

Grand Bargain Facilitation Group meeting (teleconference)  
June 13, 2017

**Presentation of final agenda for Grand Bargain annual meeting, including sharing action points from co-convenors teleconference:**

IFRC and SDC presented the revised, and final agenda for the annual meeting. The agenda is a synthesis of inputs and feedback, including from the recent teleconference of the Grand Bargain work-stream co-convenors, and also from bi-lateral conversations with different Grand Bargain constituency members.

The objective of the annual meeting is for commitments to the Grand Bargain to be reaffirmed, and for consensus to be reached on ways to maximize the collective impact of the process. Recognizing that the GPPi report has already identified challenges in advancing some of the Grand Bargain commitments, the annual meeting will place an emphasis on finding solutions. The ambition is that a number of forward looking, actionable points for delivery in the coming year will be identified by the end of the meeting.

There was broad agreement within the Facilitation Group that the final agenda now encompasses a good balance of elements, and also outlines how the Grand Bargain links to other, ongoing global processes. ICVA - representing SCHR on the teleconference - asked how different opinions on issues such as the localization definitions proposal, the Development Initiatives transparency baseline, and the humanitarian-development nexus might be addressed during the meeting.

ICVA also informed that four Grand Bargain work-streams, (greater transparency; harmonized and simplified reporting; reducing duplication and management costs; and reducing earmarking), are working more closely to map out sequencing and timelines, explore synergies and ensure a joint understanding of collective, critical issues. The four work-streams all have a donor conditions components embedded in their work activities. IFRC suggested that further information could be disseminated to participants at the annual meeting to offer guidance on collective working.

In addition, ICVA reported that ZOA is interested in becoming a Grand Bargain signatory and attending the annual meeting.

It was agreed that a co-chairs summary will be issued at the end of the annual meeting, which will be posted on the Grand Bargain web-page.

**Action points:**

Task	Lead	Deadline
ICVA to share document outlining collective activities	ICVA	ASAP

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of 4 GB work-streams with IFRC.

**Agreement on how the independent annual report will feed into the annual meeting:**

IFRC informed that in its view, the recommendations of the GPPi independent report will be reflected through discussions and conversations that are planned during the annual meeting. The lead author of the independent annual report will also participate in a panel discussion exploring the macro-level impact of the Grand Bargain process, including in field contexts. This session - probably moderated by the Grand Bargain Advocate - will help provide strategic talking points to feed into later discussions, such as defining a way forward for the Grand Bargain process.

**Update on Eminent Person / Advocate nomination:**

UN OCHA has been liaising closely with the individual suggested to the Facilitation Group and the Grand Bargain signatories as a possible Grand Bargain Advocate. UN OCHA said the nominee is committed to promoting internal coherence of the work streams, and that during initial conversations demonstrated both, a clear understanding of the Grand Bargain process, and their commitment to advocating for it in public and private spheres. The Grand Bargain signatories have been informed of the nominee through silence procedure, and have been invited to provide feedback by June 14. The Facilitation Group agreed to move forward in working with the nominated Grand Bargain Advocate.

Acknowledging that several individuals could be involved in advocating for the Grand Bargain initiative - in providing political momentum and leadership across a broad range of constituencies and stake-holder groups - overtures will also be made towards other individuals to ascertain their interest in driving the process forward. DG ECHO underscored the importance of clarifying how funding for both the Grand Bargain Advocate /s and Secretariat roles will be secured. One suggestion included exploring crowd-funding opportunities.

At DG ECHO’s suggestion, a budget reflecting the costs required to support the Grand Bargain Advocate and Secretariat, and to produce the next annual report will be made. This will be shared with the Grand Bargain Sherpas.

**Action points:**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Budget for the costs of the GB Advocate and Secretariat, and	GB Secretariat/OCHA / DG ECHO.	ASAP

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to produce the next GB annual report to be produced.

**Update on the development of ‘story-lines’ showcasing Grand Bargain achievements to date:**

As per the agreement during the last Facilitation Group teleconference, DG ECHO has produced a one-page document of ‘storylines’ that highlight the Grand Bargain achievements to date. IFRC noted that the ‘storylines’ could be useful in helping to prepare the co-chairs summary, which will be released after the annual Grand Bargain meeting. As the ‘storylines’ will detail good Grand Bargain practice, they will underscore how the Grand Bargain process is working to increase efficiency and effectiveness, whilst also supporting efforts to shrink needs and broaden the resource base for humanitarian action.

**Action points:**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
DG ECHO to share its ‘storylines’ document with IFRC.	DG ECHO	ASAP

**Feedback on Facilitation Group composition from October 2017 – update from the 4 constituencies represented on the Facilitation Group: (donors, UN agencies, SCHR and IFRC):**

IFRC informed that ICRC will be the representative of the Red Cross Movement on the Facilitation Group from September 2017. OCHA reported its interest in remaining a Facilitation Group member.

IFRC also proposed that a more practical time-line for Facilitation Group membership could run from one Grand Bargain meeting in the month of June, to the next. This point was seconded by DG ECHO. While WFP suggested that an official transition should take place each year on September 01, allowing time for a hand-over period between the outgoing and incoming Facilitation Groups.

**AOB:**

OCHA is considering hosting a high level side event during the meeting of the UN General Assembly in September. The event would focus on humanitarian financing and aid effectiveness, one year on from the signing of the Grand Bargain commitments. If the event were to go ahead, it could involve the participation of Grand Bargain "Advocates / Champions" or "Eminent Persons" who may be called upon in an ad hoc manner.

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Both WFP and SDC noted that there would be some sensitivities around this proposal, which they would appreciate being reconsidered.

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**Teleconference participants:** (13/06/17): Henrike Trautmann (DG ECHO and Chair), Jefferson Yen (DG ECHO), Daniel Clauss (DG ECHO), Antoine Gerard (UN OCHA), Olivier Bangerter (SDC), Nathalie-Antoinette Goetschi (SDC), Gordana Jerger (WFP), Jordan Ramacciato (WFP), Ajay Madiwale (IFRC), Kirsten Hagon (IFRC), David Fisher, (IFRC), Daniel Seymour (UN Women), Hiba Qasas (UN Women), Melissa Pittoti (ICVA), Paulette Jones (GB Secretariat).