

PWYP Africa Steering Committee: Handover meeting Livingstone, Zambia 14 July 2017



(Faith Nwadishi and Brice Mackosso are missing from this picture)

Participants

Africa Steering Committee - outgoing and incoming members

Gilbert Maoundonondji, Chad (Chair) (GM)
Taran Diallo, Guinea (TD)
Jean Claude Katende, DRC (JCK)
Faith Nwadishi, Nigeria (FN)
Ali Idrissa, Niger (AI)
Edmond Kangamungazi, Zambia (EK)
Steve Manteaw, Ghana (SM)
Erisa Danladi, Nigeria (ED)
Mutuso Dhiwayo (MD)
Moses Kulaba (MK)
Dupleix Kunezop (DK)
Tiemoko Sangare, Mali (TS)

Apologies

Brice Mackosso, Republic of Congo

PWYP Secretariat

Elisa Peter, Executive Director (EP)

Stephanie Rochford, Director of Member Engagement (SR)

Carol Kiangura, ESA & Pan Africa Regional Coordinator (CK)

Demba Seydi, Francophone West Africa Regional Coordinator (DS)

Actions

- Decide on date and venue of next face-to-face meeting of new ASC members
- Agenda of next ASC meeting should include: capacity building on the PWYP Protection Strategy; sub-regional strategies; update from EITI board members; application from Gabon to re-affiliate to PWYP; strategy of engagement and support to Anglophone West Africa; signing of the Code of Conduct by each ASC member
- Ensure that new ASC representative to the Global Council is able to attend next meeting in Brussels in October

Main points of discussion

1. Introductions

GM opened the meeting and introduced the agenda. Participants were invited to introduce themselves. Given the limited time available the agenda was re-organised in order to make sure that the priorities for the meeting were achieved. The outgoing members proposed a short session to outline the roles of the President and Vice President. It was agreed to document the formal handover of the former chair to the new chair with a photograph.

Each of the outgoing committee members was invited to share their advice and views to the new members. SM noted that the current ASC is also the first ASC, and they learned as they went. He noted that the election of the chairperson was taken consensually. He noted the role of the chairperson to convene and chair meetings and to undertake missions to resolve conflicts or challenges with national coalitions. SM noted that the role of engaging with regional bodies had not been undertaken very comprehensively. SM drew the new committee members' attention to the Africa Charter as the guiding document for the roles and responsibilities of the Chair and Vice-Chair.

As a former EITI International Board member, AI recommended that there be a space accorded at ASC meetings for discussion about civil society participation in the EITI, at national and international level. AI urged the new members to prioritise communication before and after meetings with the wider membership who they represent, as well as with other relevant bodies. He highlighted the role of the ASC to be an example of collegiate working to the wider membership. AI noted the role of the ASC in implementing the PWYP Protection Strategy, which is an important tool to communicate and react to threats to PWYP members across the

continent. AI noted the importance of using the Protection Strategy diplomatically and to assess the most useful approach on a case by case basis. AI suggested a capacity building session at the next meeting of the new ASC to build their capacity on the Protection Strategy.

EK also highlighted communication challenges, as well as the need to acknowledge the strengths and address the weaknesses of the national coalitions, particularly in terms of their governance (regular AGMs etc). He also noted the role of the ASC in outreach to potential new coalitions.

JK emphasised the need to address the outstanding questions raised during the Africa Conference relating to the Africa Charter, particularly in order to maintain the trust and confidence of the membership. JK noted the importance of consulting with the members in each sub-region on various issues including the role of EITI and activist protection. JK also highlighted the importance of being regularly in touch with national coalitions and of communicating any challenges to the ASC for further discussion.

FN will continue on the ASC. She noted that she was the only woman on the first ASC and encouraged the new ASC to step up to ensure that women are more involved in both the campaign and in the governance of PWYP. FN also noted the cost of the lack of communication with members. FN reiterated the importance of including a space on ASC agendas for reporting back from the EITI International Board.

GM highlighted two points: the importance of communication between the ASC among themselves and also with the International Secretariat. He encouraged the new members to reach out to the Secretariat for their support and to work closely with the PWYP regional coordinators. GM encouraged the ASC to support all the national coalitions to complete an annual self-assessment, and to hold regular AGMs, which will allow the ASC an overview of where the coalitions require support. He highlighted the case of Gabon which has submitted a new application and which the new committee needs to address as a matter of priority. GM also highlighted the potential for the ASC to advocate more proactively at the regional level. Finally, he noted the need for the Chair and Vicechair to be available to respond and support at all times.

DS summarised the results of the recent mission to Togo which included a capacity building session on governance and an AGM to elect a new steering committee, which has three women on its seven-member steering committee.

SM noted that Sierra Leone did not attend the conference and highlighted a challenge for the new ASC to address the issues in the Anglophone West Africa region. EP noted that the largest sub-grant that the Secretariat has ever made is to the coalition in Nigeria. She also reiterated that she is committed to ensuring the necessary support to the countries that feel they have not

been well supported, including Sierra Leone and Liberia. FN noted the role of PWYP Nigeria in engaging with Ford to secure the grant.

2. Selection of Chair, Vicechair and Global Council representative

The outgoing ASC members (except for SM and GM) and the Secretariat staff left the room to allow the new ASC members to select the above roles. Mutuso Dhliwayo was selected by consensus as the Chair, and Tiemoko Sangare as Vice-Chair and the representative to the Global Council is Duplex Kuenzop.

Specific responsibilities of the Chair as spelled out in the Africa Charter include:

- Setting meeting agendas in collaboration with the PWYP International Secretariat
- Chairing ASC and AC meetings and ensuring compliance with rules of order
- Contributing to the recruitment and performance evaluations of the Africa coordinators
- Receiving reports from the Africa Coordinators and circulating these to the wider ASC
- Ensuring the ASC performs its role well and evaluates its own performance
- Representing the organization in major public events

End.

