

Civil Society Steering Committee Monthly Call

8 April 2020 | 8:00-9:00 EST / 14:00 - 15:00 CET

List of Participants

Attendees

María Baron, Asma Cherifi, Glynnis Cummings-John, Helen Darbshire, Aidan Eyakuze, Robin Hodess, Giorgi Kldiashvili, Tur-Od Lkhagvajav, Lucy McTernan, Elisa Peter, Zuzana Wienk

Access Info Europe Guests

Martina Tombini, Alejandra Finotti, Rachel Hanna

Support Unit

Tonu Basu, Paul Maassen, Jaime Mercado, Maia Koytcheva

Apologies

Delia Ferreira Rubio

Agenda

1. Welcome & check-in round (10-15 min, Robin)
2. Covid-19 Update (20 min)
 - a. SU (Paul)
 - b. GL & TLS (Robin & Zuzana)
3. Update on CS SC nominations (5 min, Maria & Paul)

Summary

Covid-19 responses and activities

- As part of a larger response coordinated across the Steering Committee and Support Unit, the cohort will draft a statement on the importance of open government principles in times of crisis.
- The Africa Center for Disease Control and Prevention of the African Union is working with Member States to build infection prevention and control capacities. They are developing an inclusive response by integrating civil society actors and young people into the community of practices. A working group "African Youth & Civil Society Coronavirus Response Group" has been set-up and added to the response committee.
- The social media based conversation around the hashtag #buildbackbetter was highlighted, in particular with regards to discussions around [universal basic income in Scotland](#).

Steering Committee rotation

The Support Unit further provided a brief update on the status of the civil society steering committee rotation. With the nominations phase just having closed the longlist will be [available online](#) for public commenting until 24. April

Action Items



- The Support Unit is to share the CS [longlist of candidates](#). (done)
- The Support Unit is to share its Covid-19 related [communications and initiatives](#) with the cohort again. (done)
- Zuzana and Helen are to lead on the drafting of a CS SC statement on the Covid-19 pandemic, with help from the Support Unit.

