

GRAND BARGAIN FACILITATION GROUP FACE-TO-FACE MEETING

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Participants

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Discussion

Agenda item	Content	Action points
<i>Eminent Person's feedback of meeting with Grand Bargain Facilitation Group (World Bank)</i>	<p>The Representative of the World Bank Office in Geneva, provided feedback from the Eminent Person on the previous day's face-to-face meeting with the Facilitation Group.</p> <p>The Eminent Person thanked the Facilitation Group for a successful meeting, appreciated the cohesion</p>	

<p><i>Summary of highlights from meeting with the Eminent Person (InterAction)</i></p>	<p>amongst the group, urged conversations and engagement with Sherpas to continue, suggested focusing on delivering efficiency and effectiveness within the Grand Bargain without creating additional bureaucracy, and enhancing visibility.</p> <p>Ms. Georgieva also encouraged the Facilitation Group to consider itself as having an empowered mandate. She offered assistance from her Office to support the Grand Bargain process, as well as her leverage to help resolve issues at a political level.</p> <p>In the context of ongoing discussions within the humanitarian system on prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), the Eminent Person has requested the World Bank to report on how institutionally, it handles and manages risks.</p>	<p>The Facilitation Group will send a communique, with top line messages, to the Eminent Person's Office. This will outline key areas in which her support would be valued.</p> <p>Opportunities for (bilaterally) addressing some of these top line messages at the margins of World Bank's Spring Meetings, will also be explored.</p> <p>The FG will also issue a communique to all Signatories outlining that: a) Achievements of the FG b) Priorities for next year</p> <p>Facilitation Group members agreed to share with the World Bank existing best practice available from their institutions related to ethical good practice as well as any efforts underway to strengthening policy and practice around safeguarding.</p> <p>A communique on behalf of the Facilitation Group will be sent to Grand Bargain signatories on the declarative membership model that has been developed, as well as related guidance.</p>
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	<p>Participants agreed that membership to the Grand Bargain should be open and inclusive.</p> <p>InterAction - as current Chair of the Facilitation Group - also provided a summary of the main talking points from the previous day's meeting with the Eminent Person. This re-called discussions on Grand Bargain signatory membership, establishing a core Grand Bargain membership group to push progress forward, and delinking content from process within the Grand Bargain.</p> <p>Protocols around the 'sun-setting' of Grand Bargain work-streams, and the development of a monitoring framework was endorsed by the Eminent Person.</p>	<p>Grand Bargain signatories will be informed before the end of March, that the Eminent Person has accepted the suggestion from the co-convenors of work-stream 10 to crosscut and integrate their work into other work-streams, rather than continuing as a separate structure. This decision follows a long and thorough engagement and discussions between the Co-convenors of WS10 and the Facilitation Group throughout the course of the last year to assess options and opportunities</p> <p>A joint communique from the Eminent Person and Facilitation Group will be sent to work-stream co-convenors requesting the development of an indicator framework to assess progress within their respective work-streams, in the lead up to year 3.</p> <p>The Secretariat will assist in drafting protocols related to the 'closure/transitions' of Grand Bargain work-streams.</p> <p>Further discussion will follow on the development of a core communication product around efficiency and effectiveness within the Grand Bargain. This product could take the form of an infographic developed by the Secretariat.</p>
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<p><i>Annual meeting preparations (OCHA)</i></p>	<p>The Eminent Person will attend this year's annual Grand Bargain meeting on Monday June 18.</p> <p>The Eminent Person proposed a dinner with the Grand Bargain 'core' group members as a means of maintaining political/leadership momentum</p> <p>The annual meeting will be hosted by the Facilitation Group members, delivery of which will be a collective endeavor.</p> <p>The Facilitation Group agreed that objectives of the annual meeting should include information sharing and establishing priorities for year 3 of the Grand Bargain process.</p> <p>Thematic agenda items could include an analysis of the field impact of the Grand Bargain as encapsulated in the ODI annual report, which will be shared with signatories two weeks in advance of the annual meeting. Field perceptions of the Grand Bargain presented inter alia by Ground Truths Solutions, might also be discussed.</p>	<p>Further discussions will ensue between the Facilitation Group and the Secretariat to define concrete next steps around the planning process and preparations for the annual meeting, roles and responsibilities.</p> <p>Concrete tasks to follow up include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Dissemination of an information note to the Grand Bargain signatories that builds upon the Save the Date email, informing on other relevant logistical information; 2) Drafting of the annual meeting agenda by mid-April; 3) Requests to signatories for the submission of their statements, (re-affirming their political commitment to the Grand Bargain etc.); 4) Identifying protocols to be prepared for endorsement by the general assembly; 5) Finalization of seating arrangements. <p>The Facilitation Group will also present details at the annual meetings of its achievements in the past year.</p>

<p><i>Budget</i></p>	<p>Participants agreed that predictable, multi-year funding is an efficient and effective way to resource the Grand Bargain Secretariat in line with Grand Bargain principles.</p>	<p>The Secretariat will prepare a multi-year budget for 2019 and 2020 agglomerating funding requirements for both the Secretariat and the Facilitation Group.</p> <p>The multi-year budget will be shared with Grand Bargain signatories at the annual meeting, and used as an advocacy resourcing tool.</p>
<p><i>Transitions (Germany)</i></p>	<p>The FG agreed that the hand-over to the next FG should be well prepared to ensure continuity and efficiency in steering the process.</p> <p>In this context, the Eminent Person also asked Facilitation Group members to consider extending the FG-membership to a period of two years.</p> <p>Participants concurred that signatories interested in becoming new Facilitation Group members need to be fully briefed on the requirements of them, including investments in time and resources to advance the Grand Bargain initiative.</p>	<p>Until mid-May, Germany will prepare an initial draft of a formal, Facilitation Group hand-over for the incoming Facilitation Group members.</p> <p>The document - which will include a list of key Grand Bargain-related document - will be finalized in July, following the Annual Meeting. It will also include lessons learned and suggest priority areas for follow up in year 3.</p> <p>By end of March, the Secretariat will provide a list of organizations that could potentially become new Facilitation Group members from September 2018. The list will take account of when an organization became a Grand Bargain signatory, and whether it has yet served on the Facilitation Group.</p> <p>Until the end of April, members of the current Facilitation Group will inquire within their respective constituencies whether there are expressions of interest with regards to the 2018/2019 FG</p>

		<p>membership. In the absence of an adequate number of expressions of interest, signatories' openness towards expanding the FG-membership to a two-year period will be explored.</p> <p>Facilitation Group Chair (InterAction) will propose a Principals incoming/outgoing Facilitation Group dinner on the margins of UNGA with the World Bank. InterAction will relay feedback to the Facilitation Group members.</p>
<p><i>Work-plan Review and Closing (InterAction & Secretariat)</i></p>	<p>The Grand Bargain Secretariat informed that 44% of its work-plan has been so far completed. Work activities in the coming months will focus on supporting finalization of the self-reporting exercise, preparations for the annual meeting, and reinforcing communication between the Grand Bargain community.</p> <p>An update on the status of the Facilitation Group's work-plan will presented during the next Facilitation Group teleconference.</p>	<p>Work-plans for the Secretariat and Facilitation group will be updated by the Secretariat to include activities emanating from the meeting with the Eminent Person, and which also reflect tasks connected with the preparation of the annual meeting.</p>