

## Trustees Virtual Meeting

8 March 2022

### Minutes

#### **Present**

Colm O'Cuanachain, Independent (Chair of the Board) *(Non-Member)*

Olivier Guth, Adra (Treasurer) *(Member)*

Amy Taylor, CIVICUS *(Member)*

Megan Colnar, Independent, *(Non-Member)*

Oscar Mushivochi, CBM *(Member)*

Mary Brezovich, SOS Children's Villages International *(Member, Incoming Trustee)*

Sekoetlane Phamodi, Accountability Lab *(Member, Incoming Trustee)*

Jo Thompson, Independent *(Non-Member)*

Alex Sardar, Independent *(Non-Member)*

#### **In attendance from the Secretariat**

Rocio Moreno, Executive Director

#### **Apologies**

Dumiso Gatsha, Success Capital *(Non-Member)*

#### **Welcome and agree on agenda (ACC 22/01)**

- The [last meeting minutes](#) were approved.
- Most action points from the last Board meeting have either been completed or are currently being processed.

### **Executive Director's Report (ACC 22/02)**

The Executive Director provided an overview of the activities that the Secretariat had been carrying out since her return. She mentioned that her main priority was reconnecting with members and former-members of Accountable Now with the purpose of strengthening existing relationships. Furthermore, **fundraising was high on her agenda**.

### **Finances and Legal (ACC 22/03)**

- The **Treasurer reported that 2021 closed with a surplus**, therefore the **reserves are in good health**.
- For 2022, Accountable Now is expected to receive slightly less income than approved by the Board last year. Despite budget restructures, all members have paid or are expected to pay the **2022 Membership Fees**. Expenses for 2022 will be slightly above the budget given that salaries were increased to compensate for increase in cost of living and also due to consultancy fees to carry out our strategic refresh.
- The Board requested the Secretariat to prepare guidelines for salary adjustments/increases so that rationale is objective going forward.

### **Fundraising (ACC 22/04)**

- The Secretariat presented an overview of the efforts that were being carried out to mobilise resources for the organisation. Accountable Now is not only looking at receiving grants but we are also partnering in consortia with new partner organisations.
- The Board suggested that the Secretariat look at how we can continue to participate in the localisation agenda and link it to our current work.

### **Strategic Refresh (ACC 22/05)**

- The Board discussed Accountable Now's upcoming strategic refresh which they considered was very timely. They approved hiring a consultant to provide support on carrying out a scoping exercise but challenged the Secretariat to think about how we can carry it out through different methodologies (see Ringo, academia, etc.)
- Based on the inputs received from the Trustees, the Executive Director was going to review the Terms of Reference before publishing the call.

### **Any Other Business**



The next meeting will take place virtually in May 2022.

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