

CALP Network Board Meeting – 25 November 2021

Meeting Note

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

This update of the November Board meeting provides a summary of discussions and decisions:

- **A new Chair and new Board membership:** As noted in the last meeting note, Ron Delnevo has been Chair of the CALP Board since October 2019 and at this meeting handed the baton to Anissa Toscano of Mercy Corps. Following the completion of interviews in early November, three new members joined the Board namely Sally Abi Khalil (Oxfam), Kimberly Brown (GSMA) and Unni Krishnan (Plan International).
- **Directors' progress report:** It's been a busy two months, with much achieved. A few highlights:
 - o Continued work on cash coordination (see below).
 - o Increased engagement with national and local organizations. Noted that, since the end of Grand Bargain Cash workstream, the substream on CVA and localization has morphed the Cash and Local Partnerships working group which has, in the second half of the year, seen an increase in the numbers of organisations engaging and diverse discussions taking place.
 - o The visibility of CALP is increasing, with a dramatic rise in website traffic - the investment in SEO work is paying off. This increased visibility is key to increasing update of evidence and learning.
 - o Recruitment progressing, with more new colleagues joining following the organizational change process.
- **Cash coordination:** Following earlier announcements, the caucus on cash coordination has been formed and a three stage process defined. CALP will participate in the technical meetings and serve as an observer at the Principles level. At the time of the Board meeting, the first Principles level meeting had taken place and processes were outlined, with varying levels of concern flagged by participants about the timelines. The technical meetings are scheduled for December. CALP continues to post updates on the [Cash Coordination Live page](#).
- **A new global framework for action:** In 2017 a framework was developed that brought together global commitments (e.g. WHS, high level panel, ECHO etc) related to CVA and has been used as the framing for the State of the World's Cash report to review progress. With many commitments coming to an end and the conclusion of the Grand Bargain workstream, the Board considered whether a new set of global commitments would be helpful in terms of galvanizing progress. The Board considered issues such as: the impact of existing commitments; felt it could be a powerful summary of direction; debated process and how it could avoid being a top down initiative and engage national governments who have been excluded from many such discussion to date. In sum, there was endorsement for exploring further.
- **Social protection and CVA linkages:** This session provided a briefing for Board members on current debates.
- **Rebranding:** Following the launch of the new CALP Network name and logo/strapline, the Board was updated on progress regarding the overall rebranding – which includes adjustments to the way we talk about ourselves alongside changes to image in terms of colours and so on. The new member logo was highlighted and we will encourage members to use it and create website links to further help drive traffic to information and guidance on the website.
- **Finance and funding:** On track to cover funding needs for the year. Reserves target will now be hit by the end of the financial year (March).

- **Risk management:** The risk framework was reviewed, with most risks remaining largely unchanged. A safeguarding assessment has highlighted that further steps need to be taken to strengthen approaches in some areas related to training – to make it clearer for participants how concerns can be raised/managed.
- **Membership applications and withdrawals:** All four applications for membership were approved. Once paperwork completed, the names will be announced. At the same time, the membership of four organisations came to an end. Three having been out of communication sometime/not paid fees and one is leaving due to a change of organizational strategy. This relatively large number of withdrawals arises as issues which have been pending for some time are addressed.

End.