

Agenda Item:

Summary:

This paper sets out the progress made since the C-SIP first met in January 2021.

Action Required:

1. Note Progress of the C-SIP.
2. Approve space for dialogue with C-SIP at the next BoT meeting.

Background:

Reporting to the Board of Trustees, the Committee - Strategy, Policy and Investment works closely with management in advising on the long- and medium-term strategies and the investments required to deliver on those strategies. It supports Member Associations and the Secretariat in shaping IPPF's international and national policy and in developing advocacy positions on issues of significance to the Federation.

The C-SIP is made up of Abhina Aher (Co-Chair); Kate (A/Co-Chair due to the departure of Josephine Obel), Amelia Zawangone, Dana Hovig (Donor Representative); Gurminder Singh, Michael Mbizvo (IMAP Representative); Petra Bayr, Tarah Demant and Yueping Guo.

Current priorities and early achievements:

The priority for 2021 and 2022 is on delivering on IPPF's 2023-2028 Strategic Plan, which will be voted on at the General Assembly in November 2022.

C-SIP's critical role is to keep the strategic design process to schedule, maintain the momentum, and keep the board alert to any issues. To that end, it is proposed that the Board meet with C-SIP at the next BoT meeting.

C-SIP will oversee the methodology and the process of reasoning, with a view that both the process and the strategy stand up to robust scrutiny, ensuring IPPF can defend its propositions and that they are informed by: evidence; best practices; what the world is asking of IPPF; global trends; where best and promising practices are going across the sector. In doing so, C-SIP will ensure the new strategy is pertinent and relevant to a very different era than IPPF's current strategy was delivered in.

C-SIP will ensure the Secretariat prioritises meaningful participation – guaranteeing collaboration with Member Associations, as well as other partners, including donors; thinkers; activists and service users, staff and volunteers. An inclusive, action orientated approach to those who look to us and rely upon us for services, access and information – those people whose lives we wish to transform in terms of upholding SRHR.

Since its inception meeting in January 2021, the Committee continues to get to know each other and refine their focus. C-SIP have now spent considerable time getting to know each other, IPPF, and understanding the process points of the strategic design process.

In February 2021, after taking direction from the [November 2020 board paper](#), C-SIP approved a [Strategy Design Roadmap](#), and agreed to a series of key milestones. The roadmap relies on asset framing to provoke and inspire, it was accompanied by a clean and forward-looking design and language.

The roadmap was launched in March 2021 and was followed by an all-MA Town Hall discussion to explore the many opportunities to shape the framework. To ensure that further phases of the strategy design remain informed by the MAs, an Executive Director feedback group has been set up which includes MAs in five regions.

With the designation from the Board plus generous funding from the Global Affairs Canada and the Government of China, enough funds have been raised to deliver the planned activities in 2021. Efforts will continue to secure funding for 2022.

All milestones of Phase 1 were met and Phase 2 preparations are under way.

Preparations are well under way and several roundtables are currently being planned, including an exciting discussion about intersectional feminism at the June 15-16 donor meeting. Member Associations have taken the lead in the development of roundtables.

The upcoming focus for C-SIP will be on ensuring they are more deeply engaged on the substance of the strategy, and that they deepen their relationship with their respective MA's and engage with their own wider networks.

C-SIP – the norming and forming of a collective group:

The rigorous recruitment process means that members of the C-SIP have the necessary skills and talent, and are now working toward building a collective intelligence, which will be necessary to the success of designing IPPF's strategic plan.

C-SIP have devoted significant time to understanding their roles and responsibilities; as well as the meeting agenda up until 2022 General Assembly. The Committee discussed how to optimise the use of the C-SIP skills, expertise, and access with a focus on the external landscape. It was suggested that the group would write or provide input to a number of concept papers that would feed into the Phase 2 process through the roundtables and on-going discourse.

There are a number of materials in development and as with trustees, C-SIP members are also encouraged to engage in the upcoming roundtables.

The upcoming focus for C-SIP will be on ensuring they are more deeply engaged on the substance, and that they deepen their relationship with their respective MA's, as per the engagement plan agreed at the last BoT meeting.

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