

**A Commitment to Complementarity:
Taking Forward the Grand Bargain Workstreams Related to Donor Conditions**
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Following the 17 May 2017 Grand Bargain co-conveners meeting, an initial commitment was made to begin deliberate collaboration among four Grand Bargain workstreams related to donor conditions. This commitment was affirmed at the June 2017 Grand Bargain Sherpa meeting with the addition of a fifth workstream to the group. On September 26th, the conveners of these workstreams plus additional key contributors held a workshop¹ in Geneva to further refine the linkages between the workstreams and better map the way forward. The current workstreams included in the donor conditions group include:

Workstream	Co-Conveners	Contributors
(1) Greater Transparency	The Netherlands & World Bank	Development Initiatives (with the IATI Secretariat), OCHA/FTS
(4) Reduced Duplication & Management Costs	Japan & UNHCR	NRC
(7) Multi Year Planning & Funding	Canada & UNICEF	TBD
(8) Reducing Earmarking	Sweden & the ICRC	TBD
(9) Harmonizing & Simplifying Reporting	Germany & ICVA	GPPI & ICVA-Less Paper More Aid

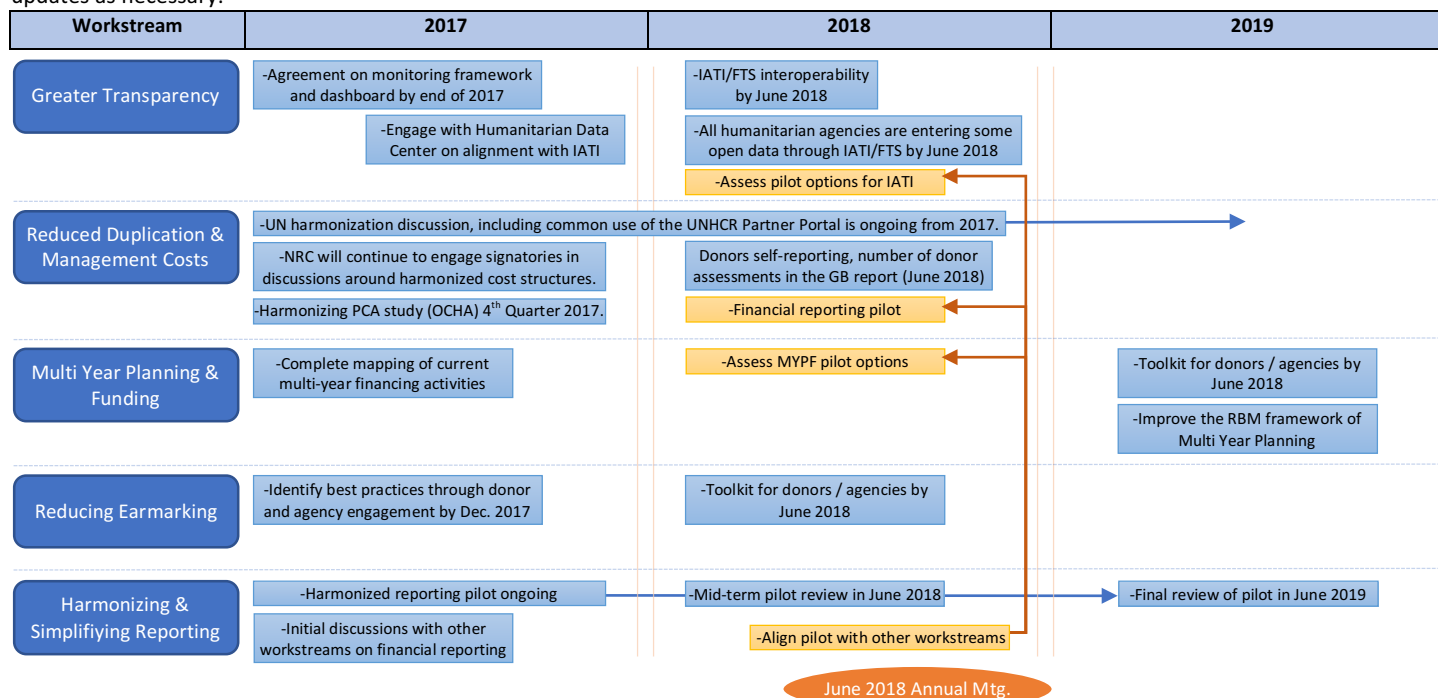
Hosted by The Netherlands in Geneva, the September 26th workshop focused on the following key objectives:

- Update the “key milestones” timeline, mapping out activities and linkages for workstreams through 2019
- Clear recommendations for strategic collaboration among workstreams going forward
- Clear recommendations for how the Grand Bargain structure (Eminent Person, Facilitation Group, Secretariat) can provide appropriate support for implementation of commitments

Key Activities and Milestones

Each of the five workstreams continues to push forward with activities supporting the individual Grand Bargain commitments for the individual workstream. However, there is now a common understanding that collective success will depend on 1) better understanding how the objectives of different workstreams are linked to one another; and 2) developing an improved sequencing of workstreams and activities. Between these two points the group has identified the need to develop and maintain a roadmap of activities and key milestones across workstreams to chart the best path to full implementation of Grand Bargain commitments.

An initial mapping across five workstreams is now complete, with the understanding that this is a work in progress, and will require updates as necessary:



¹ Complete summary notes and agenda for the workshop are available separately.

Working as a Group

Following a more in-depth workshop, there continues to be a strong commitment to strengthen the linkages between workstreams and further establish a collective approach to action. In order to function more effectively as a group, the following points have been identified:

1. Improved communications are critical: internally within organizations, between the co-conveners and signatories of the Grand Bargain, and externally to the larger audience.
2. In addition to the activities identified above, a joint work plan with deliverables should be developed to track progress.
3. It is important to highlight when Grand Bargain commitments are successfully implemented in the field, and leverage these successes to encourage broader action in other workstreams.

Among Co-Conveners and Contributors of the five workstreams engaged here, there is a consensus that cooperation has been helpful and productive. It is also important to look at the remaining five workstreams and identify linkages both within that group

The Grand Bargain Structure

While the Co-Conveners and Contributors to the Donor Conditions workstreams play a central role in developing the work plan for each workstream and carrying it out, the group recognizes that the overall success of the Grand Bargain initiative is also dependent on the structure of the Secretariat, Facilitation Group, and Eminent Person, and the degree to which the roles of each are clearly defined to support the work.

Discussion at the September 26th workshop touched on the high-level need to ensure clarity on the “quid pro quo” of the Grand Bargain, while understanding that there is also a need to act without waiting for others to move first. Externally, it is also important to be aware of parallel initiatives through GHD, the IASC, and WHS follow-up in order to collaborate where appropriate, and avoid duplication where possible.

Recommendations for desired support from the Grand Bargain structure are identified as follows:

- The Eminent Person should support political momentum for the entire Grand Bargain process.
- The Facilitation Group should have primary responsibility for steering and guiding the process. This includes determining the timeline and monitoring the balance of the quid pro quo.
- The Secretariat should be responsible for ongoing communications, maintaining a master calendar for Grand Bargain-related activities, and key contact lists.

Next Steps

Newly identified next steps include:

- Once complete notes from the September 26th workshop are disseminated a timeline for virtual and in-person follow-up will be developed. A regular forum for communication across workstreams needs to be developed.
- As the initial mapping work above is completed, it will be developed into a more formal work plan that can be monitored.
- Encourage the remaining workstreams to complete an exercise similar to the September 26th workshop to better identify internal linkages and move forward with action on commitments.