

# Accountable Now Verein

## General Meeting

9 March 2023

### Protocol

#### **Present**

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

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

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

Jo Thompson, Independant *(Non-Member)*

Alex Sardar, Independent *(Non-Member)*

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

Kenneth White , Techo (Treasurer, Member)

Jean Scrimgeour , Accountability Lab (Member)

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

Rocio Moreno, Executive Director

#### **Welcome and agree on agenda (ACC 22/14)**

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

#### **Board Matters (ACC 23/06)**

With Amy Taylor and Sekoetlane having to leave the Accountable Now Board, the Board welcomed [Jean Scrimgeour](#) as a new member of the Verein, representing Accountability Lab. By welcoming Jean we make sure we maintain the member-independent members ratio established in our AoA

The Board agreed that we still needed to invite other Member representatives to join the Verein. Member representatives will be formally voted at the next Annual General Meeting to be held in May.

## Executive Director's Report

### (ACC 23/02)

The Executive Director provided an overview of the activities that the Secretariat had been carrying out during the period from October 2022 to March 2023. One of the primary areas of work that was shared was the completion of the reporting process. Several members will pilot the reporting framework in the upcoming months and it will be put up for approval at the next AGM. The Executive Director also shared how steps were being taken to carry out the new strategic direction of the organisation.

### Finances and Legal (ACC 23/03)

Accountable Now's income in 2022 closed at €358,916. Expenses will add up 381,766. Despite the modest savings in resources, our finances will close the year with a deficit of €22,860. Our reserves continue to be 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.

When it comes to 2023 expenditures, Accountable Now has spent 21,323 euros in the month of January. There have been other transactions but related to 2022 expenditures and have been booked there. It is important to mention that 92% has been used to pay salaries.

### Fundraising (ACC 22/18)

The Secretariat presented an overview of the efforts that were being carried out to mobilise resources for the organisation. It also made a proposal for hiring a fundraising consultant to help us mobilise resources further. The Board did not come to agreement on how to take this option forward and thus it will be discussed at the next meeting.

### Any Other Business

The meeting concluded with a closed session for trustees.

The next meeting will take place virtually in June 2023.

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