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Aims of the GCAP Europe Assembly 2010

- To review GCAP Europe's 2009-2011 activities, identifying key successes, progress and identifying challenges and constraints;
- To discuss and agree GCAP Europe's 2011 work plan, GCAP Europe's strategic objectives for 2011-2014;
- To agree the way forward for GCAP Europe in 2011 and beyond including the functioning of the secretariat, financial sustainability, evaluation and reporting processes and effective regional and global representation.

Session 1: Reviewing 2009 - 2010

Amanda Nieuwenhoven introduced and chaired the session on national campaigning. Each delegate shared recent National Coalition experience. Please refer to Annex I: Reviewing 2009 – 2010 for details.

The Assembly agreed the importance of sharing national experiences and learning from each other. It was suggested that National Coalitions not present could send a summary of their work.

Session 2: Where are we now/setting the scene

GCAP Global perspective

An overview of the MDG Review Summit and the GCAP Global Assembly was presented by Glen Tarman.

Based on the discussions at the Global Assembly, the Global Council is currently working on a framework for 2012 – 2014 and on the work plan for 2011. This work plan will also be used to help find possible funders for GCAP.

Areas of Work:

1. Accountability – this should be a lens to connect the work of all National Coalitions.
2. Gender - Feminist Task Force within GCAP is the best place to connect with gender issues as well as climate justice in relation to gender.
3. Social exclusion – this is also represented at the global council and largely promoted by the Asian coalitions. Europe should be more connected on this issue.
4. Debt – We have demands on debts but we need to question whether debt campaigning is happening sufficiently under GCAP.
5. Aid – European National Coalitions should work on this issue (quality and effective aid). Is GCAP the space to advocate for better and effective aid before the upcoming Aid conference or should other more specialized networks to take this on? (High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, November 2011 in Busan, South Korea).
6. Financial Transaction Tax (FTT) – could be a window of opportunity in 2011.
7. Climate Justice – unless we find appropriate leadership on this issue in GCAP Europe we might lose the opportunity to work on climate justice issues in Europe.
8. Peace and Security – is it strategic to work on this in GCAP Europe or should we incorporate this area of work under human rights?

Discussion:

- The World We Want – should we create another platform?
- The Global Council has started a review/strengthening process to identify ways to strengthen what we have rather than embark on new work. It is important to pay attention to both

campaigning and lobbying/advocacy work. As part of this process, the Global Council will evaluate each regional structure (a future task for GCAP Europe Steering Group).

- The protection and promotion of civil society space – there are opportunities to unite here.
- Rights based approach is increasing especially in relation to Accountability and Climate matters.
- GCAP 2011 (for more details please refer to the document “GCAP: Highlights for Action in 2011”)
- Stand Up sits in the plan but there are a lot of outstanding questions. It might not be as big as it was in the previous years or it might change in its entirety. UNMC, previously the main drivers of Stand Up, did not manage to achieve in 2010 what they have previously achieved in terms of delivery and partnership. What will be the shape of Stand Up with less or no UNMC support and what should GCAP’s position be?
- Post 2015 discussion. What happens to GCAP after 2015? Where is the space to discuss this?
- **Media Visibility** – Rudy de Meyer raised the issue of media visibility. As a global movement we need to increase media visibility. We also need to strengthen our media strategy in Europe. We need to use the media to show the mass mobilization of people behind the movement.
- **The World We Want** – This movement started in southern National Coalitions who were writing Charters to present to their governments ahead of the UN MDG Summit. **The World We Want** could be a unifier for GCAP Europe. If **The World We Want** is proposed as a unified platform, we should discuss how we can use it and whether it is either **The World We Want** at the exclusion of the Stand Up or the both working together. During the discussion, the general agreement reached was that Europe will continue to hold Stand Up events.

Key dates and opportunities in 2011

A Calendar of political, social and other key events was presented, giving an overview of opportunities for joint action in 2011 (please refer to Annex II: Calendar of political, social and other key events / opportunities 2011 for the full list of dates).

It was agreed that we should also consider other important meetings of EU institutions, ECOFIN, Council meeting, etc, as these can be opportunities for advocacy and lobby work. The rotating EU Presidencies (2011 – 2013) could also be other key opportunities for campaigning.

France 2011: G8/ G20 presidency

Ulrich Schenkler presented an update from GCAP France which was submitted prior to the Assembly (for more and updated details please refer to Annex III: GCAP France). As France will be chairing the G8 and the G20 in 2011, there could be opportunities for pan-European campaigning.

Topics beyond key dates:

- How to deal with budget deficits and the consequences for (financing of) development and public support for development policies
- In the EU, the establishment of the European External Action Service (EEAS) and consequences for accountability

Session 3: Strategic Opportunities from 2011 to 2014

As an introduction to the discussion, Bruno Neto shared some thoughts about a possible strategic structure of GCAP Europe related to the global level and suggested a definition of the different roles of the Global Council and Steering Group. In this proposal, the European Secretariat would facilitate an interactive online debate and an online toolbox, provide external links to other organizations to gather intelligence, tools, etc, that we could use in our work.

The GCAP Europe Assembly agreed the following strategic priorities for 2011 – 2014. The Steering Group is tasked with editing and finalising the list after the Assembly:

We, the GCAP National Coalitions from Europe, are putting all our efforts in realising the following objectives from 2011 to 2014:

1. Increase the **participation and involvement** of NGOs in Europe with GCAP at national, regional and global level, beginning with those that have been active and are strategically important. Purpose: legitimacy, capacity, resources, campaigning power.
2. Strengthening the involvement and **representation** of European National Coalitions in global GCAP structures (task forces, constituency groups), including forward-planning and decision-making.
3. *(Strengthening the **connection of political lobbying with public campaigning to increase the political impact**. We are clear what GCAP's added value is to other actors (synergy, complementary). In a first step, we focus on the EU decision making.)*
4. *(Get better in **identify campaign moments** in order to reflect and support the political lobbying (to increase the political impact))*
5. To secure a **campaign win** clearly attributable to the work of GCAP.
6. Identify **at least one annual opportunity** for joint/coordinated activities for EU and/or pan-European campaigning (and implement plans), respecting the long-term planning cycles on national and local level)
7. Elaborate mechanisms in order to **save and share the knowledge, experiences and memory** of national coalitions (Learning and Accountability, Sharing)
8. Strengthen **(internal) communication** and coordination between GCAP National Coalitions, other GCAP bodies (e.g. Global Council, Global Secretariat, European representatives in Global Council, Steering Groups, Task Forces...) and partner networks. [in order to increase the visibility of the GCAP movement and the work of the National Coalitions on national level; by improving and establishing mechanisms of exchange and information sharing among European National Coalitions; "you are not alone", legitimacy, makes it interesting for media on national level]
9. Increase the **visibility** of the work of GCAP coalitions in Europe vis-à-vis media and/or GCAP global communication team (external).
10. Ensure the existence and minimum functioning of a **regional coordination structure**.

Session 4: Work plan (including campaigning plan) for 2011

The Assembly discussed and agreed a work plan, including a campaigning plan, for 2011. The work plan includes both internal and external activities:

Internal Plans:

- Fundraising (contribution by National Coalitions and external funding such as EC Calls)
- GCAP Europe Assembly with possible outreach opportunity. When: possibly October 2011
- Steering Group face to face. When: March
- Functioning GCAP Europe Secretariat
- Develop a strategy for 2012 – 2014 (and beyond 2015).
- Campaign/Activity Plan (explore 1, 000, 000 petition).
- Outreach (CONCORD, previously active National Coalitions that have disengaged, National Coalitions that have never engaged and INGOs as GCAP supporting organisations).
- GCAP Europe audit – identity active, lapsed and new National Coalitions.
- Learning/sharing mechanism.

External Plans:

- Day of Action on 17th October 2011 (may be Stand Up or other actions across Europe to highlight International Day for the Eradication of Poverty; could also be a tool to push for FTT with regards to G20 summit in France in November 2011)
- “AidWatch+” in spring. Activities on ODA/Financing for Development, ideally in collaboration with CONCORD’s AidWatch Report. It is important to link work on aid (advocacy, campaigning) with the MDGs. At a national level, we need to be more specific on aid. Our public messaging on aid must be more accurate and should help the general public to understand better why aid can help countries get out of poverty.

Further opportunities for joint activities were raised by some participants:

- International Women’s Day (IWD; it is engaging, public and it could be still political. It is also an opportunity to link up with Feminist Task Force and other NGOs/Networks that work on gender issues. We could tap on the tools that these NGOs/Networks provide)
- GCAP Europe The World We Want (potential to work on a European version of The World We Want)

Potential areas of work for next year:

- Financial Transaction Tax *
- High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (HLF4, Korea, November 2011)
- Low Income Countries Summit, Istanbul, Spring 2011
- G8/G20 (France) – June and November 2011
- Climate Change- CoP 16, December 2011, South Africa
- IWD *- March 8 2011

- MDGs *
- EU (Aid package)
- Aid
- Accountability
- CONCORD's AidWatch Report *
- April package *

*denoted areas where the National Coalitions could work together on a pan-European or pan-EU level.

Session 5: Work plan and ways of working together/ campaigning tools

Stand Up – At the Global Council level we need an early commitment to the Stand Up, preferably before Christmas 2010. This year cooperation with UNMC was a challenge as the provision of toolkits and resources were late. We have the capacity to prepare GCAP's toolkit but the toolkit needs to be ready early in the year. The Steering Group should reflect on the best structure to deliver this as part of the work plan.

EU Citizens Initiative/ 1, 000, 000 petition – The Assembly is keen to explore the possibility of such a pan-European petition. However, information from the Commission suggests that it is very unlikely that this will be available before 2012.

GCAP Europe Mailing list – for internal exchange and as a planning tool, we should use the GCAP Europe mailing list (GCAP-Europe@whiteband.org).

Subscription on <http://mailman-mail5.webfaction.com/listinfo/gcap-europe>. At the moment, the mailing list is administrated by Ulrich Schlenker. Administration will move to the GCAP Europe Secretariat when it becoming operational.

Session 6: The GCAP Europe Secretariat

Summary of the situation to date

Until spring 2010 the GCAP Europe Secretariat was hosted by GCAP Spain (Coordinadora de ONGD). Ximena Valente was in charge of the Secretariat in 2009 and at the beginning of 2010 but she had to leave due to personal reasons and therefore the work plan and Guidelines that were elaborated in the face to face meeting of the Steering Group in Brussels (Spring 2010) were not completed. As a result Roeland Ramakers (Netherlands) was hired for a two months as a temporary solution. During this period the Secretariat worked on an EC grant application, which unfortunately failed. In this period the Spanish host organization decided to withdraw its hosting of the GCAP Europe Secretariat.

The Management Team is currently composed of Frederique Kram (Netherlands) and Alfredo Garcia (Spain). Anders Dahlbeck (UK) resigned from the Management Team in spring 2010.

Financial contributions made in 2010: Netherlands, Malta, Spain (has pledged 500 Euro), UK (pledged to pay by the end of this year).

Tasks identified to reactivate the Europe Secretariat as of 1st November 2010:

- Find new host organization
- Raise funds
- Find candidate
- Due to a mistake in cost estimation by Coordinadora, the Spanish platform spent 4,370 Euro.
Find solution for this deficit

Financial contributions in general

The Assembly discussed the structure the affiliation fees. A structure of affiliation fees was already in place before the Malta Assembly (2009). During the Malta Assembly it was decided to revise the affiliation fee structure. The Management Team and Steering Group proposed a revised structure which was accepted. The Assembly discussed whether this affiliation fee should be obligatory or voluntary. Some National Coalitions raised concerns that some Coalitions do not have the financial resources to pay such an affiliation fee. Other National Coalitions suggested that this affiliation fee, if even a very small contribution shows the commitment of all national coalitions to GCAP Europe, which in turn would help us access more funds.

The Assembly agreed the principles for the financing of GCAP Europe structures as follows:

Financial contributions from National Coalitions give GCAP Europe the means to deliver its collective ambitions and gives us legitimacy with potential external funders. Annual voluntary contributions are an expression of each National Coalition's commitment to the campaign.

For this reason, the following contribution scheme is agreed for orientation:

Total annual budget	Fee
€0 – €10,000	Fee to be discussed with the Secretariat
€10,000 - €25,000	€100
€25,000 - €50,000	€250
€50,000 - €100,000	€500
€100,000 - €150,000	€750
€150,000 - €250,000	€1,000
€250,000+	€1,500+

At end of each year, the GCAP Europe Secretariat, in co-operation with GCAP Europe Management Team prepares an overview of the annual budget for the following year, related to the agreed work plan. This budget will be circulated to all National Coalitions.

GCAP Europe Secretariat will send an invoice to each National Coalitions in Europe for their contribution. Payment should be made as soon as possible, preferably in Mid-April each year.

At the end of each year, ideally at the European Assembly, the Management Team will circulate the for that year financial statement.

Options of hosting the new GCAP Europe Secretariat

GCAP Portugal is willing to host and partially fund the Secretariat. GCAP Portugal can secure one year funding to support the Secretariat. In this first year, the Portuguese government will pay 50% of the Secretariat's staff salary costs (these government funds come from a Portuguese employment programme that is technically a once-off grant for one year. However, it is possible that this funding could be accessed in the future. This would ensure some sustainability beyond the first year).

There are views in GCAP Global that would welcome a GCAP presence in Brussels.

Agreements

The Assembly agreed to endorse the offer of GCAP Portugal to establish a GCAP Europe Secretariat.

In 2011, the Secretariat and the Steering Group are mandated to explore how to create better links with the international networks based in Brussels ("Secretariat+").

Budget for the Secretariat hosted by Oikos/ GCAP Portugal

Budget for 12 months, starting Nov 2010	
Salary/ Employment related costs (Full time)	12 x 1,000 Euro (50% by external funder, 50% by GCAP)
Office, Communication	(by GCAP Portugal)
Travel and Misc.	4,000 Euro
Assembly related costs	5,000 Euro
Mobilisation related costs	

15,000 Euro is needed for a minimal functioning Europe Secretariat and minimal activities in 2011, (absolute minimum 10,000). The attending NC pledged the following contributions for 2011:

- GCAP Portugal: 2,000 Euro
- GCAP Germany: 2,000 Euro (1,000 Euro for 2010 and 2011 each)
- GCAP UK: 1,000 to 2,000 Euro
- GCAP Malta: 50 Euro
- GCAP France announced possibility to contribute in 2011
- GCAP Netherlands: tbc
- GCAP Belgium: tbc
- GCAP Slovenia: tbc

Other platforms, e.g. GCAP Russia, Ireland, Scotland, Italy will be asked bilaterally

Letter of Intention

At the end of the Assembly in Bonn, GCAP Europe Steering Group will send a letter to GCAP Portugal expressing confirmation of commitment by GCAP Europe to raise funds for GCAP Europe Secretariat costs in 2011.

Session 7: GCAP Europe representation

GCAP Global Council

There are two seats for Europe. Currently, there is a GCAP rule that states that when regions are putting forward two individuals they “should be a man and a woman”

Prior to the Assembly, a nomination and election process was agreed, with a deadline for nominations of 21st October.

By this deadline, one nomination was received by Glen Tarman. This nomination was sent to all National coalitions/platforms for endorsement.

Seat 1:

Glen Tarman’s nomination was endorsed by GCAP Scotland and GCAP Czech Republic by email prior to the Assembly. The Assembly welcomes the willingness of Glen to take the responsibility and endorses his seat on the Global Council.

Seat 2:

Bruno Neto accepted a nomination after the deadline.

The European Assembly discussed Bruno’s nomination and the existing GCAP rule about a man and a women representative.

In relation to the second seat, the European Assembly agreed the following:

- The Assembly endorses the nomination of Bruno for the second seat.

- GCAP Europe is committed to finding a suitable female candidate for the second seat. Over the next four months, the GCAP Europe Steering Group will coordinate a search and selection process. Should a suitable female candidate is selected, Bruno agrees to step down from the second seat and assume the role of alternate.

- The Assembly agreed to ask the Global Council to review the current rule. The Steering group was tasked with drafting a statement that will be circulated to national coalitions/platforms for approval.

GCAP Europe Steering Group (SG)

The Assembly reviewed and adjusted the mandate of the SG (see Annex IV: Mandate of the GCAP Europe Steering Group for the new and endorse version of the mandate). New SG:

	Name	Coalition	Role/ function/ comment
1	Bruno Neto	GCAP Portugal	Management Team (Host Organisation)
2	Amanda van Nieuwenhoven	GCAP Netherlands	Acting Chair (may step out during 2011)
3	Joanna Rea	GCAP UK	
4	Ingo Ritz	GCAP Germany	
5	Balazs Frida	GCAP Hungary	Interested in Media/ Mobilisation
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The Assembly decided to have the Steering Group with Management Team (MT) roles instead of having two structures, i.e. the MT and SG. After the Assembly in Bonn there will be an open call to all national coalitions to fill the remaining vacant posts of the SG including the MT roles.

The assembly endorsed the current members of the Steering Group and Management Team. Should we manage to fill the remaining vacant posts they will be endorsed by the steering group that was endorsed by the European Assembly. A final list will be sent to national coalitions .

Frederique Kram will hand over tasks to the new SG with MT roles in the coming months.

The following people and coalitions showed interest in joining the SG and Management Team:

A request will be sent to each to confirm their interest.

- Simon Gabrichidze / Nino Gvanshili (GCAP Georgia) – by Amanda/ Frederique
- Maria (GCAP Russia) – by Bruno
- Jasse (GCAP Belgium) – by Ingo
- Sanubar Nazarova / Huseyn Humbatov (GCAP Azerbaijan)- by Frederique
- Azra Sheikh (GCAP Scotland) – by Amanda

GCAP Constituency Groups

The Assembly discussed GCAP European representation in the following groups:

- Feminist Task Force: Luisa Cruz Hefti (Switzerland; not linked to GCAP Europe/ language barrier), Bruno Neto (Observer)
- Socially Excluded: not addressed
- Trade Unions/ Workers: not addressed
- INGO: not addressed
- Youth and Children: Pieter-Jos van Kampen (from Netherlands)

The Assembly mandates the European Global Council representatives to reach out to the INGO representatives and invite them to liaise closely with GCAP Europe.

The Steering Group is asked to develop strategies to strengthen European representation in the Constituency Groups mentioned above.

GCAP Global Task Forces

The Assembly discussed the GCAP European representation in:

- Mobilisation Task Force: Jasse (Belgium), Tim Gee/Leo Williams (MDGs 2010) (UK)
- G8/G20: Germany (tbc in 2011), UK, Russia, France?, Italy?, Spain?
- Learning and Accountability: Bruno (Portugal), Huseyn Humberov (Azerbaijan)
- Climate?

The Assembly is concerned about the proper functioning of the Mobilisation Task Force, especially when mobilisation is considered as the major strength and added-value of GCAP.

The Global Council should be asked to clarify if the Climate Task Force and other Task Forces are (still) active.

Session 8: Strengthen the capacity of National Coalitions/ Learning and Accountability

Due to time constraints, this session was switched to an email discussion. The Steering Group will forward a document by Bruno Neto from to Learning and Accountability Task Force. The Learning and Accountability Task Force is open for new committed members to join.

The work plan of the Global Council included an assessment of constituency groups, regional and global structures and task forces by January 2011.

Closing Session: GCAP Europe Assembly 2011

The next GCAP Europe Assembly should take place in autumn 2011 and should reflect on the work plan agreed in Bonn.

GCAP UK/ Bond is exploring hosting the GCAP Europe Assembly 2011 in London. They will explore funding for part of a wider conference that may help delegates that might need financial support. It might be easier to obtain visa for UK since it is not a Schengen country. The third day should be training; sharing experiences and capacity building as well as a discussion on improving practice and maintaining public support for development.

Other possible options for the GCAP Europe Assembly in 2011 are: hosting by an Eastern European coalition, Brussels (Jasse to check whether this is a possibility for GCAP Belgium) or Portugal.

Whilst the Assembly welcomes the UK proposal, the Steering Group will explore the other available options in case the UK option is not viable.

Annex

Annex I: Reviewing 2009 – 2010

Each participant shared recent national campaign experience:

GCAP UK/ Bond – In the first half of the year they worked on the national elections. They developed a manifesto related to the national elections and development issues to encourage voters to take a global perspective in their voting. In the second half of the year they focused on the stand up. They produced a video clip on the Stand Up to show at the UN MDG Summit (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixiXFJxYkBs>). They have also worked on the G20 process.

GCAP Germany – The main work of this coalition was staging the chalk outline of a dead body. They also staged flash mobs of the outline of a dead body in various cities all over Germany. Frederique Kram asked whether this campaign has attracted media attention. Ulrich Schlenker claimed that this campaign has attracted local media but they did not have the capacity to attract national media. The symbol “chalk outline” aimed to raise attention for the issue. In a next step people were asked to sign a petition (Voice against Poverty). Voices were presented prior to the MDG summit in Sep in a press conference with the involvement of German celebrities. Other work of the German Coalition includes the Stand Up, At the Table and a MDG Report. The Bangladesh Network NETZ from Germany also organized a stand up with Bangladeshi Schools and German Schools. Pictures of the Bangladeshi Schools’ stand up were exchanged with the German Schools.

UN Millennium Campaign Germany – They have toured Germany with their campaign. They have also organized their own stand up event.

GCAP Hungary – In 2010 they have worked to reenergize their coalition. They focused their work with student organizations and schools. They organized a stand up event in Budapest with a high presence of high school students. GCAP Hungary is now gearing up toward the Hungarian EU Presidency. They would like the other coalitions to give ideas on campaigning, media and events to make them more visible during the Hungarian Presidency. Frederique Kram asked what was the strategy behind choosing to work with high school students. Balazs Frida claimed that since at the moment the coalition is not very strong they have decided to tap on young people as they are usually receptive to new ideas.

GCAP Portugal – They focused on financial sustainability. They have worked with schools all over Portugal, as well as small NGOs. They gave free consultancy sessions on how to organize campaigns and projects that are sustainable. They have also created a new informative and upbeat website. They worked closely with their President but not as closely with their government. They have also established a new partnership with Civicus International and the Portuguese Youth Council. They are also working to build institutional relationships. From the 17th September to the 17th October they organized numerous events to make people closer to the campaign. GCAP Portugal also works with local deprived communities. Pobreza Zero co-finances small projects in Portugal. This strategy helps GCAP Portugal to make the public understand better international development as sometimes international development is a too abstract concept for the public. It is also very important for Portugal to make a link between local and global poverty. This strategy helps the campaign to become more popular and known.

GCAP Russia – worked on two main projects, one on Health Care with the aim of improving health access to Russian citizens as well as to improve health services. The second project is Sharing the Responsibility. The latter project aims to build a group of NGO experts on MDGs who will work with Sherpas to promote the interests of poor people in Russia and elsewhere. This project is coordinated with the Economics Department of a Russian University. As to campaigning they organized the At the

Table event and the Stand Up. They have also organized an essay competition on Russia as a Global Player. The turn out of this competition was very high. They also worked on a questionnaire that was targeted to young people, which was then compiled into a report and handed to the Russian Sherpa. Another event was a graffiti competition. The goal of the competition was to inform youth on what is going on the MDGs and what Russia can do as a global player. This competition attracted media attention. Another competition was a child painting competition. Through this painting competition they have also reached parents. They have set up an exhibition of these paintings. They also wrote a strategy for their coalition.

GCAP Slovenia – Most of the events were held last week, with stand up in several primary schools. They were also active in the Slovenian Development Days, which was organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Platform. GCAP Slovenia had a stand in the Development Days to help promote the work of GCAP Slovenia. They established a good relationship with their national NGDO Platform. In fact GCAP Slovenia has become a working group within the national platform. The relationship with their platform has helped them to facilitate better and their work and maybe their Platform will give them office space.

GCAP Belgium – In 2010 GCAP Belgium focused their work on the MDGs. The members of the coalition welcomed this strategy with enthusiasm. The first step was to find sponsors to make it easier. This year's campaign is called The Waiting Campaign. The Waiting Campaign is a one year long campaign targeting both the general public as well as the politicians. GCAP Belgium cooperated with cities and towns to make their campaign stronger. The public campaign reached its peak on the 11th September where they gathered in a public event at Ghent. Artists and celebrities who support the MDGs have participated in this public event. In Ghent they have also showed films and held debates. This event attracted a lot of media attention. In Ghent more than 15,000 people gathered to show support for the achievement of the MDGs. GCAP Belgium have filmed various excerpts of the Ghent event and made into a video clip to promote support for the MDGs with important Belgian political leaders like the Prime Minister, the Development Minister, etc. Since both the video and the Ghent event were very well covered by the media, the political leaders could not refuse to watch it. This video showed the political leaders what the Belgian people are expecting from them in relation to their commitment to the MDGs.

GCAP Netherlands – They have linked the MDGs with the fashion world. In their website they opened a shop where you can buy stuff that is linked to one or more MDG, which means that if you buy that particular product you are supporting the MDG/s linked to that product. They have also used the social media extensively in their campaign. They have done a lot of campaigning through their website.

GCAP Malta – This year GCAP Malta did not organize the stand up event as September is very bad timing. GCAP Malta usually works with schools and NGOs to organize the stand up but in Malta schools start late September and most of the NGOs would be either on shut down or else abroad doing voluntary work, hence it was not possible. So this year GCAP Malta collaborated with CAMYouths during the CAMCamp. This camp gathered about 150 young people and was held between 10th and 12th September. The aim of STOPoverty's participation in this camp was to empower these young people to become active global citizens and work harder to eradicate global poverty. As part of this exercise, the young persons took the initiative to write messages on MDG postcards to key leaders in our society, including the President, all MPs and MEPs, the Church, key persons from the national media, key people at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the political parties' presidents, etc with the aim of encourage these key personalities to increase their support towards the achievement of the MDGs and the eradication of poverty. The campaign had good coverage by the national media.

Annex II: Calendar of political, social and other key events / opportunities 2011

Date	Event / World Day	Focus
01 Jan.	Begin EU presidency Hungary	
Nov 2010 – Nov 2011	Begin G8/G20 presidency France	
26-30 Jan.	World Economic Forum, Davos, Switzerland	“Over 40 Years of Commitment to a better World”
06-11 Feb.	World Social Forum, Dakar, Senegal	History of African resistance
Feb.	EU-Africa Trade & Investment Conference	Trade & Investment
Feb.	G20 finance meeting	Finance
Mar.	G20 summit on agriculture	Agriculture
08 Mar.	International Women’s Day	Gender Equality
22 Mar.	World Water Day	Water
7 Apr.	World Health Day	Health
30 May – 03 Jun.	Fourth UN Conference on Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Istanbul, Turkey	LDCs
1 May	International Workers’ Day	
16 May	World Debt Day	Debt
Jun.	G8 Summit, France	G8 Agenda
16 Jun	Day of the African Child	
01 Jul.	Begin EU presidency Poland	
Jul.	AU Summit, prob. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Youth and sustainable Development
09 Aug	International Day of World’s Indigenous People	
12 Aug.	World Youth Day	
08 Sept.	International Literacy Day	Education
07 Oct.	World Day for Decent Work	Decent Work
15 Oct.	Rural Women’s Day	Gender Justice
16 Oct.	World Food Day	Hunger
17 Oct	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	Poverty, MDGs, Human rights
17 Oct (TBC)	Stand up and Take Action against Poverty and Inequality (TBC)	Poverty, MDGs
Nov.	Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (HLF4), Busan, South-Korea	More and better aid
Nov.	G20 Summit	G20 Agenda
28 Nov. – 09 Dec.	COP 17, South-Africa	Climate Change

Note: Dates of EU institutions, ECOFIN, Councils,... are missing

EU presidencies 2011-2013:

Hungary: Jan-Jun 2011

Cyprus: Jul-Dec 2012

Poland: Jul-Dec 2011

Ireland: Jan-Jun 2013

Denmark: Jan-Jun 2012

Lithuania: Jul-Dec 2013

Annex III: GCAP France

The following information was shared by Nathalie Dupont (Coordination SUD) on 2nd Nov:

Timetable

- January 27-28th : GCAP G8/G20 working group meeting
- February 6-11th : World Social Forum
- February 11-12th : first G20 finances
- March : G8 foreign affairs
- April : second G20 finances
- May: G20 agriculture
- June: G8 (Nice)
- September : G20 employment and work
- October : third G20 finances
- November : G20 (Deauville)

Agenda:

G8:

1. Security and terrorism
2. Partnership with Africa
3. Social and economic issues in G8 countries

G20:

1. Framework for Strong, Sustainable and Balanced Growth
2. Financial sector and International Financial Institutions
3. Development (8 pillars as for Seoul)
4. New issues suggested by France: international monetary system reform, global governance (UN Security Council reform, G20 enlargement), agricultural prices volatility

Concerning development:

- infrastructures
- Private investment/employment
- Human resources development
- trade
- food security
- Resilient growth
- governance (fiscal and financial issues)
- sharing of the knowledge

CSO mobilisations

1. Coordination Sud, the French NGO platform, will
 - a. Organize the G8G20 Working group meeting
 - b. Send a delegation for the consultations with the Institutional task force. We will have regular exchanges (each month) inside an organized framework.
 - c. Take a common position for each summits

- d. Our working group will be specially engaged for specific summits (for example concerning the G20 agriculture)
- 2. A French campaign coalition has been settled coordinated by CRID (Centre de Recherches et d'Informations pour le Développement), and ATTAC. They prepared an international call for civil society mobilizations. And they will organize the different marches, people summits and other events. We don't know yet who will organize the civil summits.

Annex IV: Mandate of the GCAP Europe Steering Group

GCAP Europe is the regional coordination of the global alliance. Its affiliates are GCAP National Coalitions in Europe and regional CSO networks active as GCAP supporting organisations.

Mandate

The GCAP Europe Steering Group is the regional coordinating body of GCAP in Europe. Its main mandate is to oversee the implementation of GCAP Europe's strategic plan and its annual objectives, and to take decisions for the region within this framework.

The Steering Group is in charge of linking the global structures to the National Coalitions in Europe. The Steering Group coordinates its work with the 2 European representatives in the GCAP Global Council.

The Steering Group is elected by the annual GCAP Europe Assembly. Its mandate runs from one assembly to the next. During this period, the Steering Group can co-opt individuals.

The Steering Group is composed of maximum 8 representatives from GCAP Europe affiliated National Coalitions and supporting organisations who are actively involved. At least 2/3 of the Steering Group members should come from national GCAP coalitions. The Steering Group strives for gender balance. Members of the Steering Group are accountable to GCAP Europe.

The Steering Group nominates three members of the Steering Group as the **Management Team** in charge of handling the financial and operational tasks, especially related to the GCAP Europe Secretariat. One member of the Management Team is representing the host organisation of the GCAP Europe Secretariat.

There are different tasks and responsibilities to fulfil. The following roles should be filled:

- Chair
- Co-Chair
- Management Team 1 (Host Organisation)
- Management Team 2
- Management Team 3
- Liaising with Global Council representatives

Additional roles may be defined if appropriate:

- Liaising with Global Mobilisation Task Force and/or other Global Task Forces
- Coordinating outreach activities and the work with other networks
- Different positions to coordinate different aspects of the work plan (e.g. Stand Up, MDG, G8)
- Coordinating media activities

Ways of working of the Steering Group

The Steering Group works mainly through monthly phone conferences. Face-to-face meetings may take place.

The Steering Group operates in complete transparency. Minutes of Steering Group meetings and phone conferences are shared with all GCAP Europe affiliates.

Members of the Steering Group must commit to be actively involved in the Steering Group's work for the time of its mandate.

The Steering Group is facilitated by the GCAP Europe Secretariat.