

WASH Road Map – Ex Committee – Wednesday 16th February 2022

Agenda and Minutes

Agenda: **To collect feedbacks and opinions about the process of the Board meeting.**

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ASSETS AND SUCCESSES

- Emergency Directors were pleased to be informed about the progress of the Road Map and were interested by the overall presentation.
- Good presentation of the Working Group Representatives which kept the auditory attention and displayed useful and suitable information.
- Good representation/participation of the WASH experts involved in the Road Map.
- Good participation of the Emergency Directors during the plenary and in the breakout rooms.
- Opening speech of Manuel Bessler: good to have a High-Level individual to open this session and continuity with the High-Level meeting of 2019 appreciated by the EDs already in place at that time.
- Valuable inputs came out of this meeting on a diverse range of issues and priorities (localization, governance etc.)
- Agreement about the next steps (see below)

TO IMPROVE

- Meeting a bit unstructured (especially for the setting up of the Board and the breakout rooms) and no respect of the time: could be a bigger problem for the future meetings.
- Need for a better process and preparation before the meeting: send at least 3 weeks in advance the final agenda of the meeting, the meeting materials (PowerPoint presentation) and a briefing note presenting the different points to be discussed and voted (including a justification of the discussion topics selected for the breakout rooms).
- The Road Map needs to be clearer about its identity, its objectives, its status etc : better shape the profile of the WASH Road Map and better define its position regarding the GWC

Setting up of the Board

No consideration of the fact that it was not the same people than in 2019: Lack of briefing and discussions before to vote. ED directors need to be better informed in advance so they can represent their agency's position and vote/assume responsibility

- EDs have never been consulted about their participation to the Board - things were not done in order: First establish their level of involvement and role in the WASH Road Map and then invite them to support it.
- It would have been better to distinguish governance (via a specific approach) from the WASH Road Map follow-up (meeting/event 100% dedicated to this)
- Consider the composition of the Board: who should be included in this structure to maximize the chances of success of the WASH Road Map?

AGREED NEXT STEPS

- ➔ **Follow up from GWC and the Road Map about the information around their connection:** Ensure that the focal points are able to deliver an accurate vision of the GWC and Road Map links with their organization - reaffirm the good relationship and complementarity of both entities.
- ➔ **Sharing of the Board ToR with the potential Board members, then setting up an online consultation:** submit proposition and define what will be the role of the EDs in the Road Map.

4 Steps:

1. Drafting of two ToRs by the WASH Road Map secretariat: one for the formal structure of the Board, the other for a lighter version consisting in a regular High-Level meeting (Informal, to include organizations that have not endorsed the WASH Road Map)
2. Sharing of the two versions with the Executive Committee (and co-leads via the WG representatives) for adjustments/validation
3. Consultations with the Executive Committee (and co-leads via WG representatives) to identify points to be discussed and included in the consultation (in addition to those related to the Board)
4. Launching of a broad numeric consultation with the EDs to collect their opinions on about 40 important points for the Road Map action plan (including the ToR for the Board).

PRIORITIES

- ❖ **Continuation of the action:** “Initiatives are the core business”. Focus of the initial funding of the initiatives which are behind.
- ❖ **Setting up a Donors meeting**
- ❖ **Setting up a middle-term review of the WASH Road Map** (around September/October 2022)
- ❖ **Rationalization of the communication and the involvement of Road Map members:** numerous emails and meetings making the participation to the Road Map time-consuming.
- ❖ **Localisation: Increase the representation of the field in the WASH Road Map and eventually the Board** (see conclusions of the Board meeting)