

# UNCAC Coalition

## Coalition Coordination Committee (CCC) Online Meeting Summary,

Thursday, 23 May 2024

15:00 - 16:30 (CET)

Chaired by Gillian Dell (Chair)

### **CCC Members present**

Gillian Dell (Chair), Samantha Feinstein (Vice-Chair), Umar Yakubu, Wajdi Balloumi, Rachel Hanna, Kristen Robinson, Naomi Roht-Arriaza, Sankhitha Gunaratne

### **Hub Team present**

Mathias Huter, Managing Director (MD)

Team members: Betina Pasteknik, Corinna Gilfillan, Danella Newman, Arjun Chaudhuri

### **Brief summary of updates, decisions, and next steps**

#### **1. Adoption of minutes**

The CCC adopted the minutes from the previous CCC call (18 April 2024)

#### **2. Updates from Vienna Hub & Financial Update Q1**

- The MD shared updates from the Vienna Hub, including on new staff, and informed the CCC that candidacies had been received for all board seats up for election.
- The MD provided a financial update, including on spending and cash flow; informed about hiring; and advised about possible funding for work on civil society participation in other review mechanisms. He also informed about big support for a Coalition letter in support of an activist; plans to support activists under threat, and the Coalition's application for a new status in Austria.

#### **3. Reflection on the General Assembly**

- The MD shared reflections on the General Assembly, which was attended by over 70 members, for which there is a separate summary report.
- CCC members commended the work of the Hub on the GA, noting that the meeting was interactive, and attendees were engaged.

#### **4. Overview of relevant events and advocacy opportunities in the coming months**

The MD outlined important upcoming events, in particular the International Anti-Corruption Conference in Vilnius, the UNCAC subsidiary body meetings, including the Civil Society Briefing in early September, and the UNTOC Conference of Parties, in Vienna in October. He mentioned upcoming discussions on the UNCAC IRM and indicated that the Coalition and members were planning several events around UNCAC meetings in September.

## **5. Hub Presentation on Internal Protocol for Defending Activists and CSOs at Risk**

- The Vienna Hub team informed the CCC about a draft internal protocol for defending activists and organizations from the Coalition community at risk, and outlined possible forms of support the Coalition could provide to activists under attack.
- The CCC discussion that followed touched on shrinking civic space, UN procedures, forms of assistance for NGOs, potential funding for this area of work, the CoSP resolution on whistleblower protection and the role of the working group on human rights and corruption.

## **6. Rules of Procedure**

- The MD presented some elements of the draft Rules of Procedure, referencing three documents,
- The CCC determined that more discussion was needed on the Rules of Procedure of the CCC and the General Assembly.
- The CCC adopted the Policy on Statements and the Use of the Coalition Logo.

## **7. TOR for Thematic Working Groups**

- The Hub team presented its work to develop Terms of Reference of the UNCAC Coalition's thematic working groups.
- The CCC discussion focused on funding issues and it was also suggested to convene a meeting of the working group chairs..

## **8. Other issues**

The CCC expressed great thanks to the outgoing members of the board – Samantha Feinstein, Sankhitha Gunaratne, Rachel Hanna, Chanez Mensous, and Umar Yakubu – whose terms were ending. The outgoing members reflected with appreciation on their time on the board.