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Minutes of Board Meeting held on 17th April 2015

1. Attendance

Members

Present: Aashish Khullar, Luciano Filho (secretary), Michael Kalmus Elias (treasurer), Tam Hoang, Usman Mushtaq, David Collste; **Apologies:** Lloyd Russell-Moyle (chair) Waruguru Wanjau; **Not Present:** Karuna Rana, Saba Loftus, Christopher Dekki,

Ex officio

Present: Stephanie Beecroft (European Youth Forum), Sarah Haynes (Restless Development); **Not Present:** Tahere Siisiialafia (Pacific Youth Council),

2. Election of chair

As the chair and vice chair had given apologies Aashish was elected chair for the duration of the meeting.

3. Election setting, deadlines and expectations

- Expectations
 - CYI Board's mandate to act as the legal, fundraising and training entreaty of the UN MGCY. It doesn't take a direct role on policies but some of its members may.
- Elections
 - There need to be two sets of elections 1) for the remaining OPs of the MGCY and for the Board of the CYI.
 - The OP elections happen online, where as the Board elections take place in the AGM of CYI. The OP elections need to take place in the DESA time table. Whereas for CYI the AGM needs to be called.

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- **May need to organise more time with UN DESA (limited in past)¹**
- 1 month minimum for election process
- **Who is up for election**
 - As we are in a transitional year everyone was elected for a 2-year mandate, but half are expected to stand down after this year to give a full rotation system.
 - Need to seek who is over 35 and/or is standing down.

ACTION: Luciano to contact board members to see who is standing down.

- Terms of reference needed

ACTION: Aashish to draft an organogram of MGCY, CYI, and the relation between CYI and MGCY

- OP nominated representatives are ex-officio (non-voting) on the CYI board.
- CYI will not have a named OP's next year
- Deputy OP's – currently one DOP from each process was on the board, this was not be design but could be considered in encouraging members to stand.
- **Request for document sharing mandate for CYI**
- **Suggestion for election discussion to be tabled for next CYI call**
- Outreach
 - **Concerns raised about lack of clarity about what CYI positions and how decisions are made.**

ACTION: Section on the website to be updated to make the relationship clear

- Selection committee
 - Managed by CYI. Not a closed process.
 - If they are on selection committee, they cannot run for a post.
 - Mike helped with last Post-2015 meeting.
- Timeline
 - *It was suggested the AGM take place somewhere between the HLPF and the Post-2015 Summit*
 - Announcement for elections tentatively for mid-May (or later)
 - 1 month minimum suggested for election process -
 - Note: Post-2015 elections took 2 months

4. Inter-agency Network

The IANYD wants to sign a letter of mandate with UNMGCY to formalise cooperation agreement.

- Who signs this DOR and how do we do it?
 - This is signed by the Chair and Secretary of the CYI on behalf of UNMGCY
- Board typically assesses risk if it is a sensible thing to sign up for legally
- Board should not take decisions without seeking guidance from the Assembly call so to act and sign on behalf of MGCY²

¹ *The Meeting of the 7th June 2015 noted:* OP elections are not a matter for CYI unless there are discrepancies. It may seem like mandate is exceeded. Aashish clarified were only mentioned for timing context since the observer OPs asked.

² *The Meeting of the 7th June 2015 noted:* CYI is the legal finance and knowledge sharing entity of the MGCY. The UNMGCY assembly needs to clarify 1. Does the assembly call want CYI go to an agreement with the UN Inter-Agency Network on behalf of MG and, 2. Does the CYI sign matters going forward for UN MGCY

- MOUs should be discussed at the GA call for transparency

5. AOB

None

6. Date and time of Next meeting

To be announced but by June

Minutes agreed by (body): Board (with corrections and comments, see footnotes)



Signed on behalf of CYI as a true record:

L. Russell-Moyle (Chair)

Date: 7th June 2015
