

Grand Bargain Facilitation Group meeting (*teleconference*) September 11, 2017

1) Presentation on the High-Level Dialogue at the Margins of 72nd Session of UNGA ~ (Lead: World Bank)

The World Bank outlined the rationale for the High-Level roundtable event in New York on 18 September, which has been initiated by the Grand Bargain Eminent Person. The World Bank noted that the re-engagement of the Eminent Person presents an opportunity to reconfirm joint commitments to the Grand Bargain process, and take forward some of the recommendations from the annual meeting in June. These include leveraging the spirit of the quid pro quo within the Grand Bargain; exploring coherence with other emerging global processes and situating the Grand Bargain in the broader humanitarian-development landscape; and agreeing upon sequencing, milestones, time-frames and responsibilities to advance the Grand Bargain commitments.

The Grand Bargain roundtable event will effectively consist of two distinct parts. Principals will engage in strategic, high level conversations during the first hour of the meeting. Technical discussions focusing on the granularity of the Grand Bargain work such as the possible clustering of work streams, will be addressed during the second hour. These technical conversations can be further advanced during a meeting of both the former and current Facilitation Group membership in October, which is being proposed by Germany.

The World Bank encouraged participants joining the teleconference to identify priorities for the coming six months, to consider ways to work across, and within Grand Bargain work-streams and to identify what success for might look like ahead of the annual meeting in 2018.

Participants welcomed the recognition by the World Bank that the New Way of Working encapsulates many different processes. SCHR suggested that the High Level meeting offers scope for a conversation on the expectations of Grand Bargain work-stream ten that seeks to enhance engagement between humanitarian and development actors. While Germany signaled that this issue could also be revisited at the face-to-face meeting in Berlin in October, where the aim is to produce a plan of work for the Facilitation Group.

UN Women remarked that a balance ought to be struck between requiring that the Grand Bargain commitments are delivered in totality, as a package, whilst at the same time allowing those work streams which are flourishing and moving forward, to continue to do so.

Both ICRC and ECHO suggested that field benefits of the Grand Bargain should be included on the agenda for discussion during the roundtable event, while SCHR cautioned about framing the Grand Bargain as an outcome of the World

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Humanitarian Summit. SDC and WFP suggested that the level of participation at the event may not allow for technical level decision making. WFP also noted that there is no reference to the role of the Grand Bargain Advocate in the draft concept note that has been prepared for the round table meeting.

Action points:

Task	Lead	Deadline
World Bank to share final concept note and agenda for the High Level roundtable meeting.	World Bank / GB Secretariat	ASAP

2) Grand Bargain technical meeting in Berlin - (Lead: Germany)

Welcoming the World Bank’s initiative to host a High Level meeting, Germany said the roundtable event is also an opportunity to enhance awareness, and regain the dynamism that is inherent in the Grand Bargain process.

Germany also provided further details of the technical, face-to-face meeting of the former and current Facilitation Group membership that it is hosting on October 24, in Berlin. Amongst other things this meeting will allow for the sharing of lessons learnt from the first Grand Bargain Facilitation Group members. As co-chair of the Good Humanitarian Donorship (GHD), Germany indicated that it could also champion Grand Bargain related advocacy and gender mainstreaming activities amongst the GHD membership.

InterAction thanked Germany for its initiative in scheduling a face-to-face meeting of the Facilitation Group members, and proposed that discussions on enhancing the information flow across Grand Bargain work-streams, tracking work stream activities, goal setting and strengthening synergies might also be issues for consideration during the October meeting.

Many participants such as ICRC and DFID stressed the importance of preparing for the face-to-face meeting in Berlin. It was agreed that a good starting point could be finalizing the exercise begun by the Grand Bargain work-stream co-convenors to identify and prioritize areas of work across their respective work-streams. This work has been shared with the World Bank to help provide background documentation for the High Level meeting.

Action points:

Task	Lead	Deadline
Dissemination of a tentative agenda and brief concept note for the Facilitation Group face-to-face meeting.	Germany /GB Secretariat	ASAP
Sharing of collective and	World Bank /GB	ASAP

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tabulated inputs of prioritization exercise undertaken by work-co-convenors.	Secretariat	ASAP
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3) Grand Bargain self-reporting for year 2 - (Lead DG ECHO)

DG ECHO shared details of a proposal by the Platform for Action, Commitments and Transformations (PACT) to create synergies between WHS and Grand Bargain commitment reporting in 2018, as per the recommendations of the independent Grand Bargain Report. The proposal asserts that utilizing a PACT platform for self-reporting can lead to increased visibility and transparency of the progress being made in implementing the Grand Bargain commitments; strengthened information exchange between signatories and external actors to leverage the quid pro quo of the Grand Bargain, and enhanced data analysis for the annual Grand Bargain report.

The new Facilitation Group will have to analyse the PACT proposal and if in agreement, decide upon a strategy to take the coherence between the two processes forward. DG ECHO also stressed that in order for IT developments and changes to the PACT platform to be undertaken, a decision will have to be made no later than 29 September. In addition, the development, maintenance and support of the Grand Bargain component onto the PACT will require a financial commitment of \$50,000.

DG ECHO said that in its view an integrated commitment reporting structure should result in the self-reports of the Grand Bargain signatories being more visible and accessible to the Grand Bargain community, and wider public. DG ECHO also suggested that in the coming year the self-reports contain more tangible information, and are structured by the ten thematic work streams, rather than by individual commitments to the Grand Bargain process as a whole. DG ECHO also stressed that the views of the Grand Bargain signatories not associated with the WHS or PACT processes, need also to be accommodated for, and taken into account.

IFRC informed that it does not report on the PACT platform, while both ICRC and InterAction stated that further dialogue is required before a decision can be reached. InterAction said discussions should include the Grand Bargain signatories and work-stream co-convenors. UNHCR said greater clarity on the methodology employed for undertaking the reporting for the independent annual report would be useful in helping to reach a decision on the PACT reporting platform. WFP noted that the Facilitation Group should consider whether it wishes to design and develop its own reporting platform, or make use of the existing PACT platform, which is a less costly and time consuming option.

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Action points:

Task	Lead	Deadline
An updated proposal developed by the PACT to be shared with the Facilitation Group members.	OCHA/GB Secretariat	ASAP
Facilitation Group to provide feedback, comments and a decision on the PACT proposal.	OCHA /GB Secretariat	28 Sept.

4) AOB:

The Grand Bargain Secretariat informed that a budget and cost plan is being prepared outlining the perceived Grand Bargain expenditures until December 31, 2018. Facilitation Group members will have to agree on an approach to identify sources to cover these expenditures.

The Secretariat also reported that discussions are ongoing with the current Chair of the Facilitation Group - a role taken on by OCHA as the continuity between the current and former Facilitation Group members - to develop ways to enhance the flow and dissemination of information to the Facilitation Group.

ICVA responded to a query tabled by ICRC on how linkages can be made between the outcomes of the High Level roundtable event, and preparations for the face-to-face meeting in Germany. ICVA informed that a read out from the roundtable meeting will be shared with participants on 26 September who will be gathered to explore synergies between the five donor conditions related Grand Bargain workstreams.

The Chair explained that there will be another teleconference for the Facilitation Group - possibly at the end of September or early October - in part to prepare for the face-to-face meeting in Berlin.

Teleconference participants consisted of representatives from the former and current Grand Bargain Facilitation Group: (11/09/17):

Antoine Gerard (OCHA and Chair), Lubna Hadji (World Bank), Yuwan Beejadhur (World Bank), Kate Half (SCHR), Henrike Trautmann (DG ECHO), Daniel Clauss (DG ECHO), Jefferson Yen (DG ECHO), Regina Gujan (SDC), Nathalie-Antoinette Goetschi (SDC), Thomas Henzschel (Germany), Marie Schirrmeister (Germany), Sheila Ahmed (DFID), Claire James (DFID), Gordana Jerger (WFP), Marie-Helene Kyprianou (WFP), Daniel Seymour (UN Women), Hiba Qasas (UN Women), Hiroko Araki (UNHCR), Elena Garagorri

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(ICRC), David Fisher, (IFRC), Kirsten Hagon (IFRC), Melissa Pitotti (ICVA), Kate Barrasso (InterAction), Lindsay Hamsik (InterAction), Paulette Jones (GB Secretariat).