

GEC Steering Group, Thursday 28th July 2018– MINUTES

Attendees: Oliver Greenfield, Andy Norton, Thibaut Portevin, Peter Poschen-Eiche, Asad Naqvi, Mike Wilson, Zeenat Niazi



Apologies: Holger Schmid, Aban Marker Kabraji/Juha Siikamaki , Steve Bass (notes received in advance via email)

Agenda 28th July 2018:

1. May Minutes for approval.
2. GEC global meeting – For SG information
3. GEC Steering Group – ILO representation
4. Government dialogue on Natural capital
5. AOB and outstanding actions

1. Draft – May Minutes

- **SG approved. Action: OG publish minutes on GEC website.**

2. GEC Global meeting – now January 2019

- UN PAGE Ministerial meeting has been postponed from the 6th and 7th of September 2018 to **January 10th and 11th 2019**
- GEC's global meeting positioning as a counter point and cross-fertilising meeting back to back with PAGE Ministerial, means that GEC had a difficult decision to make. We gathered input from the SG members confirmed for PAGE (Thibaut P, Peter P, Steven S, Steve B) and from our SA hub partners and the consensus emerged that GEC should also postpone to the same week in January alongside the revised PAGE Ministerial.
- GEC currently trying to book new venue – but provisionally 8th and 9th Jan, with 7th reserved for partner day. SG should hold the week of 7th to 10th Jan for both GEC and PAGE.
- Note –
 - i. this means GEC global meeting India will likely also need to be postponed to 2020.
 - ii. That GEC global meeting SA will also now be in GEC 10 year anniversary and will need to reflect this in the agenda. (including the potential of a friends and founders event)
- PAGE grateful for GEC postponement and continued support of PAGE.
- EC encourage PAGE and GEC to deliver even greater event synergies.
- PAGE likely to include and link to themes on jobs and future of work – Andy Norton shared his 'Future of Work paper' after the call. [Link](#)
- **GEC to work closely with ILO (PAGE Ministerial lead organisation for this meeting) and ensure an even better interaction with PAGE between our events.**
- **OG will inform SG of the confirmed dates asap, with hope SG can attend both meetings.**

3. GEC Steering Group – ILO representation

- ILO were an active and valuable GEC steering group member and then, with Peter Poschen deciding to move on from ILO, GEC SG agreed to:
 - i. Maintain Peter's SG involvement due to his outstanding knowledge and contributions particularly in context of GEC Green Must Be Fair work. (GEC steering group appointments can be on both a personal and institutional representation – see [GEC SG TOR](#)).
 - ii. Encourage ILO to propose an institutional successor to Peter. Peter P proposed [Kamal Gueye](#), Coordinator, Green Jobs Programme, ILO. OG has had conversations Kamal and he is

keen to represent ILO at the GEC. Kamal also improves GEC SG diversity as he is from Senegal.

- **GEC Steering Group warmly welcome Kamal's addition to the GEC Steering Group**

4. Government dialogue on Natural Capital

- As part of our Economics for Nature programme, GEC are supporting the Dutch government on their government dialogue on natural capital. This process includes government representatives (Australia, Botswana, France, Ghana, Japan, Namibia, Netherlands, Nigeria, South Africa, United Kingdom, European Commission) and some additional GEC partners, principally Natural Capital Coalition and IUCN.
- The dialogue has 3 workstreams:
 1. **Accounting** - Link national natural capital accounting with corporate natural capital assessment
 2. **Practice** - Increase collaboration by government agencies and businesses (both nationally and internationally) and use existing online platforms to share best practices
 3. **Narrative** - Develop a positive natural capital narrative (why, what and how).
- All three workstreams will conclude this year in November 2018 and present at several events.
 - NB WAVES have tasked SB with a joint agenda for November Govt Dialogue and NCA Policy Forum joint event. This should link to this gov dialogue. **Action OG and SG to discuss.**
- GEC is assisting the drafting for workstream 3. Narrative work.
- **SG reviewed Government Nat cap narrative (attached), offered thoughts and suggestions:**
 - Framing. A number of frames exist alongside nat cap, e.g.: biodiversity (notably used by French gov), mother earth (used in much of Latin America), ecosystems, blue planet, or even just nature. Explain why nat cap and how it relates to these other frames.
 - Be clear to clarify the critiques of nat cap and ways forward. i.e. that explicit action is needed to ensure there are positive actions to address the risks and connotations.
 - On the what – make distinct that nat cap is not just natural resources, that it is also about services.
 - Ensure the why section is clearer on that nat cap is the base of all other capitals and they are dependent on it. Also improve why links: to green and grey infrastructure, to circular, to SDGS, to agriculture, to bio-economy. Ensure there is more on nat cap as a risk management strategy.
 - Ensure this document is clearly written for those in government making asset allocation decisions.
 - On How section: be more specific on categorising actions for who.
 - Give examples of how nat cap policy is already leveraging private sector investment (\$10bn from BNP and similar from Rabo Bank)
- **ACTION OG to reflect this advice into next version.**

5. AOB – strategic actions outstanding

- Principles concept – to be published at PAGE
- OG to develop global SME plan – SME plan to be proposed at GEC global meeting in January
- OG to develop Partner Growth strategy. A draft to be shared at GEC global meeting for debate and buy-in.

NEXT GEC Steering group MEETING: Thursday, 27th September 2018, 12.30pm-2pm, UK.