Agenda for the 8th Meeting of the Global Coordinating Group

Virtual meeting, 22 July 2020
8th Alliance 8.7 Global Coordinating Group Meeting

Agenda

Date: 22 July 2020
Time: 4:00 – 6:00 pm (CET)
Location: Zoom, meeting link will be sent out shortly.

Background and objective

During its 6th Global Coordinating Group Meeting in Paris, on 12th November 2020, the Alliance 8.7 adopted an amended procedure for the inclusion of pathfinder countries. Prospective Pathfinder Countries should be invited to present their interest to the GCG and would receive a reply to their expression of interest after the successful implementation of their first Strategic Planning Workshop. This workshop should ensure broad participation and produce a viable roadmap for the way forward. This is to ensure coordination with and involvement of a wide range of stakeholders, including those represented in the GCG as well as effective implementation and follow-up measures.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, not all of these workshops could take place and the GCG decided in its 7th session on 19th May 2020 to organize a virtual extra-ordinary session of the GCG before its next regular meeting. The upcoming GCG meeting on 22nd July offers this platform for exchange between new and existing pathfinder countries and all other GCG members.

4:00 – 4:08  I. Welcome of the Chair (8 min)

Objective: To acknowledge participants, refer to the meeting report of the 7th GCG meeting and provide an update on developments, in particular the HLPF side event and to welcome new pathfinder countries, giving a short introduction to the purpose of the GCG.

4:08 – 4:15  II. Update on the Pathfinder Country Strategy from the Secretariat (7 min)

Objective: To provide an update on the Pathfinder Country Strategy and key events
III. Commitment of new pathfinder countries (35 min)

**Objective:** To present the commitments of each new pathfinder country, their respective challenges related to SDG target 8.7, and the next steps envisaged by the six new pathfinder countries (5 min. each country)

- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Côte d’Ivoire
- Ghana
- Costa Rica
- Cameroon

IV. Experience / good practice from other pathfinder countries (10 min)

**Objective:** To provide feedback to the new pathfinder countries on the basis of lessons learned from already advanced national pathfinder processes (5 min. each country)

- Chile
- Madagascar

V. Exchange with all GCG members (30 min)

**Objective:** For Pathfinder Countries and GCG members to interact and discuss the way forward. (no pre-established speaking order)

VI. Preparation of SDG 8.7 monitoring workshop (25 min)

**Objective:** To agree on the purpose of the workshop, participants, key agenda points and dates

VII. Closing remarks and next steps (Chair) – 5 min.