

## **WG Meeting minutes**

### **Working group for more balanced geographical representation of NGOs**

Thursday, 27th January 2022 / 09:00 – 10:30 (Paris time/GMT+1)

#### **Welcome / Agenda**

Chairperson of the working group, Cholponai U-G from Aigine research center, welcomed all the participants to the meeting and went through the Agenda of the meeting. Recording and minutes of the meeting are going to be distributed at the ICH NGO Forum's website and Youtube channel.

#### **Presentation from Mauritius**

Maroussia Bouvery from accredited NGO Abaim gave a presentation about the situation of civil society and role of NGOs in Mauritius.

#### **Questions and discussion**

One way to share awareness of the possibility to get accredited and get more accredited NGOs from the underrepresented areas could be helping and supporting all the NGOs to contact their neighboring countries. Focusing on the areas, where there is not yet accredited NGOs. Aim is to reach out the NGOs and let them know about the possibility of accreditation and also offer help with filling in the forms and giving advise with the ways to go forward with the process of the accreditation.

Work of the WG should be aimed to the possible new NGOs from the underrepresented regions, which are not yet accredited.

Organizing online meetings is a good way to share the awareness of the possibility of accreditation, but also live real-life contact was seen very important.

It is essential to implement the actions of awareness raising in many different languages.

Chairperson presented the material of the WG at the [ichngo.com](http://www.ichngoforum.org/wg/balanced-geographical-representation-ngos/) webpage:

Please share the info to all you think might be interested!

#### **Outreach plan**

The chairperson presented the draft Outreach plan.

#### **Q&A and closing of the meeting**

The outreach plan was regarded very valuable and thoroughly made. It is at the same time very simple and very ambitious. It is important that as many individuals and NGOs participate as

possible in the work. The work of the WG will/should be done in close collaboration with the steering committee of the ICHNGO Forum.

The outreach plan might be presented in more simple manner, so that it could be understandable. It was mentioned that a monthly easy access zoom-meeting could be organized, with the aim to get in contact with the potential NGO, which might be interested of the accreditation.

It is important to focus on the underrepresented areas in all our actions.

We have to remember that not all NGOs and communities can be reached through digital means. We also have to focus on other means of sharing awareness. WG should try to find other (not online) methods to reach the appropriate NGOs and communities.

Chairperson closed the meeting and concluded that the meeting was very fruitful.

Recording of the meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKINM2Wuk9M>

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- 09:00 – 09:10 Bienvenue / ordre du jour
- 09:10 – 09:25 Présentation de Maurice
- 09:25 – 09:45 Questions et discussion
- 09:45 – 10:10 Plan de sensibilisation
- 10:10 – 10:20 Questions-réponses et clôture de la réunion