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GWG Bureau meeting

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Minutes

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Agenda

Agenda item (1) Terms of Reference of the Advisory Board
Agenda item (2) Progress report on the UN Global Platform Institute
Agenda item (3) Other business

Action Points

✦ To set up the 1st meeting of the Advisory Board by the end of August or beginning of September
✦ To include the points discussed in the Terms of Reference (based on in principle approval by the GWG Bureau of the TOR of the Advisory Board)

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AGENDA ITEM (1) – TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE ADVISORY BOARD

The Terms of Reference give a succinct description of the Objectives and the Deliverables.

✦ Advice on the overall governance of the Global Platform
Advice on the necessary elements of the MOUs between the UN and each of the hubs and of the agreements between the main hub and the regional hubs

The bureau agreed that

- Tom Smith/ONS will be the chair of the Advisory Board
- The Advisory Board should move ahead and have a first teleconference in a few weeks
- The Terms of Reference should be slightly amended by
  - Adding developments of the regional hubs to the background
  - Adding a high-level work programme to the governance
  - Adding the lead of the Technical Delivery Board as a member of the Advisory Board
  - Adding that the role of Niels is to voice the user needs, especially the needs of the Task Teams

UNSD (as secretariat of the UN GWG and its bureau) will invite the indicated Board Members for a first teleconference by the end of August or beginning of September

AGENDA ITEM (2) – PROGRESS REPORT ON THE UN GLOBAL PLATFORM INSTITUTE

The Bureau welcomed the progress made in setting up the Global Platform Institute.

The relation between the wording of the Articles of Association of the GPI and the wording of the MOU between UN and GPI needs to be further investigated (for example, with comparison to the existing UNEP-WCMC agreement).

The Bureau agreed that the MOU between the UN and the GPI should clearly indicate that the GWG has an oversight function over the UN Global Platform activities of the Global Platform Institute but does not have oversight over activities of the institute, which are outside of the scope of the UN Global Platform. The Board of Trustees has oversight over all activities of the Global Platform Institute.

AGENDA ITEM (3) OTHER BUSINESS

Due to time constrains the calendar of events, the follow up on the action points, and Zoho were not discussed this time.