

**Grand Bargain Secretariat**

**Grand Bargain Facilitation Group meeting (teleconference)  
October 18, 2017**

**1) Harmonizing Grand Bargain self-reporting with the PACT platform ~ (Lead: Germany)**

The Chair informed that no consensus could be reached with a view to giving a clear recommendation to Grand Bargain members on harmonizing the Grand Bargain self-reporting commitments with the Platform for Action, Commitments and Transformations (PACT), within the timeline requested by the PACT team. Thus, it will not be possible to utilize the PACT platform for the 2018 Grand Bargain self-reporting exercise.

In the spirit of efficiency, Germany MOFA has proposed the position of the Facilitation Group regarding the “harmonization proposal” should be finalized prior to the annual meeting. DFID will be the focal point for this matter, supported by OCHA. Additionally, participants welcomed DFID’s offer to act as focal point within the Facilitation Group for the 2018 self-reporting exercise/independent report. DFID concurred with comments from participants that the self-reporting methodology has to be transparent and clear, and that it necessary to liaise with GPPI as soon as possible.

OCHA advised that the Grand Bargain signatories should be informed that at this point in time, the harmonization exercise is unable to move forward.

**2) Budget for resourcing the Grand Bargain ~ (Lead: Germany)**

Germany reported that it will probably make available up to US\$230,000 to cover the salary, travel, printing, telephone, communications and office costs for the Grand Bargain Secretariat, from 01 January to 31 December 2018. DFID also informed that internal discussions are ongoing within its organization to consider options for funding the production, delivery and launch of the Grand Bargain independent report, and other related expenditures.

OCHA has worked with the Grand Bargain Secretariat to produce the resourcing budget, and noted that the figure arrived at envisions all the costs necessary to fund the entire Grand Bargain activities in 2018. OCHA also suggested that in-kind arrangements might be possible to cover some of the undertakings that are included in the budget.

**Action points:**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Reach agreement on the resources that are available to fund Grand Bargain activities	Germany, UK & GB Secretariat	ASAP

in 2018, identify where funding gaps exist, and suggest ways to meet these gaps.

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### 3) AOB:

The Chair informed that an invitation to the Berlin meeting had been extended to the Eminent Person by Mr. König, Director-General at MOFA during the High-Level Meeting in New York, however it is unlikely that the Eminent Person will attend the Berlin meeting. In order to update Kristalina Georgieva on the outcome of the Berlin meeting, Facilitation Group members agreed that MOFA Germany share a communique - in its capacity as both current Chair of the Facilitation Group and hosts of the meeting - with the Eminent Person's Office.

Participants agreed that as has been the case in the past, direct communication with a senior representative from within Ms. Georgieva's Office is optimal. The Facilitation Group will explore ways of working and collaborating with the Eminent Person at the up-coming face-to-face meeting in Berlin.

OCHA also suggested that both they and InterAction - being USA-based - could undertake a joint delegation to the Eminent Person's Office after the Berlin meeting to brief Kristalina Georgieva.

At the face-to-face meeting in Berlin, the Facilitation Group will seek to reach agreement on criteria for considering requests from stakeholders to become Grand Bargain signatories. The Grand Bargain Secretariat will develop and propose draft SOPs for discussion.

Germany MOFA informed that a new Facilitation Group Chair will be required for November 2017.

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Teleconference participants consisted of representatives from the Grand Bargain Facilitation Group: (18 /10/17):

Marie Schirrmeister (MOFA Germany - Chair), Lea Moser (MOFA Germany), Antoine Gerard (OCHA), Claire James (DFID), Hiroko Araki (UNHCR), Elena Garagorri (ICRC), Kate Barrasso (InterAction), Lindsay Hamsik (InterAction), Paulette Jones (GB Secretariat).