

CALP NETWORK BOARD MEETING - 17 FEBRUARY 2022

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 February 2022 Board meeting provides a summary of discussions and decisions:

1. Progress and Director's Report: Highlights included:

- Coordination - recommendations of the technical working group of the Cash Coordination Caucus were unanimously endorsed by Principals. See point 4 below for more on cash coordination.
- The first Cash Catch Up online event had big response, 500 registered, over 200 attended. This event was of a less technical meeting than most, with wide ranging Q&As on the updates shared. Further Catch Up's will be planned.
- The report of the annual survey was completed with an analysis of the responses of 250 people. Overall, really positive feedback. The report will be published on the website and shared through newsletters.
- Our social media following continues to increase, with some rapid growth in the number of followers on the new Arabic and Spanish LinkedIn accounts.
- The launch of the re-brand went well and all feedback so far has been positive. We now need to encourage people to use the new CALP Network name and logos.
- The glossary review is underway. This is a big exercise and for the first time the Arabic, French, Spanish and English glossaries are being reviewed at the same time, with reviews engaging different language stakeholders rather than seeking to translate from English. At the same time, UNICEF is undertaking to develop the first Portuguese version of the glossary.
- Media watch – the story about UNHCR providing cash transfers to migrants from Venezuela received negative coverage in some media. We follow stories like this, reaching out to members to consider possible impacts and see if any support is needed.
- 3 more new starters in the team – recruitment is still ongoing for other vacancies.

2. Finance and funding: Overall funding and financial position is good. Our reserve target will be met at the end of March 2022.

3. Update from the Technical Advisory Group (TAG): [Etienne Juvanon Du Vachat](#) from FAO presented an update from the last meeting of TAG on 14 December 2021:

- Reflections from outgoing TAG colleagues centred on inclusion. This was a cross cutting theme to three other discussions that took place in the meeting.
- Cash coordination caucus – concerns were expressed regarding the limited local representation (and private sector representation, to some extent) in the process and in the proposed models. Questions were also flagged about linkages to national governments and national social protection systems. There were also practical questions on what happens to the current 69 cash working groups and the need for capacity development related to the new/proposed model.
- Annual planning - TAG completed a SWOT analysis. The exercise highlighted the need for more space for local, private sector and development actors. It highlighted climate and environment, plus CVA and preparedness as emerging trends, as well as data protection and social protection as enduring priority areas. The challenge of coming to a common vision was noted.
- Global Framework for Action (GFA) - It was noted that many of the commitments in the previous GFA are still relevant and that a new/ revised GFA would allow us to take stock, allow us to re-affirm commitments plus show new areas of work and emerging trends since the last GFA. Lots of issues were discussed including:

- How can we have quality at the centre of the GFA, including maximising positive effects?
 - How can it link to other frameworks such as the new Grand Bargain, climate commitments and the outcomes of the cash coordination caucus?
 - How can we make sure a more people centred approach and accountability to affected populations is central to and mainstreamed in the new GFA?
4. **Cash Coordination:** On 8 February the Principals unanimously endorsed a model setting out the structure, function, leadership and resourcing of cash coordination. The model has been presented to the IASC for its formal adoption, in coordination with the Emergency Relief Coordinator. The outcome document was published on February 18 and can be [found here](#). Highlights in the document include:
- The Cash Working Groups to be linked to the Inter Sector / Inter Cluster Coordination Group, with a structure that mirrors existing coordination arrangements in IASC and refugee settings, respectively under OCHA and UNHCR. In settings with no IASC or refugee coordination arrangements in place, the RC/HC will be responsible for ensuring cash coordination arrangements are set up in alignment with the proposed model and with support from OCHA, DCO and RC office.
 - CWGs to be co-chaired- to have a non-programmatic chair (OCHA) and programmatic chair(s) The proposal should be implemented within 2 years.
 - There is a push for linkages with social protection and response analysis.
 - At global level, to have global cash advisory group, co-chaired by OCHA except when refugee contexts are being discussed when UNHCR will be the chair. The global cash advisory group will provide technical and capacity support. Terms of Reference and accountabilities still to be agreed.
- Next steps for CALP:
- Communicate caucus outcomes to leaders who attended the leadership meeting on the 14 September 2021.
 - Support CWGs.
5. **CALP Plans and Budget 2022-23:** Highlights include:
- For the first time, the annual plans will be translated and published in all 4 of our working languages.
 - CALP will establish a team in Asia Pacific, likely working out of the Philippines.
 - An additional Technical Advisor will be recruited with a focus on data and digitization.
 - Continued increase in investment in communications – not just a bigger team, but quality of content and coherent messaging.
 - Engagement with members will increase and we will invest in a customer relationship management system to support this.
 - In-depth with constituencies in our network – FSPs and tech companies, and locally led responses.
 - Our budget is 3 million GBP per annum.
6. **Membership applications:** 1 new application for membership was approved.
7. **TAG applications:** 3 new TAG Representatives were approved.
8. **Governance:** The Board reviewed and agreed first round of proposal changes to the Board Operational Document, which were mainly on outdated language and ways of working. Further changes will be brought to the next meeting.