

## Meeting Minutes – Steering Committee of ICH NGO Forum

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**Date:** 02/05/2019

**Time:** 15:00 (GMT +1)

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### Attendance

Meg Nömgård, Naila Ceribasic, Dong Hwan Choi, Kaloyan Nikolov, Jorge Gustavo Caicedo, Reme Sakr

### Agenda Items

- 1- Steering Committee electoral rules.
- 2- Capacity building project in Turkey
- 3- 14.COM
- 4- Expert meeting in Paris 21-22 May

### Action Items

- 1- The SC discussed the possible amendment of the electoral rules. Could terms be extended from a maximum of 4 years? Or in other words, could a candidate re-nominate themselves for more than 2 consecutive terms? One scenario would be that candidates will only serve for one year instead of the normal 2-year term. Another scenario would be that should there be no viable candidates then the seat will remain unfilled for a period of one year.

On another note, current electoral rules state that candidates must have attended at least 2 IGC meetings. This is somewhat contradictory to the 'alternative candidate' process, where NGOs normally send the same person to attend these meetings and therefore, any alternate candidate from the same NGO would not fulfill this particular requirement. Should the rules be amended to that the NGO, and not the candidate in their personal capacity, have attended at least 2 IGCs?

Also, the maximum of two-terms for SC candidates applies for how long? How long after the serving of two terms may a candidate re nominate themselves?

- 2- Naila Ceribasic was in contact with Susanne Schnuttgen from the Secretariat who commended the Capacity Building project in Turkey, however, the Secretariat will not actively support the project where its implementation will have to come through Turkey alone.
- 3- Members of the SC agreed to incorporate capacity building activities within the 14.COM agenda for NGOs. It is also necessary to connect with local Colombian NGOs for this matter. The SC decided to

create two working groups: Capacity Building and General programme (Naila, Reme and Donghwan), Budget and Logistics (Jorge, Kaloyan and Meg). Seraphin to assist where he sees fit.

- 4- Meg will contact NGO representative who will take part in the expert meeting to be held at UNESCO in May in order to draft a report about the meeting and their participation in its proceedings.

## **Other business**

## **Next meeting**

Undefined