

Update from the CaLP Board Meeting

14 September 2021

With 13 individuals drawn from across the CaLP membership, the [board](#) brings together wide ranging expertise and experience. While the structure of the Board is designed to ensure people from the different constituencies of CaLP are present, but when they meet the Board members put organizational mandates to one side and work solely in the interest of CaLP.

Last month, the Board had its second meeting of the financial year (the year runs April-March) with an agenda that covered a wide range of issues in the four hour virtual meeting.

In the past, we have shared brief updates about the work of the Board through member newsletters. We're now keen share more widely, so anyone can see what the Board does and know about the conversations that occupy its time.

At the last meeting in September, key discussion points included:

- **The role of the Chair:** Ron Delnevo has been Chair of the CaLP Board since October 2019 and will be stepping down as Chair at the next meeting in November. With that in mind, the Board reflected on the role of the Chair. While the role of the Chair is reflected in the operational document, a more detailed role profile had been suggested to make expectations clearer. A draft role profile was considered and adopted, with plans to trial a co-chairing model going forward. Further, it was agreed that a Code of Conduct for the Board be developed – a draft will be considered at the next Board meeting.
- **Changes in Board membership:** Prior to the meeting, Courtney Brown had stepped down as a Board member as he has left RedRose and no longer works with a CaLP member (a requirement of Board membership). With a place vacant, an advertisement for Board members was published. Applications will be reviewed by a sub-group of the Board, with the aim of completing interviews by the end of October.
- **Update from the Technical Advisory Group (TAG):** Louise Seferis joined the meeting to share an update from the [TAG](#). Highlights included:
 - o The introduction of observer seats as a way of opening up the TAG to people who may be interested in applying to join the TAG but who may not know the forum very well.
 - o Discussions related to CVA volumes and the need for better disaggregated data to understand trends and to better reflect the percentage of CVA delivered by partners of the UN and other agencies.
 - o Collaboration on the inflation good practice review – a solid example of what the TAG can do on the technical side.
- **Cash coordination:** An update was shared on latest developments following the submission of the [Call for Action](#) to the ERC and the announcement of the Grand Bargain Eminent Person that one of the first three caucuses will focus on cash coordination. The Board considered the developments plus the risks and opportunities associated with the planned cash caucus and how CaLP should engage. It was agreed that CaLP should self-nominate to be part of the caucus and continue efforts to share information widely and create spaces for engagement on the issue.
- **Membership fees:** it was noted that a small number of members have not paid their fees. Unless resolved, the organization will be given notice that their membership has expired.
- **Membership applications:** Of the five applications received, two were approved. Agreed that further follow-up is required with other applicants and that applications be deferred for now.
- **TAG applications:** 29 applications had been received. 16 met membership eligibility criteria and 8 were approved.
- **Progress report:** As ever, there has been lots going on since the last Board meeting. A few highlights from the progress report included:
 - o Network focused developments e.g. the formation of a global community of practice on the environment and regional communities of practices forming in the Middle East.

- The CaLP online course launched in English and French, with Arabic and Spanish coming soon. The response has been very positive and biggest challenge now is the level of demand. Additional training of trainers courses being scheduled.
 - CaLP now has a [Wikipedia page](#), this development comes as a result of a search engine optimization audit carried out earlier in the year.
 - After the conclusion of the organizational change process (which was undertaken to align the team structure and roles to support delivery of the new strategy) recruitment has been progressing and new colleagues are joining.
- **Funding:** With two new grants confirmed, the outlook is reasonable for this time of year though a modest funding gap remains to year end. Reserves continue to be built, with the goal of hitting the reserves target in 2022.

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