

GIST board meeting 15 January 2025

Present: Elena (chair), Dag (tt1), Pedro (tt3), Bianca (tt3), Gabriel and Vibeke (secretariat)

Agenda:

1. GIST board moving forward
2. Stakeholder advisory group meeting
3. Annual GIST meeting
4. GIST background document to UNSC
5. Newsletter
6. GIST open side-event at UNSC

1. GIST board moving forward

As UNSD had informed in earlier exchanges, Vibeke who has held the role as secretariat for GIST in the last 6 years, is leaving UNSD in the first half of 2025. The role will in the next month's slowly be handed over to Gabriel Gamez who recently has taken over the role as Chief of section for capacity development in UNSD. During the meeting, Gabriel introduced himself and was welcomed by and introduced to the GIST board.

The conversation continued on the role of the GIST chair. At the establishment of GIST, a 2-year period was envisaged for the chair and Elena will at this year's annual meeting have served for 2 years. The board does, however, feel, that with the change in secretariat, it would be better for the continuity of the work if Elena could stay for another year, something she agreed to. It would not be the first time this is agreed as the first chair also had the role for 3 years.

As for the other board members, the task team (co-) leads, there is a need to strengthen the lead of the translation group. With a change in management of AITRS, it was agreed that Gabriel would follow up to explore their continued interest in co-leading the work. In addition, the board should make another effort to find a second co-lead for the group. If the GIST members agree on the establishment of a new task team 2 on learning culture, there would also be a need for new co-leads for both task team 1 and 2.

2. Stakeholder advisory group (SAG) meeting

The meeting is set to be held on the 21 January and invitations and accompanying materials have already been sent out to the 12 SAG members. Dominican Republic, Morocco and Philippines have already confirmed, with Mexico and Maldives having

tentatively confirmed. It was agreed that Vibeke would follow up with Ghana, Palestine and ask if SIAP can help with Japan; Dag with Malawi; Gabriel with Fiji and Moldova.

The proposed agenda for the meeting is the following:

- Introduction by Elena
- Overview and update on work overall (incl STAT, literacy and translation)
 - o Questions and inputs on the update on work
- In-depth topic: Learning culture
 - o Discussion on learning culture – incl feedback on whether this should be established as a new task team 2.
- Open floor to suggestions for areas SAG would like GIST to cover
- AOB

Elena will send the agenda and further follow up out to SAG members.

3. Annual GIST meeting

The meeting will be held virtually on 10 February (tentatively). Vibeke will send out a save the date to all GIST members at least 3 weeks before this date. In this communication, Vibeke will inform about changes to GIST secretariat while also proposing that the GIST chair remains for another year to allow for better continuity of work. Following the feedback from the SAG, Vibeke would also communicate to members a proposal around the new task team 2. In this context, she'll also ask for volunteers to take on co-lead roles for task team 1, 2 and for the translation group.

Key topics to be discussed during the meeting could be:

- Welcome
- Updates on work – and questions and feedback
- First special topic: learning culture (presentation and discussion)
 - o Feedback from GIST members on new task team establishment
- Second special topic: statistical literacy guidance (presentation and discussion)
- AOB

It was agreed that the GIST board jointly will do personalized follow up to members to ensure good and active participation, and also to ensure an up-to-date membership.

4. GIST Background document to UNSC

The deadline for providing input to the GIST background document was extended until the end of the week. The secretariat will afterwards compile the input and add general information before sharing for feedback and publishing.

5. Newsletter

Similarly to the background document, the input to the newsletter is needed by the end of the week, of Monday 20th the latest. The goal is to finalize and publish the newsletter by the end of January to not have a too delayed publication.

6. GIST open side-event at UNSC

A proposal for a side event has been made for Monday 3 March around lunch time. The event proposal is focused on STAT updates, also including information about learning culture. We expect to receive information on whether the event will be accepted in the next weeks.