

moja global Strategy Board Meeting: Minutes

Wednesday, 29 April 2020

Agenda:

The agenda was shared in advance and can be found [here](#).

Items on the agenda were:

- Review of Achievements Against Strategic Plan from 2020
- DIAL Sustainability Grant Approved
- Development of Online Training
- Other issues

Attendance:

Present:

1. Peter Graham, Chair
2. Molly Bartlett, Board Member
3. Jackson Kimani, Board Member
4. Werner Kurz, Chair of the Technical Steering Committee, Observer in this meeting
5. Rob Waterworth, Co-Director Management Board, Non-voting in this meeting
6. Guy Janssen, Co-Director Management Board, Non-voting in this meeting

Apologised:

1. William Agyemang-Bonsu, Board Member
2. Scott Nicholas, Linux Foundation Representative

Welcome by the Chair

1. No new participants to be introduced.

Review of Achievements Against Strategic Plan from 2020

1. The **Strategy Board approved the final version of the Strategic Plan**
2. The **Strategy Board acknowledges the progress made** overall and in particular on the following:
 - a. Successful approval and completion of the EMO grant.
 - i. The work included the following components:
 1. Review of different models for biomass to be attached to FLINT. The [document is on GitHub](#).
 2. Chilean pilot progress write-up. Document is available [on moja global website](#). SilvaCarbon played an important role for which we are grateful.

3. Documentation: Write up how to download FLINT and compile it. [Available on GitHub](#).
 4. Joint proposal: The [concept note is available](#). The Letter of Intent with IUCN is being processed.
 5. Lobbying UN on IP related to open source. The [key discussion points are available](#).
- ii. Work has started on the next EMO proposal: Due to the good standing with EMO, the next proposal can be for three years. Werner will confirm this with the EMO counterparts. The proposal will include:
 1. Continuation of the pilot in Chile: A letter of support has been received from the Exec. Dir. of CONAF.
 2. Finalisation of Joint Proposal
 3. Develop online training
 4. Develop Module Template to facilitate adaptation to local circumstances
- b. Joint proposal:
 - i. Engagement with 10 countries has resulted in a detailed proposal, budget and work plan
 - ii. Engagement with IUCN continues. Peter continues to contact IUCN to progress to signing of a Letter of Intent. Counterparts are Chris Buss and Stewart Maginnis. (Other connections have been asked for their advice too.) Mirjam wrote to confirm that the Letter of Intent is ready to be signed. Jackson will introduce Guy to Charles Karangwa (Regional Coord. IUCN East Africa).
 - c. UNFCCC grant: First and second set of deliverables have been submitted. They include work on [uncertainty](#) and [projections](#). The final submission is due at the end of May.
 - d. Google Summer of Code (GSoC) and Google Season of Documentation (GSoD) are supporting open source projects. We are hoping to get 4 coder and 1 science writer to work on moja global projects.
 - e. DIAL Sustainability Grant: We have been selected for the DIAL sustainability grant. More info below.
 - f. Pilot support: 5 countries have expressed an interest in implementing a pilot project. COVID-19 has caused some delays but we hope we can recover when regular work resumes.
 - g. OS Climate could be a potential collaborator in the future. Open Source Climate is establishing a common software that can estimate climate risk. The focus on other sectors than land at the moment and more on OECD countries. In future, land in developing countries might be included. Climate Advisors Trust also is in touch with OS Climate to estimate risk related to land use.
 - h. Internships need to be formalized:
 - i. CAT is willing to explore whether the internships can be formalized through their organisation. Peter is reviewing options.
 - ii. Werner will reply to Korea volunteer intern with issues he can work on
3. The **Strategy Board approved the following additions** to the Strategic Plan:

- a. Develop Standard Module Template (to be included in the EMO grant)
 - b. Upload and document Reporting Tool (to be proposed through GSoD)
 - c. Develop training course online (to be included in the EMO grant)
- 4. The **Strategy Board reiterated the importance** of:
 - a. the demonstration of a nesting approach:
 - i. It is required in Chile during the pilot phase
 - ii. It is important to scale results without changes
 - iii. It was one of the drivers for the design of FLINT during the SLEEK program
 - iv. There are no technical challenges but it is worth demonstrating that FLINT can implement the policy options that are currently being considered
 - v. There might be resources available under Climate Advisors
 - b. Coding of biomass module
 - i. It is required in Chile during the pilot phase
 - ii. Good progress has been made on the science
 - iii. BUT no resources are currently available (maybe EMO)
- 5. The **Strategy Board following decided to remove the following items** from the Strategic Plan for 2020:
 - a. Link to SEPAL
 - i. The work remains important
 - ii. The counterparts at FAO are willing to collaborate
 - iii. BUT there are no funds to implement this work
 - b. Biodiversity Concept
 - i. Many are working on this issue (e.g. UNDP announcement on Earth Day, 21 April)
 - ii. Many countries require some indicators for biodiversity as part of their planning and monitoring framework
 - iii. BUT there are no funds for this type of work this year
- 6. The **Strategy Board is requesting more information about the following items** to allow a decision whether to keep them in the strategic plan:
 - a. UNFCCC conference Bonn 2020
 - b. UNFCCC workshop countries reviewed in 2020
 - c. UNFCCC funding for 2020
- 7. The **Strategy Board suggests the following potential funding sources**:
 - a. VERRA (former VCS): Peter will contact David Antonioli
 - b. Permian Global: Molly will contact Jerry Bertrand and Peter will contact Stephen and/or Edward Rumsey

DIAL Sustainability Grant Approved

- 1. DIAL Grant Proposal was approved:
 - a. Digital Impact Alliance promotes digital inclusion to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It has 3 objectives:
 - i. expedite the deployment of proven software and technology platforms

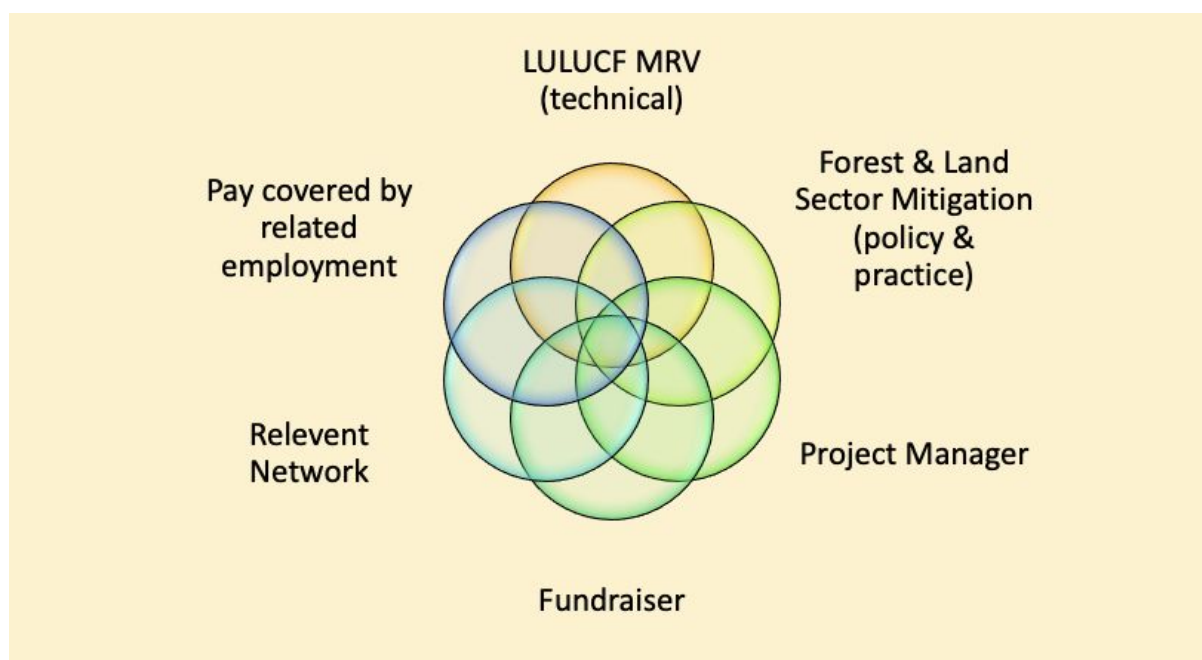
- ii. expand mobile distribution channels
 - iii. ensure responsible use of network data.
 - b. Open Source Center convenes a community
 - i. Promote knowledge sharing
 - ii. Collaborate and co-invest in technology
 - iii. Build human capacity to support positive social change
 - c. They have small grants for sustainability or interoperability
 - i. Grant amount is small (USD 2500), rest is technical assistance (USD 12'500)
- 2. Board collaboration might be required but subject of grant might change:
 - a. The regular subject of the grant is an organisational review to improve sustainability. This includes interviews with board members.
 - b. Due to COVID-19, alternative options are allowed. The following are being considered:
 - i. Technical support for design and infrastructure for online training
 - ii. Follow up lobby donors core funding for open source
 - c. Final decision on the subject is pending but is expected soon
- 3. **The Strategy Board confirms their availability to support this grant depending on the subject.**

Development of Online Training

- 1. In response to COVID-19, moja global is raising funds to develop online training material. Several requests have been received, mainly from countries participating in the joint proposal.
- 2. The development of online training has two main components:
 - a. Infrastructure and training structure (presentations, sounds, video, exercises, tests, collaboration, community of practice, etc.) Edx? / Moodle? / other?
 - b. Restructuring of training substance
- 3. The following funding source are being considered:
 - a. The next Canada EMO-proposal (see above)
 - b. DIAL Sustainability Grant (see above)
 - c. EdX might have resources: Molly can check
 - d. Canadian Forest Service Carbon Accounting Team (CFS-CAT) can make staff working on training partially available to contribute.

Other business

- 1. There is an urgent need to recruit additional Co-Directors:
 - a. Peter has made the following chart to indicate what type of person we are looking for:



- b. Greatest weight should be on project management and less on the technical side
- c. The pay question remains paramount so building in pay into proposal is essential
- d. Need to look within the pool of current 'believers' in FLINT/moja.
- e. Junior person could be considered that is already working for an organisation that is willing to free up some paid time of its junior employee to contribute to moja global
- f. The job can be split in two to reduce the workload and more easily find candidates that fit the profile
- g. Director position can be interesting for a person who is eager to increase her profile
- h. Werner will contact a potential candidate (PhD Student)

Annex 1: moja global Strategic Plan 2020 and progress

| Target for end of 2020 | |
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| Results | Progress |
| 5 new users ((sub-)national gov., organisations, or companies) | See this document |
| 5 pilots running <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chile Mexico | On-track Uncertain (COVID) |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India • Ivory Coast • Belize? <p>1 low or middle income country uses FLINT as official AFOLU MRV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chile? • Kenya? <p>1 low or middle income country leading module development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colombia? • Chile? <p>2 strategy board members from user countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada?? • Chile?? <p>2 other strategy board members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IUCN • ? | <p>Uncertain (COVID) Uncertain (COVID) Under consideration</p> <p>No progress</p> <p>Canada / Chile</p> |
| Features of moja global Software | |
| <p>Concept Rules Based Projections Module (UNFCCC) Uncertainty Module (UNFCCC) Generic Biomass Module (EMO Canada) Develop Standard Module Template Upload and document Reporting Tool Demonstration of Nesting Link to SEPAL Biodiversity Concept</p> <p>Work on any of the following Modules would be considered a bonus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest Module (Tier 3) • Wooded grasslands Module • Dead Organic Matter Module (litter, deadwood) • Agricultural Soils Module • Grasslands Module • Perennial Crop Module • Fire Module (inc savanna burning) • Manure Management Module • Annual Crop Module • Supply Chain Concept | <p>On-track On-track On-track/reconsider NEW NEW Reconsider? Reconsider? Reconsider?</p> |
| Capabilities of moja global Organisation | |
| <p>Repository:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain repository • Complete documentation <p>Communications:</p> | <p>On-track On-track (EMO)</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 media outlets • 4 newsletter • 4 website updates • Regular social media updates • 2 webinars/workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ UNEP-CFU ◦ UNFCCC? ◦ CTCN? • 1 conference (UNFCCC Bonn June) • 2 explanatory videos on website <p>Internal Operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop training course online • Test collaborative module development (Uncertainty Module) • Appoint new Directors • Formalize operations of Technical Steering Committee • Organize a Hackathon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Google Summer of Code ◦ Google Season of Documentation • Engagement with Policy Makers | <p>No progress</p> <p>On-track</p> <p>On-track</p> <p>On-track</p> <p>Confirmed</p> <p>COVID?</p> <p>Exploration</p> <p>Cancel?</p> <p>Intern?</p> <p>NEW</p> <p>On-track</p> <p>?</p> <p>?</p> <p>On-track</p> <p>On-track</p> <p>Suggestions?</p> |
| Financial Resources | |
| <p>Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian • UNFCCC <p>Pending</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Bank (Follow-up) • EU LIFE (expected approval March, implement June) • GIZ India (expected approval February, implement 2021) <p>Proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada (Submission June) • UNFCCC • Identify org to lead a joint proposal and agree on collaboration agreement (Submission February) • Identify donors for Joint Proposal (Submission June) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ GCF ◦ GEF ◦ UK ◦ Norway ◦ Switzerland • Prepare 2nd joint proposal (Submission 2021) • Prepare new H2020 (Submission Sept) • Pipeline with 2 additional proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ DIAL Sustainability Grant ◦ EU Life ◦ NICFI/Norad ◦ CTCN | <p>Completed</p> <p>On-track</p> <p>No news</p> <p>Not successful.</p> <p>No news (COVID)</p> <p>On-track</p> <p>Reconsider?</p> <p>IUCN</p> <p>Pending</p> <p>Open for discussion</p> <p>Under consideration</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Under consideration</p> <p>Under consideration</p> <p>Under consideration</p> |

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