



Association of Former International Civil Servants for Development

## **RECORD**

**200<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee**  
**Thursday, 24 October 2024**  
**10:00 am – 11:15 pm**  
**Via Zoom**

Alejandro Bonilla Garcia  
Jean Erhardt  
Carlotta Graffigna  
Cécile Molinier  
René Kirszbaum  
Esther Guluma  
Gesche Karrenbrock  
Mohan Panicker  
Francesca Toso

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

### **2. UBS**

For information, the formalities with UBS have not been completed yet. The Bank needs the original record of the 199<sup>th</sup> EC, with original signatures. That is now done and when two of the bank account signatories go to the Bank with Cécile to add her signature and delete the signatures which are no longer valid, Greycells will ask for a credit card for the association.

### **3. Office related:**

#### **a. FIPOI**

#### **b. Equipment**

Regarding FIPOI, it was agreed that the names of Jean and Cécile should be communicated by Alejandro as emergency contacts.

Regarding Greycells' equipment, the inventory prepared by Cécile has been signed by Alejandro, Jean and Cécile and is annexed to the present summary record.

#### **4. Internet related :**

- a. Email**
- b. Infomaniak**
- c. Website**
- d. Wix**
- e. Ninja forms**
- f. Slider revolution**
- g. Zoom**

Regarding the Greycells email account, Cécile and Carlotta have access, and Jean will be added. The mailbox regularly gets filled with invitations and unwanted mail. Alejandro regularly cleans it out and unsubscribes from the unwanted mail. These cleaning and unsubscribing tasks will continue to be done regularly by Cécile at a later stage.

The Greycells account is linked to a calendar shared with Eduki for the reservation of the conference room. It is also linked to a YouTube account, which should be used from now on to post videos.

Infomaniak hosts the website and manages its name and its property rights via Wix. The yearly subscription for its services, which include Wix, will have to be renewed, and once obtained, the Greycells credit card should be provided as backup.

Regarding the website, Alejandro, Gesche and Esther followed a basic training on WordPress some time ago and Alejandro has been maintaining it. Alejandro and Gesche have agreed on a handover to take place shortly, and the update of the KACM page on the Greycells website will be used to practice. It was agreed that Mohan would provide Alejandro and Gesche with updated material on the 2023 and 2024 KACM cohorts to post on the website.

Regarding the design and the content of the website, it was agreed that the design would need to be reviewed in-depth, to reflect the conclusions of the Reflection group, and that the Executive Committee should provide guidelines to the website master for the inclusion of material.

Regarding add-ons to the website, the subscription to Ninja forms should be renewed, and the subscription to Slider revolution should not.

The Zoom account will be charged to the Greycells credit card as of February 2025.

Alejandro raised the issue of the recordings of meetings, which can no longer be stored in the Zoom cloud for lack of space. It was agreed that, starting from this date, he will save the recordings to the Google drive of Greycells until space is cleared on the Zoom cloud by deleting old EC meetings recordings, saving only recordings of GA meetings and of

events such as intergenerational dialogues and Greytalks. Mohan suggested buying additional space on the Google drive and volunteered to help in managing the recordings.

## **5. Social media related**

- a. Facebook**
- b. LinkedIn**
- c. X/Twitter**
- d. YouTube**
- e.**

The question was asked whether an association could open a social media account. Alejandro will check. It was agreed that a social media master should be designated at a later stage. For the time being, there was no content to be added. Several EC members said they did not have any social media accounts and did not wish to be linked to any GC social media accounts.

Regarding You Tube, it was agreed that henceforth videos should be posted on GC's account, and no longer on Alejandro's. The link to the videos already posted on the GC website, linked to Alejandro's account, will remain valid.

## **6. Counterparts related**

- a. Club Suisse de la presse**
- b. CAGI**

The EC will decide at a later stage whether GC's institutional membership in the Club Suisse de la presse should be renewed.

Regarding CAGI, the name of Jean should replace that of Manuela on the list of registered counterparts on behalf of Greycells.

## **7. Transition agenda**

**The date of the extraordinary session of the GA has already been set for December 10<sup>th</sup>.** Michael Moller has been contacted informally and has indicated tentatively his availability to chair the meeting.

**The date of the 2025 GA has been set for Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.** Mohan raised the issue of the collaboration with the KACM, which must be reaffirmed before the end of 2024. In that regard, **it was agreed to hold a special meeting of GC mentors on November 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at the Pastorale and via Zoom.** The resulting feedback will form the basis of the discussion by Alejandro and Mohan with the KAF team to enhance the 2025 program. This meeting will be held in early December 2024.

## **8. Distribution to members of statements for support**

Alejandro had been asked by some EC members to bring petitions and open letters to the attention of GC members, which he had done after virtual consultation with the EC.

Carlotta mentioned that the Reflection group had identified some areas for policy decisions. Pending the elaboration of a GC policy in those areas, it was agreed that Alejandro should bring to the attention of GC members petitions or open letters emanating from GC partners.

**9. Date of the next meeting**

No date was set for the next meeting at this stage.