



BOARD MEETING – MONDAY, 19 September 2022, 13.00 - 14.00 AEST

MINUTES

Attendees: Joanne Choe (Vice Chair), Therese Faulkner, Nicky Thatcher, Rachel Mason Nunn, Sara Webb, Brad Bowman, Jane Haycock

Apologies: Michaela Sargent

Number	Item	Details
1.	Decision on IDCC Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022/23	For decision

Following a discussion between board members, the board decided that:

- Joanne Choe is appointed as IDCC Board Chair for 2022/23
- Therese Faulkner is appointed as IDCC Vice-Chair for six months from September 2022 to February 2023.
- The board will reconsider the position of Vice-Chair in early 2023 to enable succession planning.

These appointments would enable continuity in leadership and support for the development of the IDCC as an organisation.

Actions

- Jane to advise members of these decisions.
- Jane to circulate to all board members a summary of the revised governance structure, draft board charter, and committee membership as it was prior to the AGM
- Board to discuss updating committee membership at its September meeting.
- Jane and Nicky to develop and share board induction pack.

2.	Meeting with MIDP	For decision
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The IDCC is scheduled to meet with Mr Pat Conroy, MIDP on Tuesday 27th September at 4pm. Incoming board Chair Jo Choe is unable to attend due to pre-existing commitments. The board discussed whether to request a revised date for the meeting, optimal timing for such a meeting with regards to the October government budget, who should attend and what should be discussed. The board decided the following:

Actions

- We should seek an alternative date, preferably mid-October before the budget and notify IDCC members of the change (Jane)
- We should agree a list of key points to raise ahead of the meeting, including the forward schedule of IDCC-MIDP meetings, which we should seek to regularise (Jane to coordinate based on existing tasking related to preparing a budget response)
- If our engagement with DFAT on taxation issues in PNG has not progressed, we should consider the best way of raising this with the Minister
- We should consult with members ahead of the meeting to seek their questions (Jane)
- We expect five IDCC representatives to be in the room. This should include Jo and Jane, complemented by people representing the diversity of IDCC's membership. (all to discuss at Sept board meeting)

3.	Treaties and taxation	For discussion
<p>Jane recalled her conversation with Beth Delaney from the previous week. Before undertaking a study into aid treaties and taxation she suggested it to help clarify the situation for us and DFAT. In discussion the board noted the situation in PNG was very clearly set out in the letter sent to the DFAT Secretary in April. The government had acted very quickly to pass legislation related to the unfunded liability created when the High Court decided in favour of DFAT employees who were claiming additional superannuation contributions based on their service overseas. This is a similar situation from the perspective of the government carrying an unfunded liability should PNG retain taxable income from aid expenditures and should the affected companies reclaim this lost income from DFAT.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We could consult members on the situation in other countries. Before deciding to do this, we should reconvene the team that prepared the initial letter to DFAT to update our understanding of the current situation, and consider how to progress it (Jo) • We should write to the new DFAT secretary requesting a meeting and highlighting the extant letter (Jane) 		
4.	Australian Aid Conference	For discussion
<p>Jane said that she had spoken to Cam Hall at Dev Pol about their proposal for the IDCC to work with several organisations that had submitted unsuccessful AAC proposals. The idea would be for our localisation panel to engage with ni-Vanuatu managers of DFAT funded programs (contact Anna Gibert, an IDCC member). Our GEDSI and infrastructure panel would include Natalia Beghin (Alinea International, IDCC member) who had submitted a proposal on data and gender. The board decided:</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We can accept Dev Pol's proposals. Jane to coordinate with Cam and our panel convenors • Jo to discuss with Stuart whether he wishes to continue to convene the localisation panel. If not, Jo will. • Panel convenors, supported by Jane, should set out a process for preparation, to include how the panels should be structured ('in conversation' with, separate presentations etc.) and the key messages we want to convey. <p>Jo noted there is some disquiet in the aid community among the large number of organisations that submitted unsuccessful abstracts, who were unclear on the reasons they were not selected. Other conferences were being mooted – IDCC should keep abreast of the situation</p> <p>Jo asked about the in-person IDCC members meeting we are proposing to hold in the margins of the AAC. Jane said, following discussions with Stuart and on the enhanced members call, she had asked members to pencil Thursday 1 December into their diaries. A Thursday meeting would allow IDCC members to reflect on the conference and focus on how to strengthen our networks and the international development for-profit consultancy community. The board discussed the merits of moving the meeting to Monday so that members could limit their travel time. Board discussed whether to invite Pat Conroy to meet with us during the conference period – noting he was also likely to be the keynote. No decision taken.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane to discuss the conference agenda with Cam and report back on how a Monday meeting might fit. 		
5.	IDCC Board meetings	For discussion/decision
<p>The September board meeting is scheduled for 30th September, on the pattern that it is the last Friday of the month. Therese, Jo and Jane are unable to attend so it was decided to hold the meeting on Friday 7th October, at 1300. Rachel will be in London (UK) and sends apologies.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane to issue revised board meeting invite 		

