

## GEC Steering Group, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018– DRAFT MINUTES

Attendees: Steve Bass, Oliver Greenfield, Juha Siikmaki, Andy Norton, Thibaut Portevin, Peter Poschen-Eiche, Holger Schmid, Mike Wilson, George Varughese



Apologies: Aban Marker Kabraji, Steven Stone

### Agenda 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018:

1. Introductions – Welcome Andy Norton, Director IIED
2. December Minutes for approval.
3. GEC at PAGE and our Global meeting
4. GEC at 10 in 2019 – 10 Year Anniversary
5. GEC steering group priorities - attached
6. GEC 2018 plan Updated re December steering group discussion
7. AOB

#### **1. Introductions – Welcome Andy Norton, Director IIED. [Biog on GEC Governance page.](#)**

- Andy joined us for the first time. (His appointed alternative is Paul Steele, Chief Economist IIED). Note: IIED has an automatic position on the GEC steering group as host of the coalition –reference GEC SG [Terms of Reference](#). This is separate from Steve Bass – who is on the coalition steering group in an independent advisory capacity ‘for continuity and GE knowledge’. (reference - [SG decision Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 2016](#)).

#### **2. Draft – December Minutes – attached**

- **SG Approval and posted on GEC site.**

#### **3. Durban PAGE and GEC global meeting 2018 – attached**

- PAGE requested GEC run its annual summit back to back with back this year in Durban. A draft paper on what we propose to offer to PAGE and an outline of the GEC global meeting was attached.
- **SG reviewed the paper. Overall happy with event. Areas for improvement:**
  - i. **Slightly more emphasis on SA including local issues – water (Cape Town) and jobs (youth unemployment). Not sure about field trip. Create enough open space for good discussion. Think about linking SME work with Green Must Be Fair. Ensure context of Brown economy to green economy transition is used as frame.**
- **SG to hold the dates and attend, if possible and inform OG.**
- **OG to follow up with TC re GEC dialogue funders**

#### **4. GEC at 10 in 2019 – 10 Year Anniversary - attached**

- 2019 will be the 10 Year anniversary of the creation of GEC. This milestone is a good opportunity to reflect on progress for the agenda and for GEC, and to boldly plot the future. This has implications for activities both this year and next. The draft plan (author Steve Bass) needs SG approval, input and engagement.
- **SG reviewed and approved. Some areas for additional attention:**
  - i. **Seek this as an opportunity to re-engage with coalition members**
  - ii. **Needs clarity on what has changed, including GEC impact.**
- **OG to pursue ‘Friends and Founders’ event to validate GEC’s ongoing role. (last one hosted by Achim Steiner – again?)**

5. **GEC steering group priorities - attached**

- Under the 2018 GEC plan, action 5.5 Steering group, is too improve clarity of roles. A memo of potential SG priorities has been created (author Steve Bass).
- **SG comments and recommendations:**
  - i. OG to organise 1-1 discussions with SG members to define in more detailed roles.**
  - ii. Need to geographical and gender balance**

6. **GEC 2018 updated plan responding to December steering group advice**

- The draft GEC 2018 annual plan discussed at the last GEC steering group meeting (Dec 2017), has been updated in response to SG advice. It was attached for information.

7. **AOB – strategic actions outstanding**

- Principles concept – to be published in 2018
- OG to develop global SME plan
- OG to develop Partner Growth strategy. Partnership growth strategy – outstanding and needs to be accelerated. It needs to be clear on its approach to growth in developing countries, as we need to urgently address the north south balance of the GEC.

**NEXT GEC Steering group MEETING: Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 12.30pm-2pm, UK.**