

Trustees Virtual Meeting

18 October 2022

Minutes

Present

Rachel Smith, (Chair of the Board) *(Non-Member)*

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

Amy Taylor, CIVICUS *(Member)*

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

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

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

Jo Thompson, Independant *(Non-Member)*

Alex Sardar, Independent *(Non-Member)*

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

In attendance from the Secretariat

Rocio Moreno, Executive Director

Elisa Lopez, Programme Manager for the Global Standard for CSO Accountability

Bao Han Tran Le, Membership and Reporting Coordinator

Mary Sprague, Administrative and Communications Associate

Shelbi Gross, Student Assistant

Other

Damien Hebron, Consultant (The Better Org)

Welcome and agree on agenda (ACC 22/14)

- 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 22/15 + ACC 22/16)

The Executive Director provided an overview of the activities that the Secretariat had been carrying out during the period from May to October 2022. One of the primary areas of work that was discussed was the review of the reporting framework process. She gave updates from the working group carrying out this review, and outlined the next steps and the timeline for the completion of the review process. The new reporting framework will launch next year.

Accountable Now Strategic Review

The Consultant shared initial outcomes of the strategic review of Accountable Now following conversations with Accountable Now's staff, membership, and partners. He gave a summary of Accountable Now's membership offer and value proposition, as well as identifying challenges and opportunities for future growth. One of the primary outcomes of the strategic review was the proposal for three future models for Accountable Now. Trustees discussed the future models and agreed that a blended approach would be most appropriate.

Finances and Legal (ACC 22/17 + ACC 22/18)

- Accountable Now's income in 2022 is expected to close at €358,916, this figure will be significantly lower than what was expected by close to €26,834. Expenses will add up 388,709. This figure is lower than originally approved by 6,800 euros. Despite the modest savings in resources, our finances will close the year with a deficit of €29,793.

Our reserves are in line with our policy which establishes that we need to have 50% of core costs. Reserves are composed fully of unrestricted funds. Sida funds will have been fully spent and audited by 31 December as per our contract.

Fundraising (ACC 22/18)

- The Secretariat presented an overview of the efforts that were being carried out to mobilise resources for the organisation. Several grant applications have been submitted and the Secretariat is waiting for the results of these applications.

Any Other Business

The meeting concluded with a closed session for trustees.

The next meeting will take place virtually in March 2023.

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