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PWYP Global Council Meeting & PWYP EU General Assembly

6th June 2024, Zoom Webinar

Attendees

Global Council

Aida Gamboa, AG, Peru (Latin America)
Georges Mpaga, GM, Gabon (Francophone Africa)
Maybel Acquaye, MA, Ghana (Anglophone Africa), ASC representative
Monday Osasah, MO, Nigeria (Anglophone Africa), Chair
Nora Hasan, NH, Iraq (MENA)
Saswati Swetlena, SS, India (Asia Pacific) & Board liaison

Secretariat

Joseph Bardwell, JB, Director of Communications and Campaigns
Luc Tezenas, LT, Senior Policy Coordinator
Naila Sebbahi, NS, Executive Assistant and Team Administrator
Nyree Woolston, NW, Operations Manager
Stephanie Rochford, SR, Director of Member Engagement
Zoé Spriet-Mezoued, ZSM, Strategic Communications & Campaigns Manager

Invitees

Aubrey Menard, AM, Oxfam America (in place of Maria Ramos)
Haley Rice, HR, Consultant EITI focal point coordinator

Apologies

Fuad Hasanov, Azerbaijan (Eurasia)
Maria Ramos, Oxfam America (Global Reach)
Tengi George-Ikoli, NRG (Global Reach)

MEETING MINUTES

Decisions

- The Global Council approved the application of PWYP Morocco.

Actions

Action	By who	By when
Respond in writing to points raised by the Global Council on fossil fuels	LT	21 July 2024



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At the next meeting, include an agenda item to discuss the Global Council gender champion further.	SR	Next Global Council meeting
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Welcome, review of agenda and actions

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

- Input into PWYP's fossil fuel strategy
- Input into long-term planning around EITI engagement
- Review the application to join PWYP from the coalition in Morocco
- Approve the PWYP EU accounts

Fairness in the fossil fuel phase out

ZSM and LT presented PWYP's engagement strategy and global positioning to advance fossil fuel phase-out. They proposed focusing on revenue expectations and associated economic risks for fossil fuel producer countries, informed by key figures from the International Energy Agency. They outlined several initiatives, including developing a summary document on the subject, organising a global webinar to present the project, creating a map of initiatives and partners within our network tackling this issue, and strengthening relations with organisations addressing the climate crisis. Additionally, they suggested organising discussions in 6 to 8 countries (both producers and non-producers) to develop policy and advocacy projects in the long term.

The Global Council thanked ZSM and LT for their presentation and provided reflections and comments. NH proposed collecting internal knowledge first to validate the position within our movement. AM acknowledged the need to utilise disclosed data to address climate change but emphasised the challenge of acquiring the necessary technical expertise and financial resources, possibly necessitating outsourcing. MA welcomed a more nuanced discussion around the complexities of fossil fuel phase out and how to do this fairly and that we should think about how to position this work as complementary to the climate agenda. SS highlighted the importance of understanding national strategies and priorities for fossil fuel phase-out and suggested facilitating peer-learning by gathering knowledge from countries that have already made progress in this area. GM agreed on the importance of tackling this issue, noting that francophone African countries are still in the research phase and lack the resources and common vision required to trigger the process. GM emphasised the need to pay particular attention to these countries.

EITI engagement

JB discussed the role of the Secretariat as a civil society focal point within the EITI, facilitating the work of the CSO Board members. He noted that the work is becoming more challenging and that the opportunity cost of investing in this role over other potential investments is not currently clear..



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Due to these challenges, as well as the ongoing development of our next global strategy the Secretariat feels it is timely to review the role of the focal point. HR and JB presented this issue to the Global Council, asking where they perceived the Secretariat's involvement is delivering value for the network.

MO thanked HR and JB, acknowledging the complexity and implications of the topic. AM emphasised the importance of the Secretariat's historical work within the EITI and recommended further careful consideration. AG highlighted the Secretariat's significant role in the EITI's history and achievements, suggesting a transition process towards a new focal point with the necessary capabilities. NH queried if resources could be better utilised elsewhere, including around energy transition issues, and stressed the need for a strategic decision to maximise the network's impact. Collectively, the Global Council advised that further consideration is required to balance achieving change and advocacy goals. The Secretariat will continue its role as the focal point while further evaluating the impact and strategic direction of its involvement within the EITI.

Coalition in Morocco: application

NH shared that PWYP has received an application to join PWYP from a coalition in Morocco, representing 11 diverse civil society organisations. The group focuses on public participation, the environmental and social impacts of extraction, access to information, and civil society engagement. Morocco is a strategic country in which to have a PWYP coalition due to its advancement in research studies and rich transition minerals. Given its geopolitical relevance, civic space, and alignment with our mission, the Global Council approved the Morocco application on a motion by MO, with all in favour.

Global Council Gender Champion

As part of PWYP's Global Gender Policy, PWYP seeks to build an empowered cohort of people that promote consistent attitudes, behaviours, and practices that uphold the principles of the policy.

By 2025, the goal is to have a designated gender focal person responsible for ensuring the implementation of and championing the Global Gender Policy within each global or regional governing bodies. The Global Council discussed advancements in this work within their respective regions, to foster an effective and inclusive global coalition that works through collective action. There is more work to be done to appoint a gender champion on the Global Council and this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

EU GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

Decisions

- The members formally approved the 2023 PWYP EU accounts
- The members formally approved the 2024 PWYP EU budget



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- The members formally approved the appointments and resignations of the PWYP EU Board
- The members formally approved the granting of discharge to directors for execution of their mandate

Welcome, introductions and review of the agenda

MO welcomed the participants to the PWYP EU General Assembly meeting. The members adopted the agenda and no conflicts of interest were declared or noted. The objectives of this meeting are to:

- formally approve the 2023 PWYP EU accounts and 2024 budget
- formally approve the appointments and resignations of the PWYP EU Board
- grant discharge to the directors to execute their responsibilities as required

PWYP EU introduction & overview

NW shared an overview of the PWYP EU entity and governance structure.

NW noted the accounts were shared in the background papers for review and have already been reviewed and approved by the PWYP EU board. Once the necessary approvals have been received, the accounts and returns will be filed by the accountants in Belgium to the relevant authorities. On a motion by MO, the PWYP EU 2023 annual accounts were approved, all in favour.

NW noted that the 2024 budget was also shared in the background papers and approved by the PWYP EU board. On a motion by MO, the PWYP EU 2024 budget was approved, all in favour.

On a motion by MO, all in favour, the appointments and resignations of the PWYP EU Board of directors were approved as well as granting of discharge to directors for execution of their mandate.

AOB and close

MO thanked everyone for their time.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned. The meeting closed at 15:00 UTC.