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3rd Grand Bargain Meeting
15 April 2016 – Washington, D.C.
Hosted by the United Kingdom and the World Bank

Summary Report

At the opening of the third Grand Bargain (GB) meeting, the Chair, Nick Dyer, Director-General for Policy and Global Programmes at DFID, invited the three high-level speakers - Kristalina Georgieva, European Commissioner and Vice-President for Budget and Human Resources, Justine Greening, UK Secretary of State for International Development, and Mahmoud Mohieldin, World Bank's Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations, and Partnerships - to deliver their remarks and set the tone for the meeting.

Recognizing the work that has been done, in her opening remarks Vice-President Georgieva thanked the Sherpa group for the progress achieved thus far and highlighted that the GB *“is starting to deliver”*. In an effort to keep the level of ambition high and to be more specific, she offered three thoughts on what we can do more: (1) to be more granular on indicators of harmonization. One area of enormous potential and a contribution to the dignity of people is related to digital personal ID and biometrics. A World Bank (WB) study revealed that the potential annual savings by 2020 for governments that adopt nationwide digital ID systems could amount up to US\$50 billion. UNHCR and WFP are working with biometrics in the humanitarian context, (2) to look at the quality of providing funding and how agencies collaborate in the utilization of funds; and (3) to look at the aggregated, collective commitments, what they mean for each of us and to go above and beyond with our individual commitments.

Secretary of State Greening recalled that we are part of a world that is just not delivering for people who need us. The GB offers a huge opportunity to drive broader reform and to adapt smarter approaches. The clock is ticking towards the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) and in order to address the humanitarian financing gap, we need to move to comprehensive multi-year approaches, pull in the private sector, bring together the humanitarian and development sectors, and to place greater emphasis on our work with host countries, and with civil society organizations (CSOs). We also need to move from looking at outputs to focusing on outcomes on the ground. Referring to the Syria crisis, she reiterated our collective responsibility and urged everyone to rise to the challenge.

WB Senior Vice President Mahmoud Mohieldin welcomed participants at the WB premises in DC, building upon the remarks made by Vice-President Georgieva, he highlighted that – according to a WB study – in the developing world, nearly 2.4 billion people lack official IDs. The



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target for universal identity needs to be taken very seriously. Regarding the humanitarian financing gap and with a view to the humanitarian-development nexus, he called for all parties to move towards synergies without compromising areas of specialization.

Specifically, he highlighted the following: (1) the GB process should aim to deliver measurable collective outcomes; (2) the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted in 2015, placing people at the centre, offer an excellent starting point to motivate reforms and to track progress; in this respect, data will be key in regard to measurability; and (3) the need for robust M&E systems in order to monitor our collective performance and outcomes.

In introducing the agenda for the day, the Chair briefly reiterated the objectives for the third GB meeting, namely to recapitulate progress pertaining to the ten GB work-streams, to lock down commitment language as much as possible, to explore key elements of a GB follow-up mechanism, and to obtain a better understanding of the choreography at the WHS in relation to the GB and its linkages with the Roundtable (RT) on Humanitarian Financing. He also invited Badr Jafar, UAE business executive and social entrepreneur, who served as a member of High-Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing, to share his views of the GB and the work done thus far around the ten work-streams. Recalling that the objective of the GB is to create a “win-win-win” situation that includes the most vulnerable people in the world, Badr Jafar reemphasized the importance to aim for the “highest common divisor” and not the “lowest common denominator” when firming up the GB collective commitments. He also added that one enters into a negotiation with an “ideal”, but the objective is to end with a “deal”.

Co-champions then presented in the plenary their principled language for each of the ten GB work-streams and respective draft collective commitments. For four out of the ten work-streams - namely 1) cash-based programming, 2) reduce management costs with periodic functional reviews, 3) participation revolution, and 4) harmonized reporting – the proposed languages were agreed upon by the entire Sherpa group without the need for significant further amendments. While for the work-streams on 1) financial transparency, 2) more support and funding to local and national responders, 3) multi-year planning and multi-year funding, 4) reduce earmarking and 5) bridge the humanitarian-development divide, the proposed content and language were largely acceptable, some further work needed to be done in order to incorporate additional comments from the Sherpa group. Joint and impartial needs assessment remained the only work-stream where further discussion is needed to reach a consensus amongst all Sherpas.

Based upon the feedback and comments made by the Sherpa group, Co-champions were tasked to review and amend the proposed draft principled language and commitments and to submit the revised version to the HLP Secretariat. Upon receipt of revised drafts from all ten work-streams, the HLP Secretariat will then edit the entire document in order to ensure



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consistency in terms of terminology and language across the ten work-streams and re-circulate the edited document to the entire Sherpa group by Friday 22 April (*for detailed timelines, please refer to the overview at the end of this document*).

Prior to entering the afternoon sessions on presenting ideas on monitoring and mutual accountability, as well as on the proposed choreography for the WHS RT on Humanitarian Financing and the GB, brief feedback from Badr Jafar was sought on the proposed draft GB collective commitments presented thus far. Reiterating the spirit of the GB, he re-emphasized that the challenge is to address the “*trust deficit*”, as elaborated in the HLP report. If not addressed, this might not only result in loss of funding in terms of quantity, but also in quality. He urged Sherpas “*to move the needle*”, be great in their collective commitments, and to articulate what is on offer. If we settle for the lowest common denominator, it won’t be a “*grand bargain*”. He also reiterated the need to come up with a narrative that is easily understood by the public.

As requested by Vice-President Georgieva at the second GB Sherpa meeting held in Brussels, the WB prepared and presented ideas on GB monitoring and mutual accountability, building upon the International Development Association (IDA) model and experience. The presentation generated an active plenary discussion amongst the Sherpas, debating the suitability and potential applicability of the IDA model to the humanitarian ecosystem, which is distinctly different. While consensus regarding the need for robust monitoring prevailed, questions pertaining to the sequencing were raised. It was felt that we first should have robust GB commitments before embarking in detail on the follow-up mechanism. It was also highlighted that any GB monitoring mechanism should not add/create any new structure, as this would fundamentally contradict the spirit of the GB, and that an open-ended process for discussion would be needed. In this context, it was also mentioned that - at the New York level - G77 members had already voiced concerns regarding the GB process and the perceived lack of inclusiveness.

In response to the feedback and concerns pronounced in the plenary discussion, it was proposed to set-up a small Sherpa sub-working group, led by the WB¹, which would map out different options with pros and cons, including cost considerations, for a suitable GB follow-up mechanism that would at least ensure monitoring in the short-term. Germany and Sweden volunteered to work on exploring options and would feed this into said sub-working group. Other Sherpas were asked to indicate their interest to participate in the said group to the HLP

¹ Further to the Sherpa meeting held on 15 April 2016 in Washington, DC, the following donors and aid organizations expressed interest in working on the Grand Bargain follow-up options paper: USA; United Kingdom; The Netherlands; Sweden; Germany; ECHO; UNHCR; WFP; ICRC; IFRC; OCHA; and ICVA. Said Sherpa sub-working group would be co-led by the World Bank and Sweden.



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Secretariat by 18 April. These options would then be presented and further discussed during the next GB Sherpa meeting, to be held on 9 May in New York.

The final presentation of the day informed the choreography for the WHS RT on Humanitarian Financing and touched upon the option currently under proposal for a “*special*” segment featuring the GB, for example immediately following the High Level RT. It was highlighted that while the GB is a cornerstone, the RT on Humanitarian Financing is broader. Some 35-50 different speakers, representing broad-based multi-stakeholder engagement, will deliver commitments against the RT core commitments, which are voluntary and – recognizing that we are all at different levels - do not contain any targets. In addition the RT on Humanitarian Financing, the GB also features at the RT on Ending Needs. While the Vice-President Georgieva will deliver the outcomes of the GB at the RT on Humanitarian Financing, no final decision has yet been taken regarding a potential “*special*” segment / signing ceremony for the GB, to be held at the margins of the WHS.

In wrapping up the third GB Sherpa meeting and in preparation for the next gathering, scheduled for the 9 May in New York, the Chair summarized the next steps and timelines (*as outlined on the last page*). He specifically urged:

- Co-champions to think of/identify quantifiable benchmarks / S.M.A.R.T indicators pertaining to the commitments of their respective work-stream; and
- Sherpas to come up with individual commitments, possibly including some collective “flagship” commitments.



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HLP Grand Bargain Process – Timeline after DC

Date	Action	Responsible Party
18 April Monday	Sherpas register interest to participate in the small drafting group for monitoring mechanism by emailing HLP Secretariat	Sherpas
22 April Friday	Compiled draft of commitments from the DC meeting fully reviewed by the editor, sent back to all Sherpas	HLP Secretariat
27 April Wednesday	All feedback on 22 April draft of commitments sent back to HLP secretariat	Sherpas
29 April Friday	Compiled response to comments and final version of commitments sent back to HLP Secretariat	Sherpa co-champions
2 May Monday	Commitment languages fully finalized	HLP Secretariat
2 May Monday	Draft monitoring mechanism option paper	Small drafting group, with WB facilitation
2 May Monday	Each group to come up with benchmarks and SMART indicators	Sherpa Co-champions



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15 April, 2016 - Agenda 3rd Grand Bargain Meeting
1818 H Street - World Bank Main Complex Building - Room MC7-860
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One participant per entity, except for the hosts.

Overall objectives of the day

- Commitment languages to be (near) final
- Grand Bargain follow-up mechanism discussed
 - WHS choreography understood

07:45 - 08:00	Registration
08:00 – 08:45	Briefing on IATI by Development Initiative - Optional <i>(organized by the transparency work stream)</i>
08:45 - 09:15	Coffee/Tea
09:15 – 09:30	Objectives of the day - Nick Dyer, Director General for Policy and Global Programmes, DFID <i>(Chair of the day)</i>
09:30 – 10:00	Delivering the Grand Bargain: A key moment High-level Speakers: Kristalina Georgieva, Vice President of the EU Commission; Justine Greening, Secretary of State, UK and Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations, and Partnerships
10:00 – 12:30	Plenary: Review of draft commitments (on screen). <i>The whole Sherpa group to discuss commitment languages consolidated and circulated prior to the meeting – are the suggested commitments ambitious enough? – HLP member Badr Jafar, CEO Crescent Group UAE, to join the session.</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:45	Group work <i>Champions to re-work/fine-tune and finalise commitment languages based upon feedback received in the morning from the plenary session. (Non-Champions to support the ten groups as required).</i>
14:45 – 15:15	The plenary to review the revised document (on screen)



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- 15:15 – 16:15** Governance paper presentation by the WB &
How to follow-up on GB implementation after the WHS
- 16:15 – 16:45** Presenting the Grand Bargain at the WHS: proposed
choreography – links to financing and other relevant roundtables
- Lisa Doughten, OCHA
(WHS lead for the financing high-level roundtable)
- 16:45 – 17:45** Wrap-up and next steps



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List of Participants 15 April, 2016 - Third Grand Bargain Meeting Co-Hosted by the UK and the World Bank

High-Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing	-	Kristalina Georgieva (supported by Daniel Giorev)
High-Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing	-	Badr Jafar
Australia	-	Stephen Scott
Belgium	-	Melanie Schellens
Canada	-	Christina Buchan
Denmark	-	Stephan Schönemann
European Commission	-	Jean-Louis De Brouwer
FAO	-	Sandra Aviles
Germany	-	Eltje Aderhold
ICRC	-	Helen Alderson-Reat-Noch
ICVA	-	Faizal Perdaus
ICVA	-	Melissa Pitotti
IFRC	-	Jemilah Binti Mahmood
InterAction	-	Patricia McIlreavy
IOM	-	Mohamed Abdiker
Japan	-	Tsukasa Hirota
Netherlands	-	Joost Andriessen
Netherlands	-	Jaap Van Diggele
Norway	-	Reidun Otteroy
OCHA	-	John Ging
OCHA	-	Hansjoerg Strohmeyer
OCHA/WHS	-	Lisa Doughten
SCHR	-	Kate Halff
Sweden	-	Per Örnéus
Sweden	-	Sofia Calltorp
Switzerland	-	Adrienne Schnyder
Turkey	-	Murat Uğurluoğlu
United Arab Emirates	-	Dane McQueen
United Kingdom	-	Justine Greening
United Kingdom	-	Nick Dyer
United Kingdom	-	Joanna Macrae
United Kingdom	-	Rosanna Kim
UNDP	-	Izumi Nakamitsu
UNHCR	-	Kelly Clements
UNICEF	-	Afshan Khan
UNRWA	-	Richard Wright



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- Mahmoud Mohieldin
- Colin Bruce
- Andrew James Roberts
- Amir Abdulla
- Richard John Brennan
- Hiroko Araki
- David Sharrock
- Tensai Asfaw
- Heiko Karl Knoch