

Towards the GCAP Global Assembly 2010

Proposals from the GCAP Global Assembly Coordination Committee

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I. Expected Strategic Outcomes

- **Serves as a key political moment** (MDG 2010 Review as agreed focus from Global Council Meeting, Lisbon)
- **Serves to recognize, celebrate and evaluate what have we achieved in the last 5 years**
- **Serves to Assess Current Opportunities and Challenges**, “ie. The World As It Stands Now”
- **Serves to outline our World Vision for 2015**, and identify what GCAP can do to contribute to it?
- **Serves to activate the Network** across levels and complete elections / nominations to key governance forums of GCAP

II. Participation & Process

- **National Coalitions:** 100+ coalitions expected to be represented (in keeping with updated profiles of coalitions, and potential for outreach across 166 countries that have been involved with GCAP initiatives in the last 5 years); **Representation of 1 person per coalition**; and mechanisms to ensure gender balance at a regional level
- **Constituency Groups:** Representation of 1 member from each sub-region (7 in all)
- **Institution of Delegate Fees and Bursaries:** Delegate fee of USD 100 as applied in Montevideo, and Bursary Committee constituted to identify need based support for participation
- **Visa Support:** Need for higher level government support for visa process (as in Montevideo); special attention to transit visas based on the previous experience
- **Registration Requirements:** Each participating coalition / constituency group required to complete and submit their Terms of Engagement agreement with GCAP; provide an updated version of the one-page profiles developed in 2009; and submit the name of their nominated representative to the GCAP Global Assembly 2010.
- **Preparatory Process:** GCAP regional meetings (possibly in tandem with program related meeting opportunities) should be facilitated to enable agreement on Strategic Priorities and Campaign Plans for 2010/11; as well as election of representatives to the Global Governance bodies (ie. Global Council, Regional Councils, Constituency Groups and Working Groups).
- **Agenda Development:** A Facilitation Group should be formed to develop and coordinate the agenda of the Global Assembly (as has been the process in the past assemblies); In addition, working groups to coordinate Logistic Arrangement, Political & Media linkages, Documentation, etc. would also need to be formed. The integration of 'energy building' activities such as presentation of GCAP 'videos'; 'speed dating' sessions to enable one-on-one interaction; and 'GCAP quiz' sessions are also recommended.
- **Global Council formation:** In keeping with the GCAP process, the term of the current

Global Council will come to an end at the time of the Global Assembly. The process of nomination to the new Global Council should be initiated in advance before the Assembly to enable the different regions and constituency groups to select their representatives to the GC, and also enable a 'handover period' of atleast two months before Assembly to allow for learning and coordination.

An 'Election Council' needs to be set in place to oversee and guide the process of the re-formation of the GC, and refine the terms for functioning of the GC that were formulated in early 2009, to include: (i) No. Of Representatives per region (revised estimate suggested by LAG); (ii) No. Of Consecutive Terms permitted for a member; (iii) nomination and role of Alternate Members; (iv) Continuity Clause for the GC (what percent of the Council should be retained to ensure continuity), etc.

The Co-Chairs are also expected to submit their **Term Reports** as part of the Global Assembly, and new co-Chairs will be elected at the Global Assembly.

- **Location:** There are six key enabling factors that need to be considered while deciding the location of the Global Assembly this year namely Political Relevance, Resource Mobilization Opportunities, Availability & Willingness of Local Hosts, and Travel & Visa related facility; and opportunities for Program & Media events building on the presence of the Assembly.

The GA Coordination Committee considered three strategic locations for the venue of the Global Assembly against the above factors:

Options:	Montreal, Canada	New York, US	Dakar, Senegal
Political Relevance	<p>Linked to CIVICUS World Assembly</p> <p>Outreach to NGOs, Advocacy groups who participate (around 800 participants expected)</p>	<p>Linked to the UN MDG 2010 Review</p> <p>Opportunity to organize major global events and advocacy actions in NY coinciding with Stand Up (17-19 Sep)</p> <p>Visibility for GCAP efforts on MDGs</p>	<p>Linked to the WSF 2011</p> <p>Linkages with social movements and WSF actors</p> <p>Mental space to think about future actions of GCAP after high level activities of 2010</p>
Resource Mobilization	<p>Civics offer to explore travel support for GCAP members who may also be speakers at WA (may be approx. 30 persons)</p> <p>Costs work out to USD 3000 per person (ie. 1000 USD more than costs of Montevideo)</p>	<p>National and global energies and funding opportunities expected around participation at the UN MDG Summit</p> <p>Support from agencies involved with MDG advocacy, including UN offices anticipated</p> <p>Airfare will be cheaper than Canada (esp. If we locate away from NY, at Newark or Philadelphia); Cheap accom through church or university networks will be a deciding factor</p>	<p>Linked to resources for WSF participation, may be strong for particular regions (eg. Africa)</p> <p>Travel and local stay costs expected to be cheaper than both other options</p>

Local Hosts	<p>Civicus has offered services of their event manager in Montreal</p> <p>MPH Canada can explore support through other local organizations; but bulk of coordination responsibility would be with the global office</p>	<p>Need to explore with NY based members, Rajiv and Rosa for coordination of a local logistics team based in NY;</p> <p>Travel related coordination should be handled separately by the global office</p>	Can explore with ANCEFA (which also hosts the GCAP Africa office) for local support
Travel & Visa related	<p>Visas to Canada will be difficult as always; Civicus has been liaising with local government for visa facilitation, although this does not cover transit visa access, particularly through the US</p>	<p>Visa support needs to be explored with UN-NGLS and other UN offices to enable participants to reach NY;</p> <p>This will also be a determining factor in this choice of location</p>	Visa support through WSF Committee / ANCEFA anticipated
Program & Media Opportunities	<p>Possibility for workshops on Day Two of the CWA (Development theme); Public rallies and other events in the evenings across 20-23 August;</p> <p>Civicus will be coordinating with media; Have earlier linked to media groups such as BBC World Radio to interview speakers, etc.</p>	<p>Opportunity for leadership for global mobilization events being planned in New York around the MDG Summit, and as part of "The World We Want"¹ campaign effort</p> <p>Need to develop a strong local-global strategy, such as ensuring that every coalition comes to NY having done a media conference and is thus able to link back;</p> <p>Globally would need to look at a dedicated media coordinator</p>	<p>May be overshadowed by WSF events as has been the case in previous years;</p> <p>Nevertheless, there is opportunity to do some creative events as part of the WSF space, and also look at linking with new networks</p>
Overall Assessment:	This should be the second option, after New York	This should be the first option as it enables the highest strategic relevance for GCAP, however it should be finalized based on a recce of local logistics and visa support	This should be the last option, and a 'safety net' in the event that fund raising for the GA in 2010 is not a possibility

¹ Collective initiative emerging from the MDG Strategy Sharing Meeting, Jo'burg (10-11 Feb 2010)

III. Next Steps

- Presentation of GACC proposal to the Global Council & Foundation Board on 18 / 19 Feb
- Finalization of Global Assembly Option by March 15th
- First Announcement to GCAP members by March 25th
- Initiation of Fund Raising process with Global Foundation in March first week
- Committees set in place and begin functioning by end March
- Review & Forward Planning Schedule of the GACC in place by end March