



V20 Operational Subcommittee meeting of the Global Preparedness Partnership (GPP), Action Points and Key Decisions

Date	06 September 2017 – 15:00 – 17:00 (Palais de Nations – Meeting Room XXVII)
Attending	<p>Online – GFDRR/WB, OECD, UNOPS, WFP</p> <p>Room – V20: Bangladesh, Dominican Republic, Madagascar, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Palestine, Yemen</p> <p>Partner organisations: FAO, OCHA, UNDP, WFP</p> <p>Other Missions: Belgium, Czech Republic, European Union, France, Sweden</p> <p>Chairs – Barbados and Philippines</p>
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening and Welcome 2. Briefing for all partners and Country Applications 3. Resource Mobilisation 4. Discussion leading to next meeting
1 Opening and Welcome	<p>Their Excellencies the Ambassadors of Barbados and the Philippines welcomed all participants to the meeting and made introductory remarks. The Ambassador of Barbados noted that the higher level strategic dimensions of the GPP have already been conceptualized and agreed upon by the V20 Finance Ministers at the Ministerial Meeting in Washington D.C. in April 2017. The mandate of the subcommittee is provided by them, and the task is to look at the operational details and move the initiative forward. Both Ambassadors emphasized that the subcommittee should not reconceptualise or undo what the Finance Ministers have already agreed. The Ambassadors noted that the present subcommittee meeting should particularly; decide on the GPP country application form, and place on the table ideas to mobilize resources.</p>
2 Briefing for all partners and country applications	<p>The GPP partnership consultant gave a short briefing and outline of the GPP. He went through the background of the initiative and explained its current structure. He noted that the MPTF was now operational having been signed by UNDP and FAO. He also outlined the mandate of the subcommittee and described its role in relation to the GPP and the V20 risk focus group. He also noted that the Subcommittee focus would be on operational principles, resources and on how to measure the success of the GPP.</p> <p>Questions from the floor; Members requested clarification regarding ‘counterpart’ funding. Philippines were interested to know if this was a requirement from national governments.</p> <p>Answer: The V20 are not expected to put money into the common pool of the MPTF, just to their own national or regional preparedness initiatives. The idea is that the GPP is a nationally driven process with support from external partners.</p> <p>Members questioned the expected timeline for providing support and how fast the initiative could move from diagnostics to actual concrete projects.</p> <p>Answer: The initiative will not be able to assist with disasters happening currently but is designed to support responses in the coming years to make sure that operational,</p>

	<p>coordination and financial structures are ready to work as fast as possible. For each country context, the GPP support will be different depending on what has already been done and what is still needed.</p> <p>Members requested clarification on coordination of the different parts of the GPP and what UN partner organizations should be involved. A suggestion to include OPCW was made by Yemen.</p> <p>Answer: The structure of the GPP and the subcommittee was revisited and the scope of the GPP was explained. In principle, the initiative is only looking at natural disasters including earthquakes, so OPCW may not be relevant as a partner. However, given that every country context differs, all relevant stakeholders will be noted in the diagnostic review. Regarding technological emergency responses such as chemical factories damaged by disasters, specialist technical partners will be brought in to provide capacity building support.</p> <p>Members requested details on how countries would be selected for support after applying.</p> <p>Answer: The process and criteria for selection are not nailed down, and this is a topic for the Subcommittee itself to decide. Further discussion was held in the later agenda item.</p> <p>Decision Point - Country Application format was approved and the GPP will now be open for applications for support from countries for one month.</p> <p>Action Point - The GPP secretariat will send the application form to all the country offices of the partner organizations and the V20 secretariat to the V20 governments</p>
<p>3 Resource Mobilisation</p>	<p>Joe Leitmann from the World Bank/GFDRR provided an update on the timelines and process for the planned funding. He explained briefly the reasons for the World Bank engagement in the GPP and noted that the World Bank wishes to be the first mover which will encourage others to step up and provide financial support for the initiative. He noted that next week on Tuesday 12th at the ACP Steering Committee Meeting in Brussels 3 million dollars will be proposed to be assigned for the GPP diagnostic reviews, which would fund around 10 country diagnostics. It should be noted that the funds are available only to ACP member countries. (NOTE – there are 27 countries who are both ACP and V20 members)</p> <p>Decision Point - Ahead of Tuesday’s steering committee meeting, countries could ask their ACP Ambassadors to provide a message of support for the GPP at the meeting.</p> <p>The discussion around resource mobilisation was agreed to continue at the next subcommittee meeting.</p> <p>Action Point - It was decided that the GPP partnership consultant would prepare a paper with different options on resource mobilisation for consideration by the Subcommittee.</p>

<p>4 Discussion leading to next meeting</p>	<p>Several topics were discussed where decisions will need to be taken on a variety of subjects up to and beyond the next meeting. The meeting was reminded that decisions can be made ‘virtually’ via sharing of documents, with a silent approval process for GPP operations.</p> <p><i>Country Application Review/Selection Criteria</i> - the sub-committee needs to determine ‘who and how by’ country application selection will be undertaken. A set of criteria and decision making parameters need to be developed, and a description of who is to undertake any vetting process. There is urgency regarding these decisions, as the country application review process will have to be established before the application process ends on 8th October, i.e. prior to the next Subcommittee meeting.</p> <p>Action Point - An options paper will be developed and shared by the secretariat for consideration by members.</p> <p><i>Defining the ‘scope’ of the GPP</i> - Different people understand ‘preparedness’ in different ways. The GPP Framework document briefly outlines the scope of operations. Within this framework there is still considerable room for discussion on what the GPP considers to be within its ‘scope’.</p> <p>Action Point - A ‘Scope of the GPP’ document will be developed and shared with members for comment after the meeting.</p> <p><i>MPTF Steering Committee</i> - The Membership of MPTF Steering Committee is defined as including three V20 countries and three donor countries. It needs to be determined who the V20 members will be? So far there are no donor partners, so who will fill the other seats? There must be precedents for who these decisions are taken – possibly alphabetically?</p> <p>Action Point – A set of suggestions on how to determine Steering Committee Membership will be developed and shared by the secretariat for consideration by members.</p>
<p>Note –</p> <p>The next meeting of the GPP Operational Subcommittee will take place Tuesday 17th October with the place and time to be confirmed.</p>	