

# Minutes from the General Assembly

Date: 14 August 2012

Venue: Chez Lando Hotel

Hosting Organization: Plan Rwanda

## Participants:

1. Christian Rassi, 2Way Development
2. Rugaaju David, CONCERN
3. Jules Gatete, CONCERN
4. Intwali Parfait Jimmy, OLPC
5. Hans Zult, VVOB
6. Mahe M. Alex, VVOB
7. Ingabire Jean Claude Pacifique, FAWE
8. Kate Hannon, APIE
9. Micheline Umulisa, CHABHA
10. Rutayisire Pierre Celestin, AMAHORO
11. Tuyishimire J.M.V, AJESOV
12. Bikino Ildephonse, REC
13. David loewengwth, CHABHA
14. Ruth Mbabazi, VSO
15. Innocent Musangamfura, KUNDA UMWANA
16. Enrico Rampazzo, PLAN RWANDA
17. Alfred Mupenzi, PLAN RWANDA
18. Nene Sow Thiam, PLAN RWANDA
19. Jeffery Komant, WELLSRING FOUNDATION
20. Mark Fitz, WELLSRING FOUNDATION
21. Stephane Nyembo, WELLSRING FOUNDATION
22. James Andrew, TEACH RWANDA
23. Kayitesi Mathilde, UMUHUZA
24. Sarah Challoner, VSO
25. Tim Williams, Education Consultant
26. Silas Ngayaboshya, HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL
27. Faustin Ndayisaba, STRIVE FOUNDATION
28. Said Yasin, EDC
29. Clare Effromg, ESTHERS AID
30. Gakumba John, STRIVE FOUNDATION
31. John Mugabo, MILLENIUM VILLAGES PROJECT
32. Bernadette Muteteri, ICBF
33. Marc Van der Stouwe, ICBF

## Agenda:

1. Welcome remarks from the RENCP Chair
2. Presentation from 2Way Development
3. Update from UNICEF on Development Partners meeting and the Cluster meeting (ESSP revision)
4. Presentation from working groups
5. Update on Website and communications

6. Presentation of the RENCP Study on user costs in schools
7. Presentation of draft revised RENCP TOR's for G.A. input
8. Closing remarks from Chair
9. Innovation Fund Presentation
10. Afternoon session closing remarks

Notes from the meeting:

1. **Welcome remarks from the Chair of RENCP:** Nene Sow Thiam warmly welcomed the RENCP members and other participants. She expressed on behalf of the Chair Organization gratefulness to the participants and appreciated the work done by the Platform.
2. **Presentation from 2Way Development:** Christian Rassi introduced 2Ways Development to the participants. 2Ways partners with NGOs, community groups, social enterprises with a strong social and environmental component. Their partner should be able to cover volunteer's work related expenses. (See the attached presentation for details)
3. **Update from UNICEF: Hugh Delaney, Education Specialist updated the participants on the following main points:**
  - Update on the Education Sector Strategic Plan (ESSP): The EDPRS is ending in June 2013. Each sector was asked to develop a 5 year strategy to support the development of the new EDPRS. UNICEF and other partners have been working with the MINEDUC especially in articulating how the Education Sector is contributing to the objectives of the Government.
  - Update on the last July Cluster Meeting: The cluster meeting gathering Development partners, Mineduc and RENCP came up with 8 priorities areas in the EDUCATION Sector. See the attached Strategic Goal document.
  - Hugh Delaney also shared with present members the Work Schedule draft regarding the ESSP with regard the EDPRS II in order to ensure that there is a communication and information exchange between Development Partners and Stakeholders)
  - He also announced the upcoming Joint Review supposedly to take place in September
  - He strongly asked present members to deepen their involvement in different education areas such as the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD).
4. **Updates from Working Groups:**
  - a. Special Needs and Inclusion Update by Sarah Challoner from VSO (See the attached presentation)
  - b. ECCD update by Mathilde Kayitesi from Umuhuza (See the attached presentation)
  - c. Teacher Development Working Group update by Jeffery Komant from Wellspring Foundation (See the attached presentation)
  - d. Community Involvement update by David Rugaaju (See the attached presentation)
5. **Update on Website and Communication by Stephane Nyembo from Wellspring Foundation:** Stephane highlighted the need to foster information sharing, partnership and learning through a regularly updated and vibrant website. He explained some of the important benefits of having a regularly and well updated website. He also called RENCP members to be proactive and collaborative by sending updates on Working Groups activities, Workshops, meetings, field visits, etc...
6. **Presentation (by Tim Williams, Consultant) of the methodology on the RENCP Study on user costs in schools (see the presentation).** The community Involvement Working Group was requested by the

General Assembly to work closely with Tim Williams by assessing the results of this study and to set a meeting for members to give their input. The Community Involvement WG is to be supported by the Inclusion and Special Needs Working Group.

**7. Presentation of draft revised RENC TOR's by Jeffery Komant (See the attached draft)**

Jeff presented the draft revised TORs to the participants by encouraging members to be more active and to contribute in the Platform. The presented document was thereafter submitted to a validation vote by members. Deliberations covered the following points:

- Do members feel RENC needs formal rules? : The majority of the participants voted yes
- Do members approve the Compulsory Participation in a Working Group?: The majority of the participants voted yes
- Is the two year leadership term of the Chair and co Chair to be maintained? : The majority of the participants voted yes
- Do members feel there is a need of a new vote for Chair and Co Chair? : The majority of the participants voted no, confirming the current Chair and Co Chair.
- Do members approve the possibility of excluding from the Platform a member organization following a Lack of involvement in 2 consecutive General Assembly?: The majority of the participants rejected the possibility
- Do members approve the possibility of excluding from a Working Group a member organization following a Lack of involvement in that Working Group's activities: The majority of the participants voted yes.
- Do members approve the exclusion from the Platform of a member organization following a misconduct: The majority of the participants voted yes
- What should be the percentage for voting resolutions: This question needs more discussions

The General Assembly validated the draft RENC TORs. As discussions on unresolved questions are ongoing, the document can be used as a draft in order to facilitate the RENC operations.

**8. Closing Remarks:** Alfred closed the meeting and invited members to attend the afternoon Innovation Fund presentation.

**9. Afternoon Session: Innovation Fund presentation by Marc Van de Stouwe** (Manager Innovation & Capacity Development Funds (ICDF). The following points were covered in the presentation:

- Introduction of the Innovation Fund
- Introduction of the capacity Fund
- When the call for expressions of interest is going to open?
- How to define innovation?
- Areas of Education (Accountability& empowerment, Inclusive education, climate change & environment, Skills Development, effective teaching & learning)

**10. Afternoon session closing remarks by Jeffery Komant** from Wellspring Foundation.