



History and Relevance

The Global Assembly is the policy and direction setting body of GCAP. Meetings of the Global Assembly have been held in 2004 (Johannesburg), 2006 (Beirut) and 2007 (Montevideo). All three assemblies have resulted in the development and 'release' of a political charter of the alliance, namely the Johannesburg Statement, the Beirut Platform and the Montevideo Declaration. In the last Global Assembly held in Montevideo, it was agreed that GCAP would “continue to grow as a global force against poverty and inequality till 2015”.

The Global Assembly provides an all-important exposure to the cultural and political diversity that the alliance represents, initiates its members – which include national coalitions, constituency groups and supporting organizations - into the democratic processes of deliberation and decision making that govern the alliance, and reinforces the sense of collective ownership for the goals and objectives of GCAP – particularly among new members for whom the Global Assembly becomes in effect their first 'global' experience of GCAP.

It is also the time for GCAP as a whole to take stock of changes in the external environment that are relevant to its core purpose, examine national, regional and constituency level experiences in relation to these trends and examine how the alliance needs to (re-)organize to meet these new challenges. The Assembly also provides the space for a review of internal processes and an evaluation of the work decision making bodies and working groups of the alliance.

Context for the Global Assembly in 2010

The GCAP Global Assembly 2010, being held from 22-24 September in New York, is significant because it marks the first meeting of the universal constituents of GCAP since the implementation of internal changes in structure and operation emerging from the work of the Structures Group (created at the Montevideo Assembly, 2007). These include fundamental developments such as the transition from the International Facilitation Team to the GCAP Global Council, the registration of the GCAP Global Foundation, the adoption of the GCAP Strategic Plan for 2009-11 and the decentralization of the GCAP Global Secretariat.

The Global Assembly 2010 will lay out the context and process for the preparation for GCAP's three-year strategic plan for 2012-2014 and will serve as a key mobilization and advocacy moment around the MDG+10 Review¹ that is being held as part of the 65th Session of the UN General Assembly in New York.

¹ Decadal review of the Millennium Development Goals



Objectives of the Global Assembly in 2010

- To provide leadership and guidance on key issues for the Strategic Plan of GCAP for the period 2012-14
- To re-energize the movement and reinforce the call for action against poverty and inequality by consolidating common priorities and action plans
- To enable a collective civil society response to the outcomes of MDG+10 Review and agree on imperatives for worldwide mobilization and advocacy action as part of a 'The World We Want 2015 Declaration'.
- To learn from each other about the work happening across GCAP with the lens of analytical review of our work vis-a-vis our objectives, as outlined in the Montevideo Declaration and Strategic Plan for 2009-11
- To build an understanding and ownership of structure and processes of the alliance and elect a new leadership that takes us forward

Proposed Agenda:

<i>Time</i>	<i>Session Title</i>	<i>Session Objectives</i>	<i>Who / How</i>
20-21 Sep, Mon-Tue	Regional & Constituency Caucus Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate Reports to the Assembly Coordinate inputs to the GCAP Strategic Plan for 2012-14 Elect Global Council members (and regional / constituency group convenors, if appropriate) 	Facilitated by Convenors of regional and constituency groups ²
Day One: 22 Sep, Wed			
09h00 – 17h00	CSO Response Event to the MDG+10 Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collective Civil Society Response to the Outcomes of the MDG+10 Review Declare and Adopt Strategies & Imperatives for civil society towards 2015 	Agenda for this section to be circulated separately
17h00 – 20h00	Opening: GCAP Global Assembly Welcoming Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognise and celebrate achievements of GCAP after 5 years of existence Share understanding of the global fight against poverty, and GCAP's place in it; including in relation to the outcomes of the MDG+10 Review and "The World We Want 2015" Reaffirm support and commitment in working towards the Montevideo Declaration 	Presentations from Co Chairs and Special Invitee(s)
Day Two: 23 Sep, Thu			
23 Sep, Thu	Consolidation of Regional /	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidate regional thinking on strategic questions and conclude any outstanding 	Break out groups by

² Meeting space available at Hotel Marriott, Newark for 09h00 – 11h00 and 17h00 – 19h00



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09h00-11h00	Constituency Inputs	discussion from regional caucus meeting – Prepare highlights of regional action agenda 2011	region/ constituency
11h00 – 11h30		Break for Tea / Coffee	
11h30-13h00	Strategic Questions for GCAP	– Review External Challenges & Emerging Issues in the Fight against Poverty & Inequality: – Frame key strategic questions for GCAP in the next five years – Establish priority areas for GCAP's work in 2012-14	Thematic Presentations, followed by Round Table discussions to share ideas and proposals
13h00-14h00		Lunch	
14h00-15h00	Campaign Plan for 2011	- Clarify key opportunities for GCAP engagement and collaboration in 2011 - Identify Strategies for GCAP's interventions building on its strengths and challenges	Presentation, followed by Round Table Discussions
15h00-16h30	Ways of Working, Structure and Governance	- Unpack key issues arising from strategic question around communications and coordination - Agree on expectations and best practices - Clarify roles and engagement with governance	Terms of reference reviewed / reinforced for all structures
16h30 – 17h00		Break for Tea / Coffee	
17h00-18h00	Governance and elections	- Announce new Global Council members from Regions / Constituency Groups - Agree on future plans and ways of working of governance - Table process for Election of GCAP Co-Chairs	
Evening		Side Meetings, if required	
Day Three: 24 Sep, Fri			
09h00-10h00	Recap	- Presentation of the new Global Council and Co Chairs - Recap of Conclusions / Proposals from the previous day	
10h00-11h00:	GCAP Campaigning Methods	- Overview of tools or mobilisation methods that have enabled our successes - Brainstorming on ways to enhance mobilizations and advocacy efforts of GCAP in the coming years	Presentation, followed by Round Table Discussions
11h00 – 11h30		Break for Tea / Coffee	
12h00-13h00	(cont'd)	- Linking and Learning: National coalitions and Constituency Groups share tools and strategies on campaigning - Specific suggestion for areas of collaboration or	Small groups around specific campaign tools or methods



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		support in 2011	
13h00-14h00		Lunch	
14h00-15h00	Strategic Directions 2012-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Power Mapping: Target processes where GCAP could have strong impact in the period between 2012 to 2014 - Identify key actions that could be taken in relation to the above 	Working Groups on GCAP Strategic Themes
15h00-16h30	(cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consolidate recommendations across the previous sessions (Strategic Questions; Ways of Working; Campaigning Methods; Power Mapping) - Agree on Key Objectives and Expected Outcomes for GCAP in 2012-14 	Presentation and Moderated Discussion
16h30-17h00	Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conclusion of GCAP Global Assembly - Reiteration of Key Proposals and Next Steps 	
17h00 - 17h30		Tea / Coffee	
25 Sep, Sat 09h00-11h00:	First Meeting of the new GCAP Global Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarify Ways of working and expectations of council members, co chairs, secretariat and GCAP Foundation - Elect GCAP Foundation Board Members 	
11h00-13h00	Strategic Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take stock of Proposals from the Global Assembly and agree on operational mechanisms for the same - Clarify Milestones for 2011 	
	Rapporteurs' Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalisation of meeting report 	-

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