

Grand Bargain Facilitation Group meeting (teleconference)
April 11, 2017

1. Updating on progress towards the Grand Bargain meeting (Lead: SDC)

SDC updated on planning for the annual Grand Bargain meeting and walked the Facilitation Group through a draft agenda. IFRC will co-host the annual meeting, which is being framed to identify where advancements have been made, and challenges recognized in advancing the Grand Bargain commitments. The meeting will also canvass ideas from participants on what achievements should be realized by the next annual meeting in 2018.

ICRCs President - Peter Mauer – will deliver the keynote address, GPPI will present the main findings of the independent Grand Bargain report, and Ground Truth Solutions will share details from field surveys from Afghanistan, Haiti and Lebanon, which aim at providing a baseline from which to monitor the impact of the implementation of Grand Bargain commitments for people affected by crisis.

Choreographing the participation and reporting contributions of the Grand Bargain work-stream co-convenors and signatories at the annual meeting is still being refined, as is finessing time allocation between break-out sessions and plenary discussions. Co-organisers are suggesting that participation is ensured for each signatory by a Sherpa + one colleague to ensure focused discussions and decision-making, but it has implications for group work.

The Chair tasked SDC, IFRC and the Grand Bargain Secretariat with producing an updated draft agenda that will reflect any important takeaways from the co-convenors meeting in May.

Action points:

Task	Lead	Deadline
Circulate a further draft of the annual meeting agenda to the Facilitation Group, including specific objectives for each session.	SDC, IFRC & GB Secretariat	May 10 2017

2. Reaching consensus on circulation of the GPPI report (Lead: DG ECHO)

GPPI has suggested a ‘Bar Talk’ to raise awareness and visibility around the launch of the first Grand Bargain annual report, the dissemination of which the Facilitation Group agreed should go beyond the Grand Bargain signatory group.

GPPI will share a zero draft of the annual report with ECHO and UN Women and to the Facilitation Group by the end of April 2017. GB signatories will also have the opportunity to make final, factual comments on the draft report ahead of its publication. Feedback on the interpretations and conclusions reached by the independent consultants drafting the annual report will be taken into account for future reference, but at this stage not embedded in the report. Consensus within the Facilitation Group is that optimally, the annual report is published the week in advance of the GB annual meeting.

It was noted that some Grand Bargain signatories have requested that their self-report submissions are not shared beyond the signatory group. Whilst the Facilitation Group encourages signatories to make their self-reporting public (as specified at the launch of the

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exercise and the self-report template instructions), it was pointed out by OCHA that the self-reporting exercise is also to support the production of content for the annual report. The Grand Bargain Secretariat will liaise with the relevant signatories who prefer to have a more controlled dissemination of their self-report submissions, and share the signatories’ viewpoints with the Facilitation Group.

An advocacy and communications strategy outlining how the independent annual report is to be circulated will be produced by the Grand Bargain Secretariat and ECHO. This will be further discussed when the draft of the Independent Report has been circulated to the Facilitation Group.

Action points:

Task	Lead	Deadline
GB Secretariat & ECHO to produce annual report communications and dissemination strategy	GB Secretariat & ECHO	End May 2017
GB Secretariat to check whether it has been made explicit that self-reports are to be public. Also to follow up with those signatories requesting that their reports are not made public.	SCHR	ASAP

3. Supporting coherence across work-streams (Lead: SCHR)

SCHR explained that the first, proposed ‘face-to-face’ meeting of Grand Bargain work-stream co-convenors seeks to gain an overview of how the Grand Bargain is progressing as a whole; identify potential synergies, coherence and cross-cutting issues; acknowledge areas where gaps and risks exist; and agree on steps to be taken to ensure joined up, and streamlined action. SCHR noted that if headway is made too quickly in one particular work-stream, this may pre-determine the work of another Grand Bargain work-stream.

It is envisaged that an entry point for the co-convenors meeting could be the draft GPPI independent annual report, while a separate agenda item will be discussion on the upcoming annual Grand Bargain meeting. Senior level representation is expected at the meeting, and OCHA suggested that the ‘quid-pro-quo’ dynamic of the Grand Bargain agreement should be recalled in the TOR’s for the meeting and to participants to help shape their conversations.

SCHR will revise the concept note and meeting criteria. SCHR will also propose a number of dates for staging the co-convenors meeting and Facilitation Group members are invited to provide details on their preferred timing.

In addition, SCHR will work with the Grand Bargain Secretariat to determine how best to analyze and map synergies, phasing and potential risks across the different work-streams to produce a pre-meeting, background document

Action points:

Task	Lead	Deadline
Revise concept note and criteria for co-convenors meeting	SCHR	21 April 2017

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Facilitation Group members to provide feedback on availability to attend co-convenors workshop	SCHR	20 April 2017
Produce mapping of GB work-stream synergies, coherence and potential risks	GB Secretariat & SCHR	Week of 7 May 2017

4. Achieving momentum on Eminent Person nomination (Lead: OCHA)

OCHA has offered to take the lead in approaching potential nominees for the Eminent Person role, noting that no eminent individual is currently advocating in public and private circles for the Grand Bargain process. There is some urgency in moving ahead with this task if an Eminent Person is to be introduced at the June annual meeting. Members of the Facilitation Group have been asked to send their nominations for the Eminent Person to OCHA and the Grand Bargain Secretariat.

WFP suggested that nominees should also be considered from outside the Grand Bargain signatory members, and IFRC asserted that a potential nominee need not be linked to an institution provided that they have their own operational budget. OCHA advised that the Eminent Person should understand the WHS and Grand Bargain formulation and history, and be known amongst the Grand Bargain “community”. OCHA also proposed that broader communications and advocacy for the Grand Bargain is included as an agenda item for discussion at the 20 June annual meeting.

Action points:

Task	Lead	Deadline
Revise Eminent Person TOR	OCHA	29 April 2017
Facilitation Group members to submit nominations for Eminent Person rile to ICHA and the GB Secretariat	SCHR	20 April 2017

5. Committing to resourcing the Grand Bargain Secretariat (Lead: OCHA)

Due to the particularity of the IASC Secretariat under the overall OCHA budget, OCHA has identified three options for channeling the USD 10,000 estimated to meet the operational costs of the Grand Bargain Secretariat:

- Option 1 – IASC / OCHA** - Revise the IASC/OCHA budget upward by US\$ 10,000 (this would need OCHA Management approval), so that the funds can be channeled through OCHA;
- Option 2 – Subsidies** - Grand Bargain members to take in charge the operational cost for the Grand Bargain Secretariat case by case, by “subsidizing” the expenses;
- Option 3 – UNDP/other partner** – Funds channeled through UNDP or another partner.

OCHA will meet with the ASG/ DERC Mueller to discuss channeling funding as proposed in option one, and provide feedback to the Facilitation Group within the next two weeks. OCHA also stressed the importance of realizing the operational costs to support the Secretariat’s work. WFP, suggested approaching each Grand Bargain signatories for a small contribution to meet the Secretariat operational costs. ECHO informed that its financial procedures impedes funding flow-through arrangements. ECHO also suggested that the operational costs could be trimmed. Option number 3 is considered the least favorable way forward.

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It was also noted that a fundraising strategy will have to be developed to outline how the Secretariat operational costs will be realized until the end of 2017, and beyond if the position is to be continued.

Action points:

Task	Lead	Deadline
Provide feedback to Facilitation Group on how GB Secretariat operational costs will be realized	OCHA	30 April 2017

6. AOB (Lead: SCHR)

6.1 Grand Bargain website

The Grand Bargain Secretariat provided an update to the Facilitation Group on the status of the Grand Bargain webpage that has been developed with the support of the IASC Secretariat’s technical web focal point. The front page of the website includes generic information on the Grand Bargain initiative, options for posting past and up-coming Grand Bargain-related meetings, important documents and video material. A drop-down menu allows users to learn about the work and activities of the 10 different Grand Bargain work-streams. The Secretariat stressed that there is some eagerness to see the webpage launched.

The Chair has noted that a compromise between the Grand Bargain Secretariat being solely responsible for uploading content on the website for the different work streams, and the work-stream co-convenors taking on board some degree of responsibility for this themselves, has to be arrived at.

Facilitation Group members have been requested to share their feedback on the current draft Grand Bargain webpage. A decision on the way forward will be shared amongst the work-stream co-convenors that reflects the feedback received from the Facilitation Group members.

6.2 Agreement on next Facilitation Group Chair, time-frame and broad agenda for next meeting

SCHR has offered to remain Chair of the Facilitation Group until the end of the co-convenor meeting in mid-May. Agenda items for the next FG meeting will most likely include an update on the June annual Grand Bargain meeting; comment on the draft GFPi report; and feedback on progress made in drafting a communications and dissemination strategy for the annual report; nominating an Eminent Person; realizing the operational budget for the Grand Bargain Secretariat and finalizing preparations for the co-convenor meeting.

The Facilitation Group thanked SCHR for offering to stay on as Chair for this period.

6.3 Interest from the Mission of Germany in facilitating an ECOSOC HAS side-event on the Grand Bargain

The Facilitation Group was informed that the ECOSOC-HAS Secretariat (OCHA) has opened a call for ECOSOC side events proposals. Side events will be selected via an application process, the deadline for which is April 25.

It was agreed that further details on the proposed side event, and greater clarity on its objectives is necessary before the Facilitation Group can determine what level of support it

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may be able to extend to ECOSOC-HAS Secretariat. The Grand Bargain Secretariat will discuss the side event with some members of the Grand Bargain Facilitation Group and will provide feedback to the Chair of the Facilitation Group for a decision to be made.

UN Women has offered its support in drafting a side-event proposal and co-organizing the possible side event.

6.4 Acknowledgement of a request from OECD DAC to become a Grand Bargain signatory

The Facilitation Group acknowledged a request from OECD DAC to become a Grand Bargain Signatory. This decision will be relayed to OECD DAC through the Grand Bargain Secretariat and communicated to the Sherpas.

OCHA suggested that OECD DAC be encouraged to publicize its work in undertaking the Grand Bargain commitments in its member countries amongst its constituents, and general public. It was noted that there is no particular vetting process for GB membership. The Facilitation Group agreed that future GB member applications should be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

6.5. Endorsement of request from WHO to undertake self-reporting exercise

The Facilitation Group agreed that WHO should be encouraged to produce a self-report despite the organization not being a Grand Bargain signatory.

6.7. Composition of next Facilitation Group

Due to time constraints, the composition and membership of the next Facilitation Group will be discussed during the text teleconference / meeting.

Action points:

Task	Lead	Deadline
Facilitation Group to provide feedback on the draft website	SCHR	18 April 2017
Drafting of a concept note for a proposed ECOSOC HAS side event & feedback to Facilitation Group	GB Secretariat	ASAP
Inform OECD DAC of acknowledgement of GB membership request	GB Secretariat	ASAP
Inform WHO that a request to produce a self-report has been endorsed by the Facilitation Group	GB Secretariat	ASAP

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