

# GCAP Global Council (Enlarged with constituents from the Global Assembly 2015) Teleconference Call

14 January 2016, 1pm GMT

**Chair:** Amitabh Behar

**Minutes:** Pradeep Baisakh

<b>Present:</b>	Co-Chairs: Amitabh Behar, Marta Benavides (only listening) Asia: Zia ur Rehman (GCAP Pakistan), Loy Rego Africa: Oumar Poulo (GCAP Senegal) Europe: Riccardo Moro (GCAP Italy) Feminist Task Force: Rosa Lizarde Socially Excluded Task Force: Ashok Bharti, Sukanta Behera
Secretariat	Ingo Ritz, Claire des Mesnards, Kyerewa Asamoah, Pradeep Baisakh
Apologies	Richard Ssewakiryanga
Unable to connect	Beckie Malay

## MEETING NOTES

### Agenda:

1. Recap of the process so far
2. Presentation on Strategy Document, Discussion and Decision
3. Presentation of Governance Structure, Discussion and Decision
4. Further discussion on way forward

INPUTS	DISCUSSIONS AND ACTION POINTS
1. Welcome by Amitabh: We want to take clear direction and take the process ahead and transition to finalising the strategy and governance structure of the new GCAP.	
<p><b>2. Process so far: Ingo</b></p> <p>On 27-28 September last year we had GCAP Global Assembly with the New York Declaration as a result. The Global Assembly constituted two working groups, one on strategy and other on governance. The groups worked and presented their proposal to the Global Council. Then it was sent to the Enlarged Global Council as decided by the Global Assembly. The working groups had several calls and rounds of inputs by e mails. The Enlarged Global Council members were expected to send their feedback 10<sup>th</sup> of Jan. The received feedback has been incorporated to the strategy document and governance document.</p>	<p>It's been a long process and this is culmination. The objective now is to take the process ahead and give a clear direction to GCAP.</p> <p>Rosa: The participation in this call is gender imbalanced I feel. We should ensure that there is adequate effort to ensure that we do this.</p> <p>This proposal was agreed.</p>

**3. Strategy Document: Riccardo present key highlights** (This working group was led by Beckie and Riccardo)

The introductory part of the document, some history of GCAP and the current context narrating the state of affairs. The role of private sector has been discussed. Then the role of GCAP and then the list of our objectives has been mentioned. And then comes the mention of the lines of action.

Participation of a lot of grassroots groups has been visualized in the document as major strategy of engagement. We continue to work on poverty but shifted our focus on inequality. SDGs framework is an important opportunity for us. We involve the mass to involve in the political action.

It is important document to understand which solution could be implemented in different context to attack the structural causes of poverty and inequality.

Document discusses on awareness, mobilisation and campaigning on local, national and international levels. A specific line to be dedicated to advocacy.

Then the coordination – to build good ways of coordination and structural alliances be more effective.

We had good participation of the strategic group members. Secretary helped us. We have received formal and informal comments and incorporated in the finalising the draft document.

Zia says the strategic document is okay for me overall speaking.

Ashok says I m fine with document overall

Rosa says generally it is very good. It is showing take covered main points. Some points I wanted to highlight but not hearing that here. But they are primarily cosmetic.

Amitabh: Any specific comments on mandate, themes, main activities?

Rosa: On the mandate the focus is on inequalities. In 2006 when we discussed that we focus on inequality. Having the focus on inequality and exclusion looking at the paradigm of development, role of private sector and a holistic approach to equality. We need the expanded GCAP to walk the talk.

And we cannot leave aside 51% of the population i.e. women. We have not done that. We need to do that in terms of process and in terms of funding things and etc.

Zia: I do not see much in the accountability in the activities.

Riccardo: Zia is right. This is document of broad strategic direction. The new chairs will take forward specific action plans to take and make it with new indicators. That will be done in the next steps.

Amitabh: Lets keep this as a comment and we can see that. Though my reading says the states ad private's accountability is very much articulate there.

Rosa: We do not have representation from Latin America and little representation from Africa. We take inputs from these two regions in next round when we send to national coalitions.

**The strategic document was approved** with the note from Rosa and Zia necessity of walking

	<p>the talk and participation ensuring regional participation and gender participation in the calls and on the questions of accountability to our own work. In terms of outreach and reflection from Latin America and and Africa as regions, effort should be made in next levels of engagement.</p>
<p><b>4. Presentation on Governance structure by Zia</b> (The working group was headed by Zia)</p> <p>Zia: There has been five different calls and two specific calls between myself and Pradeep and Ingo for clarifications. And another call between group members to come to the draft developed by the working group.</p> <p>Four major sections came up in the document.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General assembly in pace of global assembly and it meets once in three years.</li> <li>2. We have one board in place of council and board separately. Earlier board was for legal operation and council as the real working body. Now they merge to have one board. We shall have 11-15 members. Later a suggestion came that we could call it 'global council' than 'global board'.</li> <li>3. Two co-chairs instead of three. At least one should be a woman. And at least one should be from global south.</li> <li>4. Each member of global board should have two terms and members can be re-elected after a term break. Each term will be of three years.</li> </ol> <p>National and constituency groups will be the basis of the GCAP.</p> <p>The general assembly will have all the national representatives of the from representatives from the constituency</p>	<p>Rosa: As a member of the group I did provide some inputs which however were not reflected there. I agree to the formulation. But I would recommend that we continue to have three co-chairs.</p> <p>Ashok: We go by two but if we have discussion on three, one could be from a constituency group.</p> <p>Ricardo: I have a slight preference for three co-chairs but not strong preference. But I think we should endorse the document as so much process has gone into it. And we have asked for suggestion several times.</p> <p>Amitabh: As the extended global council, lets settle the discussion on co-chairs here.</p> <p>Loy Rego: I think we need another document on strengthening the national coalitions. We have to think about that. A separate document or in current document.</p> <p>I have certain concerns on the coordination between the constituency groups and the national coalitions. How they work together. That should be discussed in such document.</p> <p>Amitabh: On three aspects there is agreement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General Assembly and meets once in three years.</li> <li>2. Global Council (and not Global Board)</li> <li>3. Each member for two terms and can come back after a term.</li> </ol> <p><b>Discussion on Co-Chairs:</b></p> <p>On three co-chairs or two co-chairs –we have some disagreement.</p>

groups.

Zia: While discussing this we considered the legal requirement, as we are merging the council with board. So instead of chair and vice-chair, we should have two co-chairs. The other was reflected upon the previous phases of GCAP and considered that we had three chairs. The question came in the group that if the two can function well in previous terms why not in this term. Its more legal consideration than the political consideration.

Rosa: Suggesting three is based on sections of previous cultures. In case of two, say one chair is not active, then the responsibility and burden on the other will be too much. And in case of disagreement between two co-chairs, what will be the solution? Therefore we suggest three co-chairs. So in the global boards there should be review in three years to see that things are going properly.

Riccardo: Legally this should not be an issue if we have three co-chairs. Legally there have to be one chair of the board. S/he could take the other two by formal resolution. So legally its sustainable.

Zia: I personally have no problem on three co-chairs. As I shared that its about the legality and we are merging the council and foundation. However the working group suggested two.

Amitabh: Legally it can be done. We have to have a political decision.

On asking what would be his opinion on this as the lead of the group, Zia said personally he has no problem with three.

**Decision on number of co-chairs:**

We agree on the recommendation that we continue with the three co-chairs system.

**Discussion on election process:**

Election: Co-chairs will be elected by the Global Council not by the General Assembly.

	<p>In the Council, instead of three, we propose two representations from Latin America and Asia, A total of 10 national coalition representatives and 5 representatives from constituency groups.</p> <p><b>This was endorsed.</b></p> <p>Rosa: There should be some clarification on the Regional council and regional assembly. There should more cohesion between the regional council and the global council. The other component: the feminist organisations are included there in the regions also.</p> <p>There should be ToR for national and constituency groups and to them. We should gave feedback from national coalitions on these.</p> <p>Amitabh: These are taken as additions not reviewing the document. We should keep the document light.</p> <p><b>Amitabh: Thank you everyone. We have now the approval from larger coalition on these two documents. Endorsement to the strategic document as proposed and a clear revision on the co-chairs in the governance document.</b></p>
<p>4. Further discussion on way forward</p>	<p><b>The process ahead and timeline:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The working groups will revise the documents as per the suggestions of the extended global council. Then it will be sent to the national coalitions and constituency groups.</li> <li>2. 3 weeks timeline to national coalitions and constituency groups to respond and give feedback.</li> <li>3. We end the comment after three weeks. Two work groups incorporate comments.</li> <li>4. By end of February, the Enlarged Global Council to discuss and approve the documents.</li> <li>5. Then we send to national coalitions and constituency groups for signing off (without changes and in a short time).</li> </ol>

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