

## Minutes of GEC Steering Group 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015

Attendees: Oliver Greenfield (OG), Steve Bass (SB), Steven Stone (SS), George Varughese (GV), Peter Poschen (PV)



Apologies: Alex Wood (AW)

### **Agenda October 2015:**

1. GEC update
2. Steve's refresh the SG paper – comments and next steps
3. New Coalition member application from [Global Infrastructure Basel \(GIB\) Foundation](#)
4. Brief preparation for subsequent call – institutional collaboration.
5. AOB

### **1. GEC Update**

- Alex Wood has moved on to new role. Sustainable Prosperity's place on Steering Group could be filled by Mike Wilson CEO Sustainable Prosperity. **Action - OG to discuss with Mike.**
- Note Peter Poschen changing role in ILO. **Action: OG to discuss with PP off-line, potential to continue on GEC SG.**
- EC funding GEC 7 countries, in partnership with UN PAGE and Steven Stone
- GEC convened institutional collaboration meeting – agenda item 4

### **2. The GEC Steering group – Steve Bass paper**

- SB led a conversation about the SG:
  - *Continuity* – last year we agreed it was desirable to keep the existing (remaining) SG members in post for some time, confirming some 'permanent' members – Convenor and Host Institution. **Decision: We should stick with this pro-continuity, at least until December 2016.**
  - *Expansion of numbers* – there are too few SG members at present, meaning we are often inquorate, under-strength when it comes to sharing out SG work to be done, as well as unrepresentative. **Decision: Coalition should appoint new members.**
  - *Adding SG members to best implement the 'mainstreaming' business plan 2014-18* – This would suggest an expansion in expertise, sectors, finance, country representation **Decision: Coalition should appoint further new members – in-line with GEC business plan. Action: Coalition to consider nominating new members (finance, in-country etc.) but best to wait till 2016 and GEC annual summit**
  - *Adding one or two GEC funders to the SG* – funding is a priority for us, and funders will want to have a say in steering the GEC: **Decision: We should appoint new funding members. EC and possibly MAVA. Action: OG to follow up with EC and MAVA**
  - *Steering group ways to create energy and incentives for SG to turn up and deliver*
    - Proposed- A simple meeting roster – fixed day and time every 2 months. (DA suggested every month). Further SG consultation consensus – every 2 months preferable. **Decision SG meet every 2 months at the same time. ACTION: OG to set up meeting times for 2016.** (No further meeting in 2015 due to COP).
    - Focus on the *2016 GEC Annual Meeting* – to draw out member priorities as well as corporate GEC priorities
    - SG steering role for the imminent *EC 7-country support* – a big enough programme, with lots of potential links to members' own work, for SG to get to grips with
    - *Profiling and recognition* for SG members – make SG membership a professional asset: 'add to their CV'; profile on GEC website... **ACTION: OG to get better SG profiles**

3. **New Coalition member application from [Global Infrastructure Basel \(GIB\) Foundation](#)**

Discussion on merits of GIB and infrastructure more broadly.

**Decision: admit GIB. ACTION OG to inform GIB**

4. **Brief preparation for subsequent call – institutional collaboration.**

OG described background, participants and objectives of institutional collaboration

- Participants: **GGGI** - Thomas Nielson and Inhee Chung, **GIZ** - Detlef Schreiber, **3GF** - Lisbeth Jespersen, **IIED** - Steve Bass, **UNEP and PAGE** - Steven Stone, **ILO** - Peter Poschen, **GGKP** - Ben Simmons, Amanda McKee, **PEI** - Isabell Kempf, **Development Alternatives** - Zeenat Niazi, **MAVA** - Georg Schwede and Holger Schmid, **OECD** - Jan Corfee-Merlot, Ryan Parmenter, Naeeda Crishnamorgado and Kumi Kitamori, **GEC** - Oliver Greenfield
- Objective to discuss: **“Could we work together and amplify our particular strengths in order to support country transitions more effectively?”**
  1. A round of brief introductions and facts about our national activities – countries active, themes and activities
  2. What makes a successful transition?
  3. What are the opportunities/barriers to collaboration?
  4. What are the next steps? (Half day meeting in Paris December 2016 OECD)

4. **AOB** - none

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED for early 2016. TBC. Note no further meetings in 2015 due to COP. ACTION OG set up SG 2016 calendar, meeting every 2 months.**