

## Summary Notes - Localisation Workstream Teleconference

10 July 2019

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The co-conveners welcomed the participants and presented the proposed agenda of the teleconference to the localisation workstream members.

### 1. Grand Bargain Annual Meeting

Overall positive impression including the start of a new Eminent Person and strong voices to push the GB agenda forward.

### 2. ECOSOC HAS Side event and High Level Panel Event on Localisation

There was good attendance in both the localisation side event (of which the Workstream served as one of the organisers) and the high level panel event. For the side event, discussions focused on issues around due diligence and donor compliance burden for local actors, the dilemmas of direct funding for local actors and developments and remaining barriers on representation of local actors in decision making processes and policy forums. A [summary note](#) will be prepared and shared to everyone. The high level panel event covered experiences of local actors in recent emergencies – Sulawesi earthquake, Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, and various cyclones in the Pacific – and the role of women and women-led organisations in localisation. One of the panelists, Ms. Naomi Solanke from Liberia, is an invited local actor member of the Localisation Workstream.

### 3. Successes and bottlenecks planning document

Workstreams were requested by the Grand Bargain Facilitation Group to analyze the key successes and bottlenecks identified in the GB Annual Independent Report. An extra ordinary teleconference for the Workstream was called on 3<sup>rd</sup> June to review and finalise this document. Limited time was provided to comprehensively discuss and prioritise the options identified for future actions and it was clarified the list of options/activities were not commitments. The exercise, however, was useful to prompt the discussion for next steps for the Workstream. The **document** will be used as a rough template/framework to review the Workstream's workplan in its face to face meeting in October.

### 4. Local Actors Representation in the Workstream

Question was raised on how to increase representation of local actors in the workstream and improve/maximise their participation. NEAR Network looks at how to better equip local actors to effectively participate in discussions in person as well as remotely. For Charter for Change, the idea is for local actors to endorse GB, be invited to annual meeting and provided opportunity to give feedback. Some local actors have expressed desire to interact more with other workstreams. There is also the need to create links between global, regional, and national level discussions and platforms.

There are on-going discussions between the Cash and Localisation Workstreams in terms of bridging the two specifically around ensuring that local actors are engaged and that meaningful partnerships with them are established. Oxfam is developing a proposal on this.

Action points :

- Review the local actors' members list and propose new names/organisations for participation in the bimonthly teleconferences;
- Advocate with other workstreams on engagement with local actors;

### 5. Update on Regional Conferences

- a. Africa (Addis Ababa, 15-16 July 2019) – 64 participants confirmed; still following up participants from donors and UN agencies while NDMAs have been invited through the African Union but not confirmed. UN Women is holding a pre-conference consultation on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July.
- b. Middle East (Amman, 29-30 July 2019) – also following up with donors and UN agency participants
- c. Asia Pacific (Jakarta, 27-28 August 2019) – to be hosted by the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance (AHA Centre)
- d. Global Meeting – sometime in October for all workstream members

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Present:

Sema Genel (Hayata Desk/NEAR Network), Alix Masson (NEAR Network), Janet Puhlovic (OCHA), Michael Mosselmans and Lizz Harrison (Christian Aid), Brigitte Mukengeshayi (ECHO), Mohammed Ismail (Sweden), Katya Rosenstock (Save the Children), Ana de Vos (ZOA), Elisabeth Ross (USAID), Hero Anwar (REACH), Gisela Duetting (UN Women), Tim Stone (DFID), Regina Gujan (SDC), David Fisher, Coree Steadman and Esther Waldmeier (IFRC)