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Note: All public GPP information is available on the 'Agenda for Humanity' (A4H) website, in the initiatives section - https://www.agendaforhumanity.org/initiatives/gpp

General

The Agenda for Humanity's first annual synthesis report is now available online. The GPP support package of documents for countries, developed in conjunction with partners, is now finalised. A revised TOR for the GPP's MPTF Steering Committee was shared with all partners, including with all V20 member state representatives. The documentation outlining the application review procedure will be reviewed in the first part of 2018 by the Operational Subcommittee. Applications for the GPP secretariat position were reviewed and interviews held with several applicants. Funding permitting, the new staff member should be able to start in January 2018.

Meetings

A second GPP MPTF Steering Committee meeting was held on 1st of December, in Geneva, co-chaired by Ethiopia and GFDRR/WB. The objective of the meeting was to finalise the TORs of the Steering Committee, and to determine which countries would be eligible for GPP support. The final version of the TORs was debated, and it was agreed that the final draft version should be shared once more with V20 member states.

The GPP Steering Committee has decided to accept seventeen of the twenty-five country applications, forwarding them to the GFDRR/WB to be considered for support. The Steering Committee decided that for this first round of applications, the funding support for the Scoping Missions and Diagnostic Reviews will be based not only on GPP approval, but also the World Bank's criteria. Eight countries have been requested to resubmit their applications providing more detail of their preparedness status and initial planning. At time of writing, five of these countries have re-submitted an updated application, and are on track to be considered by the GFDRR/WB for support. It is expected that early in the new year the three outstanding applications will be updated, and that the GFDRR/WB will be able to announce which countries will be supported for scoping missions and initial diagnostic review.

The GPP Partnerships Coordinator visited New York, attending a dedicated workshop on "Advancing the ambition of the Agenda for Humanity: Learning from the process so far and moving the change agenda forward". One outcome of this workshop was an agreement to strengthen mutual support between the various WHS initiatives, and this process has already been started. The coordinator also attended the annual Global Humanitarian Policy Forum, and met with partner agencies and donor state representatives. Meetings took place with representatives from; MPTFO, UNDP, WFP, Barbados, Canada, Germany, EU and Sweden. A separate report is available on request.

On December 8th a meeting of core partner directors (OCHA, UNDP, WFP, WB/GFDRR) was hosted by FAO. The focus of the meeting was twofold; to increase 'corporate' awareness among core partners, and to develop resource mobilisation planning. Follow up activities include; a planned Principals meeting between WFP and FAO, preparation of common messaging, individual donor follow-up and ensuring core partner funding support to continue the GPP secretariat. A planned meeting between UNDP and OCHA ASGs in December was cancelled.

Save the Date - The next GPP Sub Committee meeting will be held on the 9th of February 2018 in conjunction with the Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week (HNPW). The next MPTF Steering Committee Meeting will be at the end of the first quarter of 2018.