Jaime	INEGI - Mexico
Zsuzsanna Lonti	PARIS21
Rudolphe Petras*	PARIS21
Rees Mpofu (<i>experienced connections problems</i>)	AFDB
Rukshana Nanayakkara	Transparency International
Håvard Strand	PRIO
Håvard Mogleiv Nygård	PRIO
Ludovic Mollier	IRD - DIAL
François Roubaud	IRD – DIAL
Mireille Razafindrakoto	IRD – DIAL
Alexandra Wilde	UNDP
Nicolas Fasel	OHCHR
Apologies	
Adriano Franco Barrios	INEGI – Mexico
Lisa Bersales	PSA (Philippines NSO)

3. Addressed items:

1. Presentation/welcome of the new Steering Committee Members and new Secretariat staff

- New SC members
 - PRIO: Håvard Strand and Håvard Mogleiv Nygård
 - IRD – DIAL: Ludovic Mollier, François Roubaud and Mireille Razafindrakoto
 - Paris 21: Rafik Mahjoubi (replacing Rudolphe Petras) *

Håvard Nygård and François Roubaud presented their respective research institute and their participating colleagues

- Secretariat staff
 - International consultant: Khalil El Gazri

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- National Consultant: Malene Almeida

2. Brief discussion on “2017 Report on activities of the Praia Group” and following steps for the presentation at the 49th session (March 2018, New York)

- IRD – DIAL (François) asked if it was possible to include in the 2017 PG activities report (Chapter II/Activity VI (Roadmap)/Paragraph 18), two of the events (attended by some SC members) held after the report submission to UNSC:
 - Expert group meeting on SDG indicators 16.6.2 and 16.7.2 (4-5 Dec 2017, UNDP Oslo Governance Centre, Oslo, Norway)
 - Workshop to validate the revision of the GPS-SHaSA instruments (27-28 Nov 2017, Abidjan, Ivory Coast)
- PG – President replied that he was afraid that would not be possible because the deadline for the report submission was 17 November 2017 for the 2018 UNSC session

a. Inputs for 2018 work plan

- The 2018 work plan should include activities from the SC to follow up with the leaders of each chapter of the Handbook, especially the ones that are not part of the SC (UNODC, OECD, World Bank and UNESCO)
- Focus of the 2018 work plan is the development of the Handbook (specify needs). A contribution planning and deadlines should be established for each activity
- Nicolas (OHCHR) and Ludovic (IRD-DIAL) suggested that we must improve our overall communication mechanism among all members.
- The President announced that the 1st draft of the plan will be shared by the Secretariat on 15 December 2017 with the SC for suggestions and comments

3. Discussion and validation on the 9 dimensions and respective working groups

- PARIS21 agrees with UNDP suggestion to rename dimension 4 (“Rule of Law”) to “Rule of law and Access to justice” instead of creating a new dimension for “Access to justice”. Initially, INEGI claimed that “Access to Justice” should be elevated as a dimension regarding all the work that has been done by OECD and Open Society Foundations in this field. For INEGI, dimension 4 is a too broad matter whereas “Access to justice” is a specific one
- Some of the SC suggested that we should considered “Trust” as a dimension (OECD initial position), however, others argue that “Trust” is an outcome of the 10 dimensions (in this case we cannot considering it as one dimension)
- OHCHR remarked that human rights cut across most, if not all, the dimensions currently identified. Reference to international human rights standards and other relevant international standards would help develop the conceptual/definitional framework underpinning indicators under other dimensions. Likewise, users of the handbook who might be interested in the measurement of human rights will also be able to use the dedicated section/dimension on human rights.

a. Update working groups composition

- SC should validate and identify with each entity the contact person responsible to lead each chapter
- OECD it is not a member but would like to be a working group leader

b. Standard structure format of the contributions from the working groups

- A contribution framework for the working groups should be defined and approved
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- PG Secretariat (Khalil) suggested that this framework allows contributions to flow within and between WGs due to overlapping dimensions as mentioned by IRD – DIAL (François)
- Which are the key elements to be included on each chapter by the WGs?
- UNDP (Alexandra) proposed to consider an overall editor for the Handbook in order to ensure that we are on the same page and to organize the structure, construction and finalization of the HB:

(Discussion): Should it be the Secretariat? A coordination team within the SC? A sub-committee group? To drive the assignment of the overall editor? TBD

4. How to engage and increase participations from our members

- SC recognize that many NSOs are not informed of the existence of the PG
- UNPD (Alexandra) noticed that low participation from the members is due to lack of clear information on how to participate or help. A methodology/mechanism of participation should be defined
- At the beginning of PG creation was proposed that some workings groups should have regular meetings
- Regular communication forms (for example emails) should be send to member to update them with the latest news
- François proposed to embark more NSOs but to keep participation effective
- UNPD (Alexandra) and PARIS21 (Zsuzsanna) agree that key NSOs should be identified and called for membership and before establishing the contribution framework it is necessary to improve the information sharing mechanism

5. Others subjects

- Where and when should the next PG physical meeting happen?

4. Next steps and main conclusions

The president thanked and congratulated all participants (with special thanks to Oscar who joined the meeting at a very early hour in Mexico). He encouraged the members to send by email any clarification or further comment.

The President mentioned the following actions and closed the meeting:

ID	Brief description	Sponsor	Deadline
1	Send a draft of the work plan 2018	PG – President	15/12/2017
2	Send the proposal date for the next SC meeting before end of the year (to discuss the dimensions of governance and pending issues)	PG – Secretariat	07/12/2017
3	President should send an email to all working groups leaders to nominate a person (point of contact)	PG – President	15/12/2017