**Advisory Working Group Meeting**

**23 December 2019 | 8:30 AM EST**

**Zoom Call**

**Minutes**

1. Updates from Convener - Houry Geudelekian
	1. **Submissions for recommendations for Action Coalitions**
		1. All submissions seen and being considered by the Core Group
	2. To add more people to the Advisory Working Group, email beijing25@ngocsw.org
		1. Open group
2. Shannon Kowalski - Core Group for Generation Equality Forum
	1. Design Sprint meeting in Mexico City
		1. Involved 17 people from Un Women, other UN agencies (UNICEf, UNDP, UNFPA), range of civil society orgs (CSAG and additional ones: women deliver, musawah, icrw; northern govts (norway, sweden, finland, ireland, the netherlands, canada,; reps of private foundations and women’s funds (gates, open society foundations, ford, global fund for women, prospera)
		2. Mexican civil society group also joined
		3. Number of deficiencies:
			1. No other global south govts
			2. Nobody from MENA
			3. Nobody representing Asia/Pacific
		4. Will be more design sprints
			1. Next one won’t be so last minute and won’t lack as much representation
		5. Purpose of design sprint = delve into themes for the action coalitions
			1. Try to come up with degree of consensus of what themes should be covered
			2. Where there was specific value for CS, govts and private sector coming together
			3. Think through some of the things that the action coalitions can do together
		6. Spent a lot of time thinking about themes
			1. A little bit of discussion about principles for the action coalitions
		7. Action coalitions themes
			1. 4 that rose to the top
				1. Bodily autonomy, SRHR
				2. Feminist movement building and funding
				3. Economic justice and rights
				4. Climate justice
			2. Were surprised that WPS, the girl child/adolescent girls, Migration didn’t rise to the top - but did come up a lot
		8. Core Group debriefed on friday
			1. Goal is to make a decision on the themes in January
				1. Announce them by mid-January
		9. What’s next:
			1. Action coalitions are only 1 thing to come out of this process
				1. Going to drive concrete commitments and specific actions to make significant progress

Going to be trackable and include all stakeholders

* + - 1. Not going to be everything that comes out of them
			2. Sharing best practices, intergenerational dialogue
			3. Dialoguing with govts
				1. How ot move forward
			4. MX and Paris not going to be all end all
				1. Will be satellite sessions at the same time as forums
				2. Other discussions at CSW and regional level
				3. Will all contribute to larger picture
			5. When the themes are announced, will be extensive consultation
				1. Want 2-3 audacious actions for each coalition
			6. FWMAP will be given space and other feminist declarations
				1. Feminist agenda settings = key
			7. Likely to be 2 other focus meetings
				1. Similar design sprints

1 - agenda of the Forums

2 - blueprints and accountability mechanisms for action coalitions

1. Houry -
	1. Only going to be a few action coalitions
		1. Going to be coalitions that combine issues
	2. Civil society consultation is necessary and accepted
		1. Was skeptical about how much CS input would be going into the MX design sprint
		2. CS really being heard
	3. Criteria for govt and private sector participation not set yet
		1. Going to be meetings and CS consultation on this
2. Mabel - Communications Group for Generation Equality
	1. Have huge numbers involved in movement, but still need to better communicate what we’re doing
	2. Second meeting of teh Comm group with 19 Dec
		1. Most of group was at MX meeting
			1. UN Women, CS, MX and French govts
	3. Long talk about the logo
		1. Using Generation Equality logo and hashtag, but the french govt wants to have another one
			1. Is it good to have more than one logo?
			2. Other one isn’t finished - if the proposed logo is finished in January, go back to the issue and decide if it’s a good idea to have another logo
			3. Write to Mabel (bianco.mabel@gmail.com) if you have any ideas about logo issue
	4. What’s the general comm idea? What’s their strategy going to be?
		1. Are they hiring professionals?
		2. 2nd point they discussed - having technical support
			1. During forum and satellite sessions
				1. Important because satellite sessions need to go smoothly b/c not everyone who wants to go in-person will be able to
			2. UN Women looking into broadcasting companies
				1. Issue is can they afford it?
	5. 3rd point that they discussed - hashtag
		1. English - Has been used 25k times in 500 interactions
		2. French - 13k interactions
		3. Spanish - 59 interactions
		4. Need to have the hashtag in all the languages
	6. Translation = a problem
		1. Need to have documents and information in all languages
		2. Going to make the effort, but not sure how much translation they can get
	7. Want to do a survey
		1. What do people expect in terms of comm?
		2. Google form with 4 questions
			1. Will be able to answer in January - not open yet
			2. Open to suggestions
	8. Next call = 6 January
		1. Need suggestions by then
3. Feminist & Women’s Movement Action Plan (fwMAP)
	1. Where are we with the fwMAP?
		1. Moving into the next phase
			1. At end of Stage 1 - “Discover and Reclaim” stage
		2. Concept released in August
			1. Want to develop a plan with input from as many feminist/women’s rights activists as possible that builds upon existing legal obligations and consensus to assert our rights in the most legitimate way without being limited by the existing docs, standards and silos
			2. Starting with learning about the existing stuff so we don’t reinvent the wheel
	2. Big concrete step we took:
		1. Commissioning briefing papers - starting points for discussions around ideas of breaking silos
			1. Short - 2-3 pages of content that look at issues that fall in each thematic grouping
			2. Also developed accompanying videos
	3. Next Stage - Stage 2 - Dialogue stage
		1. January - February
		2. VoiceVoice calls and Maestro conferences for each thematic working group
			1. Everyone is encouraged to invite 3-5 people to join the conversations - way to really include regional and national participation
		3. 2 groupings: Movers and Shakers
			1. Movers = members of number of existing groupings; work feeds into the large and complicated process but at different levels and remains connected
				1. Not to have this conversation separately, want to include people who are involved in the other processes/groups involved in Beijing+25
			2. Shakers - larger group
				1. Includes people from around the world at different levels who might not usually have the opportunity to weigh in and have meaningful input into these types of processes
	4. Final Stage - the “Demand” Stage
		1. Opportunity for in-person engagement
		2. Editing committee - take the lead on making one coherent document based on what emerged from 6 thematic working groups
		3. Setting up legal advisory group to support preparation of Action Plan and to provide input
			1. Makes sure to stick with goal of being human-rights based
		4. Breaking silos really at heart of this process
			1. Making substantive connections between issues
	5. Not just theoretical - see strategic alliances emerging from this process
		1. Action-oriented entities emerge from this process = important
		2. Need concrete strategies for rollback
	6. Kind of an experiment for a new way to do activism
		1. Going to go beyond Beijing+25
4. Soon-Young
	1. The 4 action coalition themes that emerged at design sprint - all fit under the 6 thematic themes
		1. A way to address more than one issue through interlinkages with different issues
			1. Crossing silos while zooming in on specific actions
	2. Jan 7 Maestro Conference - Inclusive development, shared prosperity and decent work
		1. Sign up even if your interests are within in one of the other thematic working groups
		2. Learning about cross-linkages between different themes and issues
		3. Create new alliances and transformative actions
	3. Action Plans could potentially become action coalitions
		1. Important that we have an independent process that we can shape at any level and in a particular way that conforms to capabilities, cultural norms and aims of local groups
		2. Think of other UN partners at local levels besides UN Women
	4. Have 2 communications people on fwMAP that can join Generation Equality Communications group
		1. Have hashtags being developed for fwMAP
	5. VoiceVoice calls
		1. Will have 3 different actions
			1. Invite 5 more people into dialogue
			2. Write a briefing paper if you feel you can provide expertise on cross-cutting actions
			3. Share a success story that can be scaled up by one of the action coalitions
		2. VoiceVoice calls will be available in beginning of January
		3. Will help connect people in different timezones
			1. Coming up with new ways to connect globally
		4. Have Spanish and Russian options; trying to get more languages
5. Regional reports
	1. Fatemah Khafagy - MENA region
		1. Istanbul CS consultation
			1. 1/3rd of participants were youth
			2. Ideas to Increase political participation
			3. [Report](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0ByQy5nZ9AwPcdXpIYXo5ZERyR2JtRTR5X053dlBIaDhOeWE4/view?usp=sharing)
	2. Xenia Kellner -
		1. Young feminist engagement
			1. If anyone knows of any young feminists (under 35) to be engaged in process - send them our way
	3. Zoneziwoh - Africa region
		1. Regional consultation in October
		2. Working with Femnet and other networks - will be sharing report shortly
		3. CSO report
			1. Youth consultation day before
			2. Themes that came out of regional consultation
				1. Gender equality and law
				2. Women’s leadership
				3. Cultural norms
				4. Structure and transformation of African economies
				5. Democracy and good governance
				6. Technology and innovation
		4. Thinking of holding calls to report back to constituencies
			1. Continuous gap between those at the front of the process and their constituencies
			2. Femnet made group made up of activists and feminists from other organizations
				1. Using it to reach out to as many African women and girls as possible
6. Houry - all these processes and meetings are strengthening CSW
	1. People worried that they will replace CSW
	2. Beijing+25 process is really civil society-driven

**Next Meeting: 7 January at 5 PM EST**