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Outcome Report

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Summary

Date and Place

With the participation of the total Regional Advisory Group for Latin America and the Caribbean, during 22 and 23rd August was held the first RAG Meeting in Quito, Ecuador. Starting placing the expectation form each one from the Workshop, revised at the end.

Participants:

- Claudia Gatti; Adviser for South Cone (Argentina, Uruguay, Chile)
- Pedro Ferradas; Adviser Andean Area (Perú, Bolivia, Ecuador)
- Abelina Caro; Adviser for Orinoquía and amazonia (Colombia, Venezuela y Brasil)
- Tania Triminio; Adviser for Central America (Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador y Nicaragua)
- Sussana Urbano; Adviser for Central America (Panamá y Costa Rica).
- Lorenzo Mota; Adviser for the Caribbean
- Graciela Salaberri; Representative for South America at the Global Board
- Jose Ramon Avila; Representative for Central America at the Global Board
- María Veronica Bastias; Regional Development Coordinator

Workshop Objectives

- Put in place the Regional Advisory Group looking the development of effective work in the LAC Region, in accordance with the GNDR 2016-2020 Strategy.
- To Design RAG LAC Advisory Plan; priorities, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms of the group.

Expected outcomes from the workshop were mainly 4:

- Greater and common understanding of the RAG roles in regional governance of GNDR agreed in the Regional Advisory actors; Advisors, Regional Board Rep and Regional Development Coordinator.
- Basic Rules and regulation for the operation of the RAG discussed and agreed.
- Action Plan for the first year of the Regional Advisory Group designed.
- Evaluation tool for GAR member’s performance defined.

Methodology

Methodology applied mixing presentation and working groups. PPT presentation were in charge of Regional Board representatives and Regional Development Coordinator, to introduce the themes according issues included in the agenda. 2 round of working groups; first to make a proposal for the total group and define common understanding in each strategic issue, according the outcomes expected. In a second round, after the discussion of the proposals, from the groups achieve shared understanding and definition for final proposals.
1. Defining the 3 key themes to strengthen the governance in LAC Region.

1.1 Understanding our roles

In groups were discussed the main roles of the different actors in the region, and was stated that until this was not a common understanding. After analyse the definitions and objective for RAG in the term of reference, each group mapped the level and lines of communication. At the end only one map define the role of “advisers” differentiating to the operational and political level in the region.

Finally after discussion, and joint reflexions the final chart, for communication and levels, was as follow:
1.2 Internal Rules and Regulations for RAG LAC members

Considering the double role of each of the advisors, related the representation of their own organization, and the new role in the advisory level for the network, special focus in connection to regulations were made related to transparency and conflict of interest, setting up important amount of articles organized after identified the problematic operational and ethic situation which could be face during the period of the RAG. Added to this were define the internal operation. Finally the document was signed by all Advisers and RBR. (Regulation can see in ANEX II)
1.3 Prioritisation for activities for the coming next 6 months. Work plan.

RDC informed about Global work plan and specific implications for the region, projects. Advisers identified their own strengths in order to define the areas for advising in the plan implementation in the region.

After the exercise the group in charge wrote the RAG Plan for the coming 12 months. (See Annex III.)

Other group worked on the proposal for monitoring and evaluation of the performance of RAG members.
1.4 Evaluation Mechanism

More than 360 the group decided to make a monitoring plan and define period for coordination for 6 months each member, as the meeting were defined for the coming year. (See Annex IV)
2. Methodology of the workshop in pictures

Discussions in groups, expositions, working together, producing.

Understanding our roles and complementarities in the regional governance.

Mapping the structures.

Defining how to work together; ruling and planning.

How to manage conflicts of interest.

What is going to be the work plan?

Group Commitment
Closing the Workshop; Expectations fulfilled, outcomes achieved (annexes) and commitments signed.
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