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PWYP Global Council (GC) Meeting

11 December 2023, Zoom Webinar

Attendees

Global Council

Monday Osasah, MO, Nigeria (Anglophone Africa), Chair

Nora Hasan, NH, Iraq (MENA)

Saswati Swetlena, SS, India (Asia Pacific) & Board liaison

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Apologies

Aida Gamboa, AG, Peru (Latin America)

Fuad Hasanov, FH, Azerbaijan (Eurasia)

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Georges Mpaga, GM, Gabon (Francophone Africa)

GC MEETING MINUTES

Decisions

- N/A

Actions

- N/A

Welcome, review of agenda and actions

MO welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda, highlighting the purpose of the meeting to:

- share reflections on regional progress & challenges in 2023
- review the Secretariat's 2024 annual plan & high level budget
- discuss objectives & format for PWYP's 2025 Global Assembly
- share updates on the strategy consultations and check-in before the strategy workshop

Updates: regional challenges and highlights in 2023

TG reflected on 2023 and shared thoughts concerning the energy transition and the need for capacity building to support this shift. The PWYP secretariat has provided a lot of insights and framing which has been helpful to date and TG hopes that the strategy development will help to incorporate this further into future work.



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Reflecting on a challenging year, SS shared progress in the Asia-Pacific region. A significant milestone includes the establishment of a working group on transition minerals comprising India, Indonesia, and Mongolia, which launched a regional advocacy plan earlier today. The plan aims to fortify advocacy efforts for transition minerals that support sustainability, with a collective vision for the rapid phase-out of fossil fuels while maintaining safe and equitable supply chains. Additionally, there were advancements during the Asia Pacific Regional Climate Week to generate momentum leading up to COP. High-level meetings, particularly those exploring market-based approaches, proved to be both interesting and insightful. Several key learnings emerged, including the significance of gender representation and valuable networking opportunities. Another noteworthy development involves the formation of the Deep Sea Conservation Coalition which will facilitate connections between national organisations and global groups. The primary goal is to advocate for a moratorium on deep-sea mining. A key challenge faced by all in 2023 is the shrinking civic space, exacerbated by regressive regimes in numerous countries. Recognising this collective challenge, there is a growing consensus on the need for a shared understanding of the situation.

NH reported significant developments in the MENA region. In Yemen, the coalition has successfully resumed operations post-war, navigating substantial changes in the fossil fuel landscape. Meanwhile, attention has been focused on Iraq, where challenges arise in contract disclosure related to oil and gas extraction. Despite the complexities, the coalition has secured a two-year grant. While, in Tunisia, the publication of two impactful articles on energy transition has been shared throughout the region, and the insights derived from these studies have been presented at COP. The MENA Regional Working Group is building a shared strategy on the fair phase out of fossil fuels and the region is dedicated to embedding gender considerations into its work, ensuring robust representation of women across PWYP coalitions.

MO emphasised the dynamic and engaged nature of the ESA group. Notably, there have been concerted efforts to promote the African Mining Vision, a venture discussed during the EITI conference in Senegal. MO highlighted the challenge of insufficient ownership of the African Mining Vision and expressed a commitment to addressing this issue. Additionally, attention has been directed towards training on UN Principles on Business and Human Rights, particularly in relation to petroleum industry acts, with a focus on benefiting local communities. Capacity issues have emerged as a significant obstacle, necessitating a strategic approach to retooling and upskilling in the right direction.

JB provided an update on behalf of FH. Notably, COP is scheduled to take place in Baku next year. A statement was issued over the weekend, gaining traction with some news channels.

Global Assembly: objectives & priorities

The PWYP Global Assembly takes place every three years. To date, the Global Assembly has provided an opportunity for PWYP members from across the global network to meet and share experiences, develop their skills and capacities, and elect their representatives to the PWYP Global Council. At the next Global Assembly, in 2025, members will be asked to formally adopt a new, five-year strategy as well as an updated governing/organisational model. ZSM presented key proposals in relation to location, date, fundraising as well as the establishment of an advisory panel and asked for the GCs feedback on the objectives, format and key priorities.

The Global Council has unanimously decided to establish an advisory panel. ZSM presented location scenarios from the Secretariat, one involving hosting the Global Assembly in a more expensive



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country with significance to the network, and another in a cheaper location without PWYP links. During the discussion, GC members weighed the tradeoffs between the location's cost and the number of participants currently within the Secretariat's funding capacity. The GC communicated to the Secretariat their preference for a symbolic or strategic location, even if this translates to a lower number of attendees. In the context of the location, the Global Council proposed criteria centred around the potential to enhance advocacy efforts in the chosen country. JB emphasised that the Secretariat would also engage in fundraising efforts to maximise participation in the Global Assembly.

PWYP Secretariat's 2024 annual plan and budget

JB presented the Secretariat's 2024 annual work plan, budget and fundraising plan agreed by the Board. 2024 will see the final year of implementation of PWYP's Vision 2025 strategy and the Secretariat's 2023-2024 Operational Plan. The 2024 work plan reflects not only the secretariats ambition to deliver on our global goals to be informed, influential, heard and connected; but also to take stock, after more than two decades of the PWYP campaign, on where and how we can deliver impact in 2025 and beyond, given the significant contextual changes driven by the climate crisis and the imperative of the energy transition. This strategic reflection is taking place at a time of significant institutional change, with new leadership anticipated at both the Secretariat and on the board in the course of the year.

The 2024 work plan comprises six milestones, each of which defines a set of key result areas (KRAs) to be achieved by the end of the year (taking into account the results outlined in the operational plan). In 2024, there are two organisational milestones. on Strategy & Leadership and the 2025 Global Assembly; and four departmental milestones, Member Engagement, Comms & Campaigns, Finance & Operations and Development.

Updates on PWYP global strategy

TG presented a progress update on the development of the PWYP global strategy. Consultants have been successfully engaged and are currently conducting interviews with members throughout the movement as well as with funders. The insights gathered have helped to shape a global survey, which was disseminated on December 1st through the strategy newsletter. The aim is to gather additional input from the PWYP network.

TG urged others to actively share the survey to encourage participation.. The upcoming governance meeting in January 2024 will provide an opportunity to discuss this further. GC members are strongly encouraged to prepare thoroughly, engage collaboratively, represent their coalitions effectively, and ensure familiarity with the pertinent readings.

AOB and close

MO thanked everyone for their time. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned. The meeting closed at 15.00.