

## **Draft TORs for the Learning and Accountability Group Revised Draft September 10th**

### **Background**

The future structure proposal proposes: *That a group will be established by the Global Assembly, which will be charged with the task of strengthening GCAP as a learning alliance, performing effectively its mandate and accomplishing the goals as laid out in the Strategic plan and the Global Assembly Declaration. The group promotes and oversees accountability at the global level and that the GCAP Foundation is fulfilling its duties of running effective and efficient operations. It will include elements of self assessment and peer level accountability, and its creation will be informed by the inherent decentralized nature of GCAP. The group will produce annual reports to GCAP constituency and Global Assembly. Based on the findings of the group a comprehensive plan for strengthening the coalitions, addressing capacity and resource gap will be prepared in consultation with coalitions and regional structures. GCAP global and regional will then provide support in addressing those gaps.* Furthermore, it was later agreed that all national coalitions would sign an MoU with the Global Council to ensure mutual accountability, unless an exemption is granted. This body was conceived both to ensure horizontal and vertical accountability within GCAP through upholding MoUs, and to coordinate information for planning and capacity building.

### **Responsibilities and Key Tasks**

- **Learning and Accountability during the transition period**
  - Providing guidance to the evaluation of GCAP structures that will take place during the transition period. The nature of this evaluation is outlined in a proposal to Oxfam novib that was approved by the Global Council, and the Learning and Accountability group will help both to ensure guidance to the evaluation process, as well as to support in its analysis.
  - Learn from the evaluation. The learning and accountability group will provide detailed suggestions for learning and accountability group that will be elected at the next Global Assembly. As such, it will provide recommendations for future evaluation processes.
  
- **Learning and linking**
  - From the evaluation results, the Learning and Accountability group will present a “map” of GCAP capacities and gaps.
  - With a specific concern for capacity building, the Learning and Accountability group will support the secretariat and Global Council in priority setting, particularly beginning from follow up after the 50 days of action.
  - The Learning and Accountability Group will support the Global Council and others by contributing to relevant learning and planning processes, for example, through the creation of learning and accountability tools that can be used by national coalitions and constituency groups.
  
- **Accountability**
  - Responsible for upholding responsibility, the Learning and Accountability Group will work with various national coalitions and regional bodies to pilot and refine MoUs that will be drafted for the first Global Council meeting. A set of options for national coalition MoUs will be made to the Global Council before the Global Assembly.
  - The Learning and Accountability Group will draft suggested roles and ways of working regarding best

practices and minimum standards for national coalitions, constituency groups, and other bodies of GCAP. The need for this will inform certain inputs into the evaluation process. It will also involve research into other Learning and Accountability systems that have elements of horizontal accountability, self assessment, and peer learning.

- **Coordination of information**

- The Learning and Accountability Group will provide guidance to the Global Secretariat in terms of information sharing and reporting from all levels on an ongoing basis to promote learning and accountability.

### **Composition**

The learning and accountability group will be composed of 5 individuals from GCAP national and regional structures who have a substantial knowledge of Learning and Accountability, and who will be able to devote a substantial amount of time on the work of the group until the next Global Assembly.

In addition to the 5 GCAP members, there may be 3 members at large invited for their technical knowledge of Learning and Accountability systems who have a professional interest in such a group, and who are able to offer expert advice and external perspectives. The initial set of members will come from an open call put out to national coalitions and constituency groups, and relevant Learning and Accountability professional networks. This will then be reviewed at the next Global Assembly.

### **Ways of Working**

For the transition period, the Learning and Accountability group will report to the Global Council. The group will work closely with the secretariat. Most of the work of the Learning and Accountability group will be done online, though there will be regularly scheduled conference calls as well.