

## MINUTES: GEC Steering Group, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Attendees: Oliver Greenfield, Peter Poschen-Eiche, Steven Stone, Mike Wilson, Zeenat Niazi, Steve Bass, Juha Siikamaki, Andy Norton



Apologies: Aban Marker Kabraji, Kamal Gueye, Jakob Haushofer, Holger Schmid

### Agenda 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019:

1. October minutes for approval.
2. SG annual calendar
3. GEC Tracker
4. GEC Global meeting – agenda
5. Partnership recommendation - FAS
6. AOB – Davos dinner

#### **1. Draft – October Minutes – attached**

- **SG approved. OG to post on site**

#### **2. SG annual calendar**

- One idea for improvement of the Steering Group meetings proposed and approved in the October 2019 Steering group is to develop a forward calendar of subjects to cover all business across the year. This is to allow for greater ownership, preparation and depth of the agenda. The attached paper is a draft proposal on what this forward calendar would include and how will it work.
- **Overall proposed agenda looks good with the following amendments:**
  - **Alternate between a 10-20 minute horizon scan/big issue discussion with a GEC secretariat backward and forward activity update**
  - **Steering group members and OG to propose and decide on big issue discussions – with a steering group member taking the lead to introduce and host the conversation (first 2 proposed are ‘Big year for nature – IUCN’, and COP26 – IIED.**
  - **Global meeting discussion to come early in the year to allow time for planning.**
- **ACTION: OG to update the forward agenda with above comments and activate in 2020.**

#### **3. Green Economy Tracker**

- The Green economy tracker has been in development for some time and is now almost ready for launch. We shall launch in January 2020, in Davos and simultaneously from our national hubs.
- **Attached ppt that gives the Tracker background, the overview and the roll-out plan**
- The prototype site is also now live: <https://greeneconomytracker.org/>. Please have a look around the site. We welcome your reactions as first time users. (Is the function of the tool clear? Are you able to navigate the site?) However, please don't share beyond the group.
- **SG warmly congratulate team on excellent work.**
- **SG Questions on citizen science and updating, and how the tool and information is used change discussions**
- **Consider how the barometer thinking (take stock) can be used in the Tracker**
- **Expansion: Tracker is a way to recruit new partners and new funders**
- **Advice for roll-out: Launch pitch to be around setting the tracker direction rather than showcasing a prototype**
- **Tracker will improve with more countries – creating regional ‘country to country’ comparison and debates**
- **ACTIONS – SG to review website.**

#### 4. GEC 2020 global meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> of February, Delhi, India, hosted by DA

- The 2020 GEC Annual Global Meeting brings together green economy actors from around the world to champion the role of local green enterprises in bringing about inclusive and sustainable change at scale. This event will show-case what is working and what needs to happen next. GEC hubs and members, Indian formal and informal green enterprises, Indian policy makers, green multilaterals and bilateral partners will come together to witness how inclusive policy making can happen.
- Structured over four days, we will: Take stock of what is happening, build solidarity around key policy requests, build synergy with Indian and multilateral policy makers, and have a day together as a network to advance collaboration and progress on GEC strategy, organisational development and tracker. (Attached – Agenda and background note).
- **SG Thanks to the teams**
- **Also – thanks to PAGE for co-hosting day 3.**
- **SG concerns about repetition of SME focus – also in Trinidad and in part South Africa**
- **Suggest ‘greening small enterprise’ rather than ‘for Small green enterprise’ – i.e. this is about transition with small taking the lead, rather than accelerating a niche.**
- **Request for us to consider macro-economic issues – such as global trade regime, and macro Indian issues – such as agriculture.**
- **Need to bring in finance organisations especially those that have small business solutions**
- **What is the evidence of LGE contributions to triple bottom line?**
- **ACTIONS: ZN and OG to update agenda and invitations**

#### 5. Partnership recommendation – FAS

- *Amazon challenges are reaching tipping points* – linked environmental, social, economic and governance problems have severe consequences for local people, for national economic prosperity and for planetary security.
- *GEC and FAS (Fundação Amazonas Sustentável) have been discussing collaboration for some time – and have started to shape a shared programme with the goal “Drive a transition to an inclusive Amazon bioeconomy: based on standing forest, not extracting or degrading forest, and serving: local needs for income, health and other local values; regional needs for clean water and air; and global needs for biodiversity and climate regulation.”* (Collaboration outline attached)
- *As a next step to accelerate this partnership – FAS have applied for GEC membership.* (Membership application attached).
- **SG decision unanimous on FAS GEC membership**

#### 6. AOB:

- **Economic reform dinner at WEF.** (event invite attached). With our Economics for Nature partners – Capitals Coalition – we are hosting a dinner at Davos. The 2 main objectives of this dinner are 1. to expand GEC’s ‘economic reform’ engagement and 2. To launch our green economy tracker in a high-profile space.
- **ACTION: SG to attend is possible and help invite key influential stakeholders.**

**NEXT GEC Steering group MEETING: Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 12.30pm-2pm, UK.**