

## **Praia City Group Steering Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 2017

By Skype

### **Present:**

1. INECV: Osvaldo Borges, Carlos Mendes, João de Pina Cardoso.
2. UNDP: Alexandra Wilde, Chris Murgatroyd
3. Paris 21: Zsuzsanna Lonti, Rudolphe Petras
4. INEGI: Oscar Jaimes Bello

### **Apologies:**

1. OHCHR: Nicolas Fasel
2. Transparency International: Rukshana Nanayakkara
3. African Development Bank

### **Meeting Items**

#### **1. Discussion and selection of the new SC member**

The Steering Committee discussed the applications of the three candidates: IRD, OSJI and Prio. The 2 highest scoring applicants, based on review against the agreed criteria by Steering Committee members, are IRD and Prio. It was proposed that not only one but two of the candidates join the Steering Committee, to harness the clear energy they have for the success of the Praia Group, their expertise and knowledge and the explicit commitments to contribute. It was further proposed that, to restore the organizational balance of the Steering Committee, another NSO should be invited to join in addition to INECV (Cabo Verde) and INEGI (Mexico). The Philippines was suggested, based on their experience and expertise in governance statistics and an expression of interest shared with the INECV at the Steering Committee meeting on the Praia Group's side event meeting at the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Statistical Commission in New York on Thursday 9 March 2017. The Steering Committee members present agreed with the 2 proposals above. INECV noted that these changes would need to be reflected in the ToRs. The Secretariat of the Praia Group suggested to UNDP to present a proposal for the revision of the ToRs. The revised ToRs would then be circulated by email amongst the Committee members for approbation. If there is then a need to ratify the revised ToRs at the next Steering Committee meeting, this can be tabled as a formality at the next meeting. In the meantime, it was agreed that both CSO applicants – PRIO and IRD – should be told of this outcome and to include them in the work of the Steering Committee, and work should be done to identify the appropriate additional NSO. Another aspect discussed was the need for information exchange, proposals, ideas, and deliberations to be shared, discussed and clearly defined in order to strengthen the engagement of the members of the Steering Committee.

#### **2. Status of the structure and manual**

The Steering Committee agreed that the proposal from Marco Mira d'Ercole from the OECD for the structure of the handbook was a useful starting point (ref: Mira's email to Praia Group members on 12 July 2017). This is set out below:

***Introduction and summary*** (e.g. why is governance important? what is governance about?, existing international norms and standards, objectives of this Handbook, structure of the report, etc.)

#### ***Part 1: Cross cutting themes***

- *Concepts and dimensions* (e.g. review of the frameworks in use, the one used for this handbook, key domains and dimensions, what falls outside the remit of this Handbook, etc.)

- *Statistical sources (e.g. censuses, surveys, administrative data, expert assessments, crowdsourcing/web scraping, etc.)*
- *Operationalisation (e.g. challenges in data collection, data quality, comparability, disaggregation, best practices, etc.)*
- *Uses (e.g. monitoring, uses in policy process, key indicators, etc.)*

## ***Part 2: Measuring various governance dimensions***

1. *Participation*
2. *Human rights*
3. *Transparency*
4. *Rule of Law*
5. *Accountability*
6. *Government effectiveness*
7. *Government efficiency*
8. *Absence of corruption*
9. *Safety and security*

The governance dimensions in Part 2 would be based on, and informed by, the paper developed by UNDP/Mark Orkin ("The components, conception and data priorities of governance data: Some suggested variations on the UNECE-CES Working Paper") Submitted to Activity 1: Mapping of the Praia City Group on Governance by the Oslo Governance Centre in June 2017). This paper will be circulated again for additional comments from the membership. Steering Committee members agreed that Marco Mira d'Ercole's suggested approach to the Handbook structure was useful. The Praia Group Secretariat considers that it is necessary to involve the members of the Praia Group in the coordination and elaboration of the chapters. The Praia Group Secretariat also suggests that it is fundamental to involve all members on the handbook structure proposed by UNDP / Mark Orkin as a reference for a wider discussion / socialization within the Praia Group, as mentioned in the document "The components, Conception and data priorities of governance data: Some suggested variations on the UNECE-CES Working Paper ". INEGI suggested that the custodian agencies for indicators related to the dimensions of governance take the lead in coordinating/drafting the relevant chapters.

## **3. Work status of SDG16 Tier III indicators**

The Chair of the Steering Committee updated the members on the expert group meeting on Indicators 16.6.2; 16.7.1 and 16.7.2 that took place in Oslo in May and the upcoming OHCHR multi stakeholder consultation in Geneva on 5-6 September 2017 which will focus on Indicators 16.1.2, 16.10.1, 16.b.1. INECV also informed members of an UNODC mission to Cabo Verde in September to discuss Indicator 16.5.

## **4. Higher regularity of SC Meetings**

Steering Committee members agreed with the Praia Group Secretariat's proposal to increase the regularity of Steering Committee meetings and will from now meet by Skype on the last Thursday of each month at 1pm Cabo Verde time for 1.5 hours. The next meeting is therefore scheduled for Thursday August 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **5. Status on hiring an international consultant**

UNDP updated the Committee on the hiring of an international consultant technical advisor to support the secretariat as part of the UNDP's commitment to support the launch of the Praia City Group. The consultancy is for 100 days over 5 months and will be based in the INECV with a start date of

September 18 ([https://jobs.undp.org/cj\\_view\\_job.cfm?cur\\_job\\_id=73170](https://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_job.cfm?cur_job_id=73170)). The consultant will provide facilitation support to the Secretariat of the Praia Group on Governance Statistics, with the following activities: facilitate communication and co-ordination across the membership of the Praia Group and liaise with members and other stakeholders; support the facilitation and preparation of meeting/conference documents and other documentation as required; provide support to the implementation of the activities agreed in the roadmap; and provide support to the development of the handbook on governance statistics to be presented to the Statistical Commission in [2019]. The consultancy is for a period of no more than 100 days due to funding constraints. If additional funds could be mobilised from amongst other members of the Praia Group, the consultancy could be extended.