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172nd COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MEETING

27 JUNE 2024 – 11:00 – 12:30pm

MS Teams

Participants

- Selvi Vikan (DFAT) - Chair
- Mary James (DFAT)
- Mr Adrian Fleming (DFAT)
- John Morley (Plan International Australia)
- Peter Keegan (UnitingWorld)
- Sarah Hunt (ChildFund Australia)
- Shani Cain (Oxfam Australia)

CDC Secretariat and Observers

- Emily Moreton (ACFID)
- Alan Hewson (ACFID)
- Liz Nannelli (DFAT)
- Shani Field (DFAT) (note taker)

Agenda

Welcome, Introduction, Apologies and conflict check- Chair

Acknowledgement of Country

- The Chair opened the meeting with the Acknowledgement of Country

Welcome

- The Chair welcomed everyone to 172nd CDC meeting.

Apologies

- The Chair shared an apology from Lauren Minson.

Conflict Check

- The Chair asked meeting participants to declare any conflicts of interest.
 - No conflicts of interest were declared.

Endorsement of the 171st CDC Meeting Minutes (Chair)

- The Chair said the draft minutes of the 170th CDC meeting were circulated to Members as part of the meeting papers.
 - Ms Hunt moved to accept the minutes and Mr Morley seconded the motion.

Update on Action Items (Chair)

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- The Chair noted that the Action Log was circulated to Members and asked if there were any actions that required clarification.
- Ms Moreton said ACFID would complete one item from the 169th CDC meeting on the code review later in the meeting as part of the ACFID updates.

Updates

From DFAT (Chair)

ANCP 50th Anniversary updates

- The Chair said a working group has been set up, including members of the ANCP COP, representing perspectives from small, medium and large ANGOs, ACFID, and representatives from DFAT Posts. The group is looking to hold the event at Parliament House in November, linked to Annual Reflections. The group is seeking to confirm the participation of Ministers. The group is exploring: i) a video that will celebrate the achievements of the last fifty years and capture key current messages, such as a locally led focus and ii) a panel discussion on future blue sky thinking for the ANCP, including representatives from Academia, ANGOs and local partners, with the idea of exploring blue sky thinking for the ANCP.

Section Updates

- The Chair said:
 - the Anticipatory Action pilot has been extended. The team will undertake a study on this, likely next year.
 - the Disability thematic review has commenced. It will look into barriers and opportunities for disability inclusion in the ANCP and seek to better understand the quantitative results that have been reported in the recent years. The next review, scheduled for 2025, will focus on gender equality, linked to the new gender strategy. These, and future reviews, stem from the recommendation from the 2022 ANCP evaluation to increase thematic and geographic reviews.
 - NPQ held a planning day and Partnership workshop in April. With the departure of some team members, who haven't yet been able to be replaced, each team member has been allocated a portfolio of approx. nine NGO partners. We are stretched a little, so may not be able to respond as quickly, but the team is enjoying the opportunity to dive deeper into partners projects.

Safeguards Policy Review

- The Chair thanked members for the feedback provided to date on our safeguards policies. She said the refreshed policies will be circulated for comment in the near future.



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- The Safeguards team welcome any comments or suggestions to strengthen our policies. Please send these to the aidsafeguards@dfat.gov.au or safeguardreviews@dfat.gov.au
- There will be another opportunity to provide comment when the draft policies are circulated.

Accreditation summary

- Ms Nannelli said the 2024 new applications round was set to open on 1 July and close on 30 Sept. The team will review applications as they are received.
- Ms Nannelli said DFAT has followed up with the Team Leader to progress one subject-to report.

ACFID Update (Ms Moreton)

- Ms Moreton
 - noted Mr Morley's email advising he would be stepping down from the CDC, and noted this was his last meeting. She said ACFID was in the process of appointing another ACFID board representative to the Committee.
 - welcomed the opportunity to provide feedback into the Safeguard Review. She noted thanks to the DFAT Human and Environmental Safeguards team for attending the ACFID Safeguarding COP, and for their continued engagement.
 - Said revisions to the ACFID Code will take effect from 30 June. ACFID has worked closely with members in managing the change process, including building understanding around new requirements (locally-led development, racial justice and climate change). ACFID has also met with organisations looking/required to implement the Misconduct Disclosure Scheme (MDS).
 - Said ACFID has run a Climate peer-learning program. This has been a new modality ACFID has trialled, which has provided structured peer support over three months. 34 organisations have participated with one-to-three people per agency participating. Approximately 29 of these organisations are ANCP members. The program was structured around ACFID's Climate Action Framework – including how to respond to climate action; deep dives with the support of the UTS Institute of Sustainable Futures, and ANCP/Accreditation specific sessions. ACFID will complete a review of the program and share updates.
 - ACFID has launched a new locally-led development action toolkit, launched as part of the Code of Conduct roadshow. The locally-led development COP is now being run by the membership and is one of ACFID's largest COPs.
 - ACFID's annual conference will be held 23-24 October in Sydney. The theme will focus on solidarity and resilience, and lots of exciting international speakers will participate again this year.
 - ACFID is working with the ANCP team around alignment of the Code and any new Accreditation Criteria.

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Organisation Review Reports – DFAT

Two organisation review reports and one subject to report were discussed.

Other issues for NGO representatives to table

- The Chair also noted it was Mr Morley's last meeting as a CDC representative. She thanked Mr Morley for his contribution to the CDC, and invited Mr Morley to share his reflections.
- The Chair said this was also her last meeting as a CDC representative. She thanked the CDC for their work and insights and shared her reflections.

Next CDC

- Ms Nannelli advised that the next CDC is anticipated for mid-November.
- The Chair thanked the CDC for their engagement and input.

12:30pm Meeting close.