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ASC End of Year Meeting

Date: Wednesday 24 November 2021

Time: 9:00 - 10:30 GMT

Participants:

ASC members

1. Fatima DIALLO (FD), representative for Francophone West Africa and GC liaison
2. Fatima MIMBIRE (FM), Vice-Chair and representative for East and Southern Africa
3. Christian MOUNZEO (CM), Chair and representative for Central Africa
4. James KORYOR (JK), representative for Anglophone West Africa

Secretariat

1. Demba SEYDI (DS)
2. Eric BISIL (EB)
3. Ernest EKURROT (EE)
4. Stephanie ROCHFORD (SR)
5. Elisa Peter (EP)
6. Nelly Busingye (NB)

Actions

Action	Responsible	Deadline
Share PWYP Africa summary work plan document to ASC members	DS	31st January 2022
Amend ASC priorities document by moving some 2021 priorities in 2022	EB	31st January 2022

Meeting Notes

Welcome from Chair

The chair welcomed the members to the meeting. He noted that the meeting is happening virtually which is a reminder of the challenges we are facing with the pandemic. Europe is facing the fifth wave and Africa is still facing challenges related to access to vaccines.

Remarks from Elisa



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EP welcomed the new steering committee, appreciated the work done so far.

EP noted that the Africa team has grown from one person to five and there will be an additional recruitment for the Regional Coordinator of the AWA region. 2022 will be a crucial year with the Global Assembly (GA) and the celebration of PWYP 20th anniversary. The 2022 GA includes a couple of milestones such as the election of new Global Council (GC) members, the development and adoption of a global gender policy, and the midterm review of the Vision 2025. 2022 is also key for us to accelerate our #DisclosetheDeal campaign, which was a bit delayed due to some difficulties including the reduced number of staff in 2021. It is also important to note that Africa is hosting the COP 27 in Egypt. It is an opportunity to make sure communities and CSOs are heard. Elisa reiterated that it is always a pleasure to join the conversations of the ASC and asserted that, and her door is always open for further discussions.

Updates from regions

East and Southern Africa

The region has been quite busy, especially in the three countries piloting the PETT project (Mozambique, Uganda and Tanzania). The FINNISH Ministry of Foreign Affairs funded the project. It is coming to its end at the end of December 2021. The contract disclosure campaign has been ongoing in a number of coalitions including Uganda and Zimbabwe. More campaign interventions will be undertaken in 2022. In 2021, Malawi was able to engage in EITI advocacy and strengthen the CSO engagements on the EITI MSG. The Kenya coalition continues to implement the NORAD project on transparency in the oil and gas sector.

On coalition governance, we had coordination challenges in Zambia, however, a new coordinator has been recruited and a small grant has been provided to facilitate the coordinators salary and other programmatic work. In addition, the coalition in South Africa has been undergoing a re-engagement process and we are confident the coalition will re-engage soon effectively. An Annual General Meeting is planned for 2nd and 3rd December where a new host and Africa Steering Committee will be elected.

Central Africa

Sub-grants have been provided to Cameroon, DRC and Congo B to support institutional capacity including the development of governance policies and manual of procedures so that they can comply with the due diligence requirements. Gabon and CAR have received funding to work on EITI. In Gabon, the funding is aimed at supporting their re-engagement in EITI implementation following the re-admission of both countries to EITI. Furthermore, PWYP Madagascar has received funding to foster more contract disclosure and publication of environmental assessment reports. Additionally, PWYP Congo will be receiving funding under the contract disclosure campaign.

In collaboration with the ASC, PWYP organised a webinar on **Energy Transition and Mining: Risks and Opportunities for Sub-Saharan African countries** on 9 November. Finally, our coalition in Chad continues to face difficulty in working on extractive resource governance issues despite the recent political



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transition.

Francophone West Africa

The key updates from Francophone West Africa include the implementation of the gender project, the commitment to the contract disclosure campaign, the sub-granting and governance challenges.

- Coalitions from Burkina Faso, Guinea and Senegal have been very active in the implementation of the gender project.

They participated actively in a series of webinars (with World Bank, Oxfam, OGP) by providing panelists and joining the meetings as well. This project also gave the coalitions an opportunity to participate in the EITI validation process in Guinea and Senegal. Both coalitions developed shadow reports they submitted to the EITI International Secretariat as part of the call for views on stakeholder engagement. The International Secretariat mentioned the engagement of PWYP Guinea as an example to document and share in the region so that other civil society organizations can learn these lessons.

Recently, the three pilot coalitions have undertaken a review of progress in implementing the 2019 EITI Standard provisions on gender. The results are compiled in a synthesis report they are publishing soon. The key findings will be shared in the annual conference of the Global Alliance for Tax Justice on 7 December 2021.

- Several coalitions from Francophone West Africa committed to implementing the contract disclosure campaign. These include Mali, Guinea, Niger, Senegal and Côte d'Ivoire. The coalition from Mali has already started the work and managed to mobilise diverse stakeholders including from EITI, the Government and the private sector. These stakeholders have clearly manifested their commitment to transparency in the extractive sector in the context of the transition government.
- In Francophone West Africa, six among the nine coalitions received sub-grants in 2021. These cover diverse areas of work including gender, contract transparency, EITI engagement, community rights, benefit sharing, institutional capacity building, etc.
- In terms of governance, PWYP Senegal has recently changed their organogram and leadership. The coalition is now led by a President and a National Coordinator. The re-engagement process in Mauritania remains as a priority to be finalised in early 2022.

Anglophone West Africa

The key update from the sub-region is the AGM and election of a new national coordinator in Nigeria in August, following an interim period of six months. The International Secretariat unfortunately had to cancel the Gender Action Learning project with members in Ghana and Nigeria due to the limitations of the pandemic which prevented the in-person engagement on which this process relied on to be successful. However, with the planned recruitment of an Anglophone West Africa Regional Coordinator in 2022, the Secretariat plans to renew the support to the coalitions in Ghana and Nigeria. The Secretariat is also currently in contact with the national coordinators in Liberia and Sierra Leone to discuss any support needs for their upcoming EITI validations in January and April respectively.



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Feedback on Regional Updates

CM thanked the coordinators for sharing this information and indicated that it would also be useful for coordinators to share the difficulties they encounter in their work with coalitions.

FD noted that many studies are carried out in the different regions and very often deal with the same issues. It would be useful to compile all these reports in order to draw out good practices and disseminate them widely.

Recap on the ASC priorities

The main themes for the ASC term (2021-2023) is Gender, Energy Transition, Movement Building

The steering committee needs to have more detailed conversations on the Energy Transition ahead of the COP 27. It is important to mobilise and develop a strategy together.

FM proposed that there is need to partner with organisations monitoring civic space. There are opportunities to engage with them and follow up on civic space issues affecting our members.

2022 PWYP Africa work plan and ASC engagements

Africa Milestone

DS presented the key result areas and milestone and the joint work plan for the Africa team at the secretariat.

By the end of 2022, at least 10 PWYP coalitions in Africa have been supported to improve their governance policies, membership (women and youth), coordination and /or proactively engaging on PWYP global initiatives including gender, energy transition and civic space.

KRA1: By the end of 2022, the Africa Steering Committee is supported to increase Africa voice and participation on gender, energy transition and coalition governance.
KRA2: PWYP leadership in Africa are mobilised to actively participate (virtual and/or in person) in COP 27.
KRA3: At least seven coalitions have improved their institutional governance and coordination with transparent, diverse and inclusive policies and practices (including through social bonds grant).



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KRA4: PWYP Africa coalitions are mobilised to contribute to development of PWYP position for additional or more robust provisions on gender in the EITI Standard

KRA5: PWYP Nigeria has relevant and targeted tools to participate in upcoming EITI validation through the production of CSO shadow validation reports focusing on stakeholder participation and civic space

ASC institutional meetings

February	May	August	November
Online	Online	Online	In-person (in parallel of COP 27 meeting in Egypt)

Regional Coordinators’ joint activities

Africa Team Retreat	Facilitate Africa team to meet for team building, review work plans and discuss follow up plans
Joint francophone energy transition webinar	Organize virtual sensitisation sessions (one francophone - CA/FWA) for PWYP Africa members on climate change and energy transition issues

Sub grants planned for 2022

Central Africa – Eric BISIL

- Sub grant to Chad for institutional support to enhance governance systems/structures and improve coalition coordination
- Sub grant to Cameroon for AGM and coalition coordination
- Travel to Madagascar

East & Southern Africa – Nelly BUSINGYE

- Sub grant to South Africa for institutional building
- Sub grant to Zimbabwe for Contract Disclosure
- Sub grant to Kenya Katiba institute as part of NORAD project



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- Recruit ESA consultant to support emerging tasks for the region
- Travel to Kenya - project support and engagements

Overview of #DiscloseTheDeal objectives

- 20 PWYP coalitions lead or committed to the global campaign
- Three globally coordinated advocacy actions
- Campaign is visible through strategic comms
- Companies, governments, IFIs take significant steps on contract transparency
- Network mobilisation needs/tools scoped

MEL: Mid-strategy review

- Timely and comprehensive mid-point review of PWYP's Vision 2025 strategy will inform development of Secretariat's 2023 to 2025 Operational plan
 - Commission consultant to design and undertake review process
 - Consultations with governing bodies and PWYP members, including via GA regional meetings (virtual)
 - Consolidation of findings and recommendations shared with all members
 - Development of 2023-2025 Operational plan for Secretariat

Questions for ASC

- What opportunities should PWYP be taking advantage of in 2022 to drive our priorities?
- Are there critical gaps in the Secretariat's work plan for 2022?
- How does the ASC want to be involved in the mid-strategy review?

Next Steps

NB informed the ASC that the secretariat has received a five-year grant from the Ford Foundation as part of their social bonds initiative, which aims to support civil society organisations through the pandemic. There is a specific expectation that this work includes a reflection on disability in the context of natural resource governance. It is envisaged that we will provide multiyear funding to a total of 12 organisations, some of whom will be in countries and regions that are priorities for Ford, and some outside of those priority regions. We expect the funds to reach smaller organisations via sub-granting at national level. More information will be shared as the plans evolve, and in particular, to coordinate with those whose organisations are funding work in these countries to ensure complementarity and coordination.

NB also noted that next year would be a very critical year as the secretariat will be mobilising members over a series of engagements. The ASC support and leadership will be needed. Four ASC meetings will also be organised to ensure that the ASC is up to date on the 2022 plans and actively engaged in various interventions and at the same time keeping members updated on what is happening in the movement.

Closing

The chair appreciated the efforts of the secretariat and regional coordinators for organising the meeting. He pledged his support to ensure that the ASC is working closely with the secretariat to fulfil its mandate.