

Executive Committee Teleconference - Minutes

Friday, 9 March, 2018, 8:00-10:00am EST

Participants

Executive Committee members: Tarald Brautaset (Norway, Chair), Dean Brooks (INEE), Alicia Herbert (UK DFID), Rudolf Huber (Germany BMZ), Claire James (Australia), Mamadou Dian Balde (UNHCR), Annina Mattsson (Dubai Cares), Svein Osttveit (UNESCO), Pdraig Power (GPE), Evelyn Rodriguez-Perez (USAID), Frank Rothaus Jensen (Denmark, representing Nicolai Steen Nielsen), Yasmine Sherif (ECW Director), Nancy Smyth (Canada), Justin van Fleet (Office of the UN Special Envoy for Global Education), Cornelius Hacking (Netherlands), Thomas Ostermann (Denmark)

Observers: Lisa Bender (UNICEF, replacing Jo Bourne for this meeting), Julia Dicum (Canada), Gorka Fagilde (SIDA), Randi Gramshaug (Norad), Kerstin Holst (UNESCO), Alice Kunz (Germany GIZ), Jan Svihlik (GIZ), Nina Papadopoulos (USAID), Ita Sheehy (UNHCR), Emily Todd (DFID), Kelly Loewer (USAID), Tara Painter (Canada), Observing for Civil Society: Emma Wagner, (Save the Children), Ben Sadek, (Plan International)

ECW Secretariat: Niladri Bhattacharjee, Gabrielle Bonnet, David Hartstone, Lucy Earle, Graham Lang, Amrit Sandhu, Anouk Desgroseilliers, Dagmar Kunzmann Briefel

Guests: Stephen Lister, Paul Isenman, Marian Hodgkin and Allison Anderson (Mokoro Ltd.), Cathy Shaw (DAI, quality assurance and overseeing consultancy work)

Apologies: Stijn De-Lameillieure (EC)

Summary of the outcomes of the conference call

1. Hosting review:

- a. Stephen Lister, Mokoro Ltd. provided a power point presentation on the hosting report and recommendations, and opened up to questions.
- b. ExCom members discussed the hosting review report and sought clarification on the following points:
 - i. ExCom understands the reasons for a continued incubation period to coincide with ECW's first strategic cycle (2018-2021). This would allow ECW to strengthen its performance and establish itself as an independent new actor in the field. Members would like to see guidelines, including a time chart, that will demonstrate how the incubation period will inform the long-term status of ECW, which can be presented to HLSG.
 - ii. ExCom would like to see a table of qualitative criteria that draws a comparison between MPTFO and UNICEF's FSO, both in administrative and financial terms, outlined more prominently in the report.
 - iii. Some ExCom members would further like to see more detail about the advantage/disadvantages of GPE as a long-term host, looking beyond the current circumstances of GPEs possible de-coupling from the World Bank.
- c. Mokoro consultants will further highlight answers to some of those questions already in the report, and will also revise the Hosting Review report based on the discussion, particularly in terms of presenting the information in Annexes G and H more prominently,

and will distribute a new version on 19 March, 2018. The new version will be accompanied by a short decision paper including guidelines and a time chart.

- d. Another teleconference will be organized on 27 March to discuss the revised Hosting Review report. The goal for the teleconference is to reach a conclusion on the hosting review that will be presented to HLSG on 19 April, 2018.

2. ECW Strategy:

- a. The participatory process to develop the strategy was outlined. ECW thanked everyone for their extensive and constructive contributions over the past six months.
- b. ECW is reviewing comments and making alterations to the structure.
- c. A revised draft will be circulated prior to the ExCom meeting on March 27th.

3. HLSG Agenda:

- a. The Agenda was presented for the HLSG meeting on 19, April, 2018. The very tight time limit of 55 minutes for the HLSG meeting was highlighted.
- b. The following three points will be featured on the Agenda:
 - i. Presentation of results
 - ii. Approval of ECW's Strategy
 - iii. ExCom decision on hosting review
- c. ECW asked the ExCom what more could be done to encourage HLSG members to rally behind ECW and be more proactive in fundraising. It was emphasized that HLSG, as risk owner, is ultimately responsible for ECW's successful resource mobilization. ExCom members were asked to consider what pledges or commitments their High-Level Representatives could make at the ExCom, and were encouraged to provide feedback to Gordon Brown on the agenda, with particular regard to an agenda item on resource mobilization.

Next Steps

1. Hosting review:

- a. Mokoro consultants will revise the hosting review report based on the discussion and distribute a new version, accompanied by a short decision paper, on March 19 2018.
- b. Another teleconference will be organized on 27 March to discuss the revised hosting review report. The aim is to reach consensus on the hosting review and accompanying decision paper that will be presented to the HLSG on 19 April, 2018.

2. ECW Strategy:

- a. ECW is reviewing comments and making alterations to the structure.
- b. A revised draft will be circulated prior to the ExCom meeting on March 27th.
- c. A final revision will be made and sent to HLSG in the first week of April.

3. HLSG meeting 19 April :

- a. The Agenda and background documents will be circulated during the first week of April.
- b. In view of the next HLSG meeting, ExCom members will inform their High-Level Steering Group Representative about the discussion and consider what support they can pledge to ECW's resource mobilization and advocacy.