CALP NETWORK BOARD MEETING – 24 MAY 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 a Board they put organizational mandates to one side and work solely in the interests of the CALP Network.

This short update of the May 2022 Board meeting provides a summary of discussions and decisions.

1. **Progress Report**:
Some highlights since late February:
- Cash coordination remains high on agenda. The Cash Advisory Group is now in the process of being formed.
- Ukraine response, our role is focused on signposting people to contacts and resources, supporting the CWGs, and working with Ukraine CWG to develop a learning agenda.
- With vacancies being filled, the new team structure is starting to reap benefits, with increased focus on some areas including network development.
- Various studies are progressing, include (a) scaling CVA, (b) mapping policy environments (c.) a real-time study on preparedness with focus on the Horn of Africa drought and (d) a Latin-America focussed study on CVA and migration issues.
- The Glossary revision is underway, progressing in 4 languages simultaneously.
- The multi-purpose outcome indicators guidance was finalised and published.
- Communications update, April 2021 to March 2022:
  - All metrics points to success and growth.
  - The current website is the most visible it's ever been.
  - CALP increasingly being seen out of its traditional arena e.g. cited on Wikipedia and press websites.
  - Publication downloads increased every quarter in 2021/22.

2. **Financial report – April 2021 to March 2022**
- Our financial performance has been strong, especially considering the change process and manging to expand at a time when other organisations are facing challenges.
- The benefits of improvements in processes are being seen, with consolidated budgets, reports and monitoring across host systems.
- Achieved our reserves, a significant achievement from zero reserves 4 years ago.
- Completed eight audits with no disallowances.
- Managed exchange rate fluctuations with no costs to our hosts.

3. **Report from the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting 22 March 2022:**
- In May 2021, the TAG TOR was revised to increase opportunities for people to join the TAG. Since then, almost 50% of TAG are new – this is both exciting and creates some inevitable challenges.
- We explored priority issues and worked to identify what is missing in TAG's work. A workplan is being developed and will be considered by the TAG at its next meeting in June.
- Ukraine response, based on the steer from the TAG we currently focusing on developing a learning agenda and intend to produce succinct learning briefs on specific topics.

4. Review of Governance Documents

- The review of the Board Operational Document continued. This work sees changes being made to update the Operational Document in keeping with the evolution of the network. Most of the changes being made are modest, clarifying points in the existing document and updating in light of the rebranding etc.
- A Board Code of Conduct – a first for CALP - has been in development for a few months and this meeting saw the pre-final review. The Code formalises the standards of behaviour and professionalism expected of the Board. Once ratified, the Code will be published on the website.
- With changes being made to the Operational Document, the Membership Terms and other documents also require updating. Most changes relate to updating the vision, purpose, name and aligning documents to each other and to current practice. Once the revision of the Membership Terms is complete, they will be shared with members for review and approval.

5. CVA Policy

- The CALP team is undertaking the research that will, in time, provide the foundation for the development of a new Global Framework for Action. Two pieces of research are starting 1) mapping CVA policy commitments and 2) research to explore the opportunities and barriers to scaling CVA and the implications of larger scale CVA for the humanitarian ecosystem. The Board provided valuable perspectives on the work, including a discussion of risks and issues affecting the use of CVA in the current context.

6. Membership applications and withdrawals

- 3 applicants were approved for membership.
- 7 members have been withdrawn since the last meeting. Most departures were as a result of the steer from the Board to not carry forward outstanding fees from one year to the next, unless the member is working to resolve a payment issue.

7. AOB

- Farewell and thanks were expressed to Pascale Meige, IFRC, who has served on the Board since October 2019.

Dates of next meetings

- Tuesday 6 September 12pm UTC
- Thursday 1 December 1pm UTC