

CALP NETWORK BOARD MEETING – 01 DECEMBER 2022

MEETING NOTE

With up to 13 individuals drawn from across the CALP membership, the Board brings together wide-ranging expertise and experience. The structure of the Board is designed to ensure people from the different constituencies of CALP are present, but when they meet as a Board they put organizational mandates to one side and work solely in the interests of the CALP Network.

This short update of the December 2022 Board meeting provides a summary of discussions and decisions.

WELCOME & PREVIOUS MINUTES

Anissa Toscano, the Chair, welcome everyone to the meeting and:

- Thanked Marit Glad for her time on the Board as she stepped down having completed her term.
- Welcomed new board members Miriam Opwanyo-Laker, Tariq Riebl and Caroline Holt.
- Offered huge thanks to those who helped with Board interviews.

The Minutes of the September meeting were approved.

PROGRESS REPORT & FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board discussed the Progress and Financial Reports, including:

- Cash Coordination and CALP staff engagement with the Cash Advisory Group (CAG).
- Two studies on [policy mapping](#) and [scaling CVA](#) launched in the second week of December. A [policy brief](#) has been developed that brings together the points from both studies.
- State of the World's Cash (SOWC) report - research is progressing. Alongside this CALP is exploring citation tracking so we can better understand where the report (and other reports) is used.
- The Risk Register has been updated to include a new risk about inflation and its impacts on CVA (both real and perceived). CALP staff have found an increasing number of cases where the issue of inflation and its impacts on CVA (both real and perceived) is arising, and, in some cases, the need for myth-busting about market impacts is increasing. [Inflation guidance in the CALP library can be found here.](#)

REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)

Amos Doornbos, Disaster Management Strategy & Systems Director at World Vision International, shared some of the headlines from the last TAG meeting and the Board responded with some questions around:

- Cash coordination and the Cash Advisory Group (CAG) and whether the diversity of members and perspectives can be increased within the CAG.

- The report on the [use of CVA in the context of human mobility in the Americas](#). The question is, as a network, can we focus more on local contextualisation rather than trying to extrapolate global lessons?
- The [review of policy commitments](#) was discussed. If/how we do move beyond quantity and shift to quality including integration with localisation & climate which combined with cash and digital are converging to have a massive impact on the future of aid.
- CALP is mapping research looking at what is happening now and what is in pipeline, will then look at global and regional gaps and how they can be filled.
- Thematic priorities identified by the TAG and why they were chosen. In broad terms, climate change, localisation, and digital are massive forces that will be shaping aid going forward. Combined, they pose enormous challenges for the business model of every humanitarian agency and the structure of the humanitarian system. CALP should facilitate open discussions around these issues as they uncomfortable debates for most organisations.

MEMBERSHIP

The Board reviewed Membership applications and approved one new member.

INPUT TO STATE OF THE WORLD'S CASH REPORT (SOWC)

An update was provided on the process of the SOWC Report:

- An advisory group has been formed for SOWC and is working well.
- Key Aid Consulting were selected as consultants to support the work.
 - Data collection has started and on-going
 - Focus group discussions have started and continue into January
 - Key informant interviews have started.

The rest of the session continued as a focused discussion with inputs feeding into the research.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

A short discussion took place about the need for a co-chair, with the role as defined at the end of the current TORs for the Chair. It was agreed that this would be desirable and volunteers should send an expression of interest to the Chair.