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Steering Committee Meeting - 26 August 2013

Present at the meeting: Toby, Said, Codru, Eduardo, Andreas (Shushan, Andrea, Gergana were not able to attend).

Audio of the meeting was not recorded.

1. Update on developments

Andreas was welcomed by the Steering Committee as the new FOIANet Coordinator as Lydia has now left.

The new funding proposal submitted to OSF was explained by Toby – OSF appears not to be keen to indefinitely fund the FOIANet without growth in other funding support from other areas. Explained that there is a need to do this as FOIANet has failed so far. Current proposal includes some funding for a Steering Committee meeting around OGP London Summit Oct 31-Nov1. Suggested that at the Summit, other FOIANet members could be contacted and discussion held about how to further develop funding. Asked for SC to keep dates for London open.

Action: Andreas to email FOIANet reminding them to register/secure funding for the London OGP summit, as suggested by Said, if not done already.

Other activities being funded from previous and current proposals were mentioned by Andreas, including printing of Global RTI Update and sending out in time for Right to Know Day. Website is currently ready with form and Google map for Right to Know Day. Also upgrade/redesign of the website. **Action: Email FOIANet members about RTKD form to fill in their events.**

2. OGP and possible SC meeting

Need already identified to come up with an idea to send to the OGP as a proposal for a discussion panel.

Toby suggested talking about the relationship between open data and RTI, and how OGP has moved too far towards open data, at the expense of more classical RTI issues. Eduardo suggested record management after a previous meeting and from conversations he has had with others outside SC. Codru's suggestion of training kit/session for OGP on RTI not quite right for a panel discussion, but possibly good idea as a set of activities that the FOIANet could undertake after London. Said suggested creating guidelines, a manifesto or other similar things to help push countries on OGP commitments and mentioned link between business and open data.

Another issue identified was the need to get FOIANet members more engaged in OGP process as well as discussion on how to make the OGP more effective for RTI.

Action: Toby to make proposal to FOIANet SC to be discussed quickly by email and for him to finalise and send to the OGP tomorrow (05/09/2013).

3. Forward planning based on new proposal

To be discussed via email

4. Focus for RTKD 2013

Toby floated idea to create focus for Right to Know Day with a topic, like World Press Freedom Day, in order to attract attention to RTKD, help coordinate activities etc. Codru suggested the topic of Information Commissioners given the upcoming ICIC. Link to work at the UN maybe for another year. Decided to push forward with an all-day online discussion (Twitter, Facebook, other social media) for RTKD with hashtag, focusing on topics around Information Commissioners (the need for ICs, working with ICs etc). Questions to be asked throughout the day, with certain FOIANet (SC) members helping to keep debate alive throughout the day with questions.

Action: SC to discuss further by email the potential questions for RTKD and to contact FOIANet informing them of the plan.

5. AOB

a. Pending memberships

Already discussed by email.

Next meeting date to be discussed by email.