

Summary note
Localization work stream teleconference
September 13 2017

The co-conveners welcomed the participants to this first teleconference of the Grand Bargain localization work stream. Since it was the first teleconference of this kind for work stream 2, the invitation went out to GB signatories only. The aim of the call was to agree the ways of working of the future teleconferences, including the participation of local actors and to agree on the priority objectives and workplan of the work stream. The definitions of key terms were also discussed.

During the call, participants agreed on the following points:

1. Ways of working in the work stream teleconferences

(Discussion on the role of the co-chairs, frequency of calls, how information will be shared, how decisions will be made, and how other work streams will be engaged)

- Co convener's role: the co-conveners underlined their facilitation role, bringing together different opinions, initiatives and facilitating compromise and consensus, with the aim to move forward the work stream as a whole in a productive manner in view of promoting implementation.
- Frequency of calls: it was agreed to hold regular teleconferences every two months with the possibility to have additional ad hoc calls on specific issues with those interested.
- Information sharing: it was agreed to use as much as possible the GB Website hosted by the IASC Secretariat, including sharing the minutes of the localization teleconferences and other initiatives relevant to the localization stakeholders. The list of localization work stream focal points/participants will be shared among the group to allow for communication between everyone.
- Decision making: It was agreed that decisions should be made based on consensus. Whenever the issues discussed within the work stream have an impact on all the GB signatories, a proposal will be submitted to the signatories for endorsement/agreement through silence procedure.
- Engaging other work streams: the co-conveners informed the participants that there will be a high level Round Table on the Grand Bargain in New York on the 18th of September involving members of the facilitation group. The meeting will be discussing alignment/synergies between work streams (considering clusters), sequencing and prioritization, as well as engagement with external processes such as the UN-championed "new way of working" (NWOW). In addition, Germany, as new member of the Facilitation Group, invited the outgoing and new Facilitation Group members to meet at a more technical level on October 24. More guidance and instructions are expected to follow from those two events. Participants agreed it would be useful to identify who within the work stream was attending other work streams and could help facilitate connections, as well as to identify and invite representatives from the other relevant work streams in order to brief and inform the localization work stream.

2. Participation of local actors

(Discussion on the numbers, criteria, and modalities of engagement of local actors in future teleconferences)

- Participants underlined the importance of including and involving local actors in the regular teleconferences. The group agreed to aim for a diverse representation of local actors including not only national/local NGOs but also national/local governments, representing the different regions of the world, women's groups etc.
- Some participants stressed the importance of identifying ways that local actors could feed into national and regional level conversations on this issue and raised the concern that the global calls may not be of great interest or value to local and national actors.

- It was agreed that local actor's participation on the call and as part of the email list should aim to be at around 25% (roughly 10 representatives). There also will need to be an effort to ensure that the number of participants in the call remains manageable and allows for constructive discussions.
- It was agreed that the co-conveners will prepare a proposed framework based on the discussion.
- ICVA and Charter4Change Initiative will help reaching out through their networks to identify participants to be included in the regular calls. Others were also invited to reach out and engage potentially interested actors to participate (especially national/local governments).

3. Priority objectives and workplan of the work stream

(Discussion of changes / additions to the zero draft)

- Participants all welcomed the draft workplan, which was presented.
- Generally, it was felt that the workplan may be overly ambitious and that further prioritization within the proposed activities should be undertaken.
- It was also agreed, that activities needed to be assigned with a lead or co-lead organizations.
- An additional column including interlinkages with other work streams and external processes and initiatives should be added.
- The co-conveners will revise the workplan according to the inputs received by participants during the call and circulate it for written feedback and comments via e-mail. Participants were requested to highlight what they felt should be prioritized and what they would be keen to lead on or contribute to, in order to prioritize and rationalize the workplan.

4. Definitions of key terms

(-Update on the outcome of the silence procedure on the co-chairs' letter to the Grand Bargain signatories of 13 June

-Reconciling remaining issues and discussion of next steps in deploying the definitions for measurement)

- The results of the silence procedure were presented by the co-conveners. The silence was not broken but there are still outstanding issues and concerns, in particular around the concept of affiliated organizations. Some respondents to the co-conveners had raised concerns about how this issue was addressed in the LMWG document, whereas a number of LMWG members indicated their ongoing preference for the LMWG approach over that proposed by the co-conveners.
- With regard to the affiliation issue, a new proposal was put forward by the co-chair of the LMWG without any objection from the participants in the call. The proposed way forward was – as was suggested for “as directly as possible” – to track funding going to affiliated organizations as a separate category, and to make no judgment whether affiliated organizations are national or international actors. This separate category would be tracked during the baseline study exercise similar to the tracking of the funds going through 1 intermediary. The baseline study will give more information on the funds flowing to affiliated organisations.
- The co-conveners, together with the chair of the IASC HFTT Localization Marker Working Group, will draft a letter with the new proposal and submit it to the signatories through silence procedure.

The next call will be held on 22 November at 3pm Geneva time.