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## Global Council Meeting, 11 May 2022 MINUTES

### **Attendees**

#### **Global Council**

Athayde Motta, AM, Brazil (Latin America)  
Chadwick Llanos, CL, Philippines (Asia Pacific)  
Evelyne Tsague, ET, NRG1 (Global Reach)  
Joe Kraus, JK, USA (Europe and North America)  
Mariatou Amadou, MA, Niger (Francophone Africa)  
Olena Pavlenko, OP, Ukraine (Eurasia), Chair

#### **Secretariat**

Elisa Peter, EP, Executive Director  
Stephanie Rochford, SR, Director of Member Engagement  
Joseph Bardwell, JB, Director of Communications and Campaign  
Zoe Spriet-Mezoued, ZSM, Communications Coordinator  
Nyree Woolston, NW, Operations Manager  
Elisia Lawrence, EL, Executive Assistant and Team Administrator

#### **Invitees**

Haley Rice, HR, EITI Consultant

#### **Apologies**

Adnan Bahiya, AB, Iraq (MENA)  
Gloria Majiga, Malawi, GM, (Anglophone Africa)  
Fatima Diallo, FD, (ASC representative)  
Maria Ramos, MR, Oxfam America (Global Reach)

### **Welcome and review of agenda**

OP greeted participants and highlighted the principal objectives of the meeting:

- Review PWYP's energy transition plans and messaging
- Discuss PWYP's role as the EITI civil society focal point
- Review leadership transition plans

SR confirmed that the actions from the last meeting were completed (to share the calendar of regional meetings where representatives to the next Global Council are being elected). Four regional meetings have taken place to date (MENA, Eurasia, Europe & North America, Asia Pacific) and the Anglophone Africa, Francophone Africa and Latin America and Caribbean meetings will all take place before the end of May.

### **PWYP's evolving energy transition work**

In Q1 of 2022 the PWYP Secretariat built on the endorsement of the energy transition positions and attendance at COP last year to further develop PWYP's approach to the energy transition. The approach has been evolving iteratively through conversations with members, funders, partners and experts. Four pillars are being considered: fossil fuel-dependent countries; emerging oil and gas producers; transition mineral countries; historically high emitters. The Secretariat is actively fundraising (including to ensure PWYP members' attendance at the upcoming COP in Egypt) and



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developing communications messages that position PWYP in the context of a fair and equitable transition to a low carbon economy.

Following a short presentation by the Secretariat on proposed new messaging on the energy transition, participants discussed how the emerging messaging and direction would resonate with members, and what improvements could be made to the draft messaging; as well as the key challenges or risks for PWYP of growing its energy transition strategy, including recommendations for how the Secretariat can address those.

AM congratulated the team on the progress made to date and questioned if a deeper background paper on energy transition is required to connect the political agenda with PWYP's historic work to reinforce the investment in this field. Secondly, for campaigning purposes, AM advised the Secretariat to consider the wider global context and associated implications.

JK shared that it is useful to identify an overall position although this in itself has challenges; stepping into spaces traditionally held by climate groups could be met with external perception issues. Internally, due to the different global contexts that PWYP operates across, there could be conflicting agendas. The coalition will need to be cognizant of this to ensure cohesion moving forward.

MA is feeling confident regarding the energy transition thanks to the work that has been carried out, and reiterated the importance of continuing to support the coalitions at this critical juncture. Furthermore, MA suggested the need to involve financial partners to guide the transition where local resources depend on extractive industries.

EP asked the GC for feedback on the use of the word "cleaner" in the draft messaging, noting that while a reduction in fossil fuels would lead to reduced emissions, it relies on significant increase in mining for specific minerals for green technologies, which will bring about its own environmental impacts.

AM highlighted the contradiction of the term 'cleaner' regarding the outcome and the process. AM believes there is an opportunity to incorporate this into PWYP's communication strategies, demonstrating that in order to have clean energy, there needs to be cleaner processes.

JB welcomed the feedback which the Secretariat will integrate into planning and messaging on the energy transition and PWYP's role in it, noting that climate issues are intersectional - they include fiscal, biodiversity and human rights issues among others. JB reflected that PWYP's position is for a 'cleaner, fairer, energy future'. Ultimately, the purpose is to elevate the voices, needs and demands of people from resource dependent countries and to pave the way for a just transition to a low carbon economy.

### **PWYPs role as the focal point for the EITI civil society board members**

JB introduced the discussion by presenting the context in which the PWYP Secretariat contributes to supporting the civil society representatives on the international EITI Board, in its capacity as "Civil Society Focal Point". The upcoming EITI Board election in 2023 provides an opportunity to discuss and assess the strategic importance and trade-offs in the PWYP Secretariat continuing to play this (resource-intensive) role in 2023-2026.

Following the presentation, the members were asked to consider if PWYP should continue to act as the civil society focal point and if this role is creating enough value/impact for members.



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CL queried the return on investment to better inform how enriching this role is. Looking at the operational expense, it would be useful to review the core areas and strike a balance between investments. CL suggests undertaking a cost vs benefits analysis.

JK shared there has been real value being part of critical conversations; in some contexts it has been useful to advance PWYP's work. Agreeing with CL, JK shared that it would be helpful to have an assessment to inform how best to assign resources.

HR thanked the Global Council for their comments and thoughts. The relevance of the EITI moving forward will be dependent on the next iteration of the Standard. In terms of policy it is useful to have civil society working together to advance changes. Although progress can feel slow at times it is often magnified based on the direction that the EITI is moving in and it is important to have a voice in this.

ET shared that in regions where there is limited civic participation, EITI has been a great support and that there aren't many other initiatives that unite the coalition in this way. It is important to consider the impact and consequences at the regional and national levels when thinking about where to invest limited resources.

EP thanked HR for her outstanding contributions, bringing clarity of purpose and coherence to civil society's voice on the EITI Board in regards to the Standard on anti-corruption, company accountability, gender and energy transition.

#### **Leadership transition / ED recruitment update**

OP provided an update on the ED recruitment process, which is currently ongoing and being reviewed by the panel. The aim is to appoint a new ED in the coming months.

#### **Update on Global Assembly and governance/policy reviews**

SR reminded GC members that the Global Assembly will take place in June and will be held virtually on an event platform. SR encouraged the Global Council to register for the event and share details within the network.

The Governance Manual consultation process is ongoing and feedback is being taken to the upcoming regional meetings for further consideration.

The gender policy is progressing and a draft will be shared for further feedback in the coming weeks, ahead of its endorsement before the Global Assembly in June.

#### **AOB**

The next meeting will take place in July and will be a joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming Global Council to discuss the findings of the mid-strategy review.

#### **Closing**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.