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The office of the Chair. NGO-Coalition

Next Steps and Priorities

Dear Esteem Members,

Thank you for the trust and confidence to lead and represent you! I am honored and excited to have been elected as your new chair. As we embark on this journey together, I wanted to outline some initial steps and priorities I would personally like to focus on to ensure a smooth transition and to set the stage for our collective success.

I am reviewing our committee's mission, goals, and ongoing projects. I will review recent meeting minutes, reports, and other relevant documents to understand our status and initiatives fully.

I will schedule introductory meetings with you and key stakeholders in the coming weeks. Your insights and feedback are invaluable, and I am eager to hear your perspectives, concerns, and suggestions. I will encourage you to keep me on the radar for my emails or phone calls.

It is a priority for me to get to know each of you and your organizations better. I aim to understand our collective strengths, weaknesses, and dynamics. This will help ensure we all work in roles that best utilize our skills and expertise.

We have begun gatherings; communication is vital to our success. I am committed to establishing or enhancing our communication channels and brand presence to ensure seamless collaboration. We will uphold our regular committee monthly meeting schedules, and structured agendas will be part of this effort. As we progress, you will notice some changes. Please adapt accordingly."

One of my first tasks will be identifying and addressing urgent issues. I will work closely with the new executives and appoint new leaders to outline short-term goals and actions to help us quickly progress and build momentum to increase membership to 2000 as we head "toward the 2025 World Social Summit (WSS) in Qatar". This will be an outstanding achievement for us all.

Fostering a sense of teamwork and trust is crucial. I will work with the new executives to ensure accountability, encourage open and transparent communication, and create an environment where everyone feels valued and respected. Our language will inspire unity and promote diversity and inclusion.

I will organize a strategic planning session to align our long-term goals and strategies. Developing a detailed action plan with clear milestones and responsibilities will be a collaborative effort to ensure we are all moving in the same direction. I recommend that the executive bureau establish a feedback mechanism to continuously improve our processes and address concerns. Your suggestions are crucial, and I am committed to making necessary adjustments based on your input.

It is important to me that all voices are heard and respected. I will strive to foster an inclusive environment where diverse perspectives, including those of children, youths, disabled people, and third age, are valued. From the grassroots, Indigenous groups, the underserved, and the underrepresented are engaged meaningfully.

As the chair, I am committed to demonstrating integrity, commitment, and professionalism. I hope to be a role model for the values and principles our coalition stands for. Understanding the workload and responsibility involved in this role, I have fully dedicated my "Thursdays" to NGO-Coalition, but I can adjust as needed.

Again, Thank you for your continued dedication and support. I am confident that we can achieve the goals we set together.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>m.wajiri@ngocsocd.org</u> with any questions or suggestions.

Best regards,

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