

Grand Bargain Facilitation Group meeting (*teleconference*) July 12, 2017

Feedback and finalization of the draft Chairs' Summary from the annual Grand Bargain meeting - (Lead IFRC & SDC):

IFRC informed that the draft Chairs' Summary for the first annual Grand Bargain meeting attempts to provide a narrative of the Grand Bargain process and an update on progress, to summarize the key discussions and outcomes from the day's meeting, and to propose actions for taking forward. These actions include Grand Bargain work-streams identifying priority activities and deliverables for the next year, and setting baselines for each of the Grand Bargain commitments to measure the rate of implementation and impact. The Facilitation Group is also invited to develop an outreach strategy to non-signatories - in consultation with the Grand Bargain Eminent Person and the Grand Bargain Advocates.

WFP also provided feedback on aspects of the draft Chair's Summary, including the action point that tasks the Facilitation Group with 'ensuring' itself a structured dialogue with the IASC, GHD and other key external processes. Both WFP and SCHR noted that the breadth and scope of this responsibility may be beyond the means of the Facilitation Group, but suggested that the Grand Bargain work-stream co-covenantors might also take the lead on this initiative, with support from the Facilitation Group.

IFRC explained that the generic reference to other external processes refers principally to the New Way of Working agenda. However, the Facilitation Group should not be precluded from having communication with other, on-going global processes.

Whilst welcoming the promise of financial contributions from NRC and the World Bank to provide resources for an additional staff member within the IASC-hosted Grand Bargain Secretariat, WFP recalled that further funding for the Grand Bargain Secretariat's post is still to be secured and should be recorded in the summary note.

The draft summary note also captures the importance of contextualizing and concretizing different components of the Grand Bargain commitments at the field level. DG ECHO noted the fact of that there are already many pilot activities being undertaken in the field related to the Grand Bargain. They stressed that field initiatives ought to be mutually reinforcing in order to take the Grand Bargain commitments forward.

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Action points:

Task	Lead	Deadline
Facilitation Group members to share feedback on the draft summary note with IFRC and SDC.	IFRC & SDC	ASAP

Proposed engagement with, and way forward regarding the Grand Bargain Eminent Person and Grand Bargain Advocate ~ (Leads IFRC & SDC, & OCHA):

OCHA reported that there has been a regular email exchange between the Grand Bargain Eminent Person and the Grand Bargain Advocate, and they will also have a telephone conversation later this evening.

In addition, IFRC informed that two teleconferences have been organized to help facilitate the re-engagement of Kristalina Georgieva as the Grand Bargain Eminent Person. The first will involve the Grand Bargain Sherpa representatives for IFRC, SDC and DG ECHO, and representatives from Ms. Georgieva’s office. A second teleconference has been scheduled for 20 July.

DG ECHO’s updated TOR document for the Eminent Person role demarcates what are internal and external functions related to the Grand Bargain process. OCHA suggested that within the TOR’s greater emphasis could be placed in outlining the relationship between the Eminent Person and the Grand Bargain Facilitation Group.

The Facilitation Group did note that the revised TOR can provide constructive guidance in terms of areas for focused engagement between the Grand Bargain Eminent Person and the Grand Bargain Advocates. One role that might be undertaken by the Grand Bargain Advocates is to help exploit the synergies between the various Grand Bargain work-streams. While it was suggested that the Eminent Person may want to aggregate elements of the High Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing recommendations to her Grand Bargain activities.

Action points:

Task	Lead	Deadline
IFRC, SDC and to update on the outcomes of teleconferences with representatives of the GB Eminent Person.	IFRC & SDC	From 13 July onwards.
DG ECHO to debrief on telephone conversations between GB Advocate and GB Eminent Person, and on its bi-lateral meeting with the GB Advocate.		ASAP

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Preparations for the hand-over to new Facilitation Group members - (Lead DG ECHO):

It was agreed that three issues be handed over to the incoming Facilitation Group for their initial attention. These are:

- 1) Agreement on the TOR’s, and methods for engagement between the Grand Bargain Eminent Person and the Grand Bargain Advocates;
- 2) Securing funds to cover the operational costs for the Grand Bargain Eminent Person and Grand Bargain Advocate roles, and to meet the costs for the Grand Bargain Secretariat;
- 3) Securing a budget to produce the 2018 independent Grand Bargain annual report.

Noting that if the Grand Bargain Secretariat is to be staffed by two people in the future, WFP commented that the TOR for the second position needed to be developed.

OCHA reminded that funding is welcome for the above positions from non-Facilitation Group members. DG ECHO has agreed to participate in the first teleconference of the new Facilitation Group to help facilitate a smooth hand-over and transition.

Action points:

Task	Lead	Deadline
Budget for the costs of the GB Advocate and Secretariat and GB independent annual report.	GB Secretariat & OCHA	ASAP
TOR’s for additional GB Secretariat member to be produced and agreed to.	GB Secretariat & OCHA	End August

AOB:

A request by ZOA International to become a Grand Bargain signatory was accepted by the Facilitation Group. SDC noted that ZOA International is currently operational in 15 countries, assisting individuals affected by conflicts and natural disasters in fragile states. In addition, the organization is the Chair of the Dutch Relief Alliance Committee (DRAC), a consortium of Dutch NGOs financed by the Dutch MOFA.

With an increasing number of requests from humanitarian organizations to become Grand Bargain signatories, it is suggested that the incoming Facilitation

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Group consider how internal discussions can be conducted as optimally as possible in the future.

Teleconference participants: (12/07/17): Henrike Trautmann (DG ECHO and Chair), Jefferson Yen (DG ECHO), Daniel Clauss (DG ECHO), Antoine Gerard (UN OCHA), Kate Half (SCHR), Olivier Bangerter (SDC), Gordana Jerger (WFP), Jordan Ramacciato (WFP), Ajay Madiwale (IFRC), Kirsten Hagon (IFRC), Victoria Stodart (IFRC), Paulette Jones (GB Secretariat).