

Praia City Group Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 30th 2017

By Skype

Present:

1. INECV: Osvaldo Borges, Carlos Mendes, João de Pina Cardoso.
2. OHCHR: Nicolas Fasel
3. UNDP: Chris Murgatroyd and Alexandra Wilde
4. PARIS21: Rudolphe Petras and Zsuzsanna Lonti
5. INEGI: Adrian Franco

Apologies:

1. Transparency International
2. African Development Bank

Points discussed:

1. Presentation of the results - International Consultant for the Praia Group Secretariat;
2. Discussion and approval of changes in the ToR of the Steering Committee;
3. Information about the events of SDG16 Tier III indicators.
4. Contributions to the governance manual structure produced by OECD's Marco Mira d'Ercole, based on its experience in line with the UNDP-Olso / Mark Orkin

1. International Consultant for the Praia Group Secretariat

Presentation of the results:

Chris Murgatroyd presented the situation with respect to the candidacies, referring specifically to the three candidates who meet the required criteria.

He further stated that the competition is in the final phase and that in September the selected candidate will start work at the Secretariat in Praia.

The members who took part in the meeting, for their knowledge, requested the report of the selection process.

Osvaldo Borges promised to send all the documentation to the members of the Committee.

Alexandra was the person who was responsible for summarizing the scores given by committee members:

This work has already been done. She has already submitted a summary of the results of the scores given by the members.

2. Discussion and approval of changes in the ToR of the Steering Committee;

The TOR amendment was accepted in order to accept more members in the committee. PRIO and DIAL will be contacted as the new CSO members of the Steering Committee.

There was discussion of whether, in addition to adding two new CSO members, and one new NSO member, consideration should be given to adding another UN/international member of the Steering Committee for balance. The consensus was that the current proposal in the ToRs is optimal and there is no need to add another member at this stage.

It was agreed that decisions should be taken by consensus amongst members following discussion, and not unanimity or voting. It was agreed that the current ToRs are adequate in this regard.

Members discussed the possibility of the monthly meeting being at another day/time, i.e. specifying only that the meeting should be in the last week of each month, with the Secretariat to follow up each month on the precise day/time according to respective diaries/availability.

3. Information about the events of SDG 16 Tier III indicators.

Next meeting on SDG16 tier III will be held in Geneva by OHCHR and will have 47 participants. Mexico and OECD will not participate.

All members wished success to Nicolas in organizing the event in Geneva (5 to 6 September 2017). Taking advantage of the occasion, Dr. Carlos Mendes informed of the meeting with UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime) that will take place in Praia from 4 to 8 September 2017

4. Contributions to the governance manual structure produced by OECD's Marco Mira d'Ercole, based on his experience and in line with the work done by UNDP-Olso / Mark Orkin

The NSO of Cabo Verde proposed a face-to-face meeting to discuss the dimensions of governance and the structure of the manual, but the members present at the meeting did not accept, therefore, the next discussions on the subject will be made via skype.

Members agreed that, where applicable, the custodian agencies will be responsible for drafting the chapters. In addition, an analysis needs to be undertaken to identify what parts of the framework are not covered by SDGs thus have no custodian

agency. Further decision will need to be made regarding which organizations will lead the elaboration of those parts.

Adrian agreed with most of the dimensions and general structure of the manual. However, he argued that he would not agree with the "security" dimension, because since the creation of Praia Group it was considered that security should be included in the framework of governance statistics dimensions (one of nine dimensions) for the handbook but there would not be a dedicated chapter as safety and security statistics are already covered in other manuals. The Handbook will rather include cross-referencing to the other group(s) that are doing work on this issue.