

"4 per 1000" Initiative: Soils for Food Security and Climate

Consortium Document 8-3



8th Consortium Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 15:30 to 18:00 local time Tropitel (Sharm El Sheikh) and online via Zoom

Activity report of the Bureau in 2022

In 2022, the Bureau held 6 meetings (December 13th, 2021, January 31st, 2022, March 21st, May 22nd, September 12th and October 17th) under the chairmanship of Dr. Ibrahim MAYAKI and Ms. Gabrielle BASTIEN, and with the assistance of the Executive Secretary, Paul LUU, by video conference. All the colleges were represented by the titular and/or the substitute.

The following main topics were discussed, and decisions made:

1. New partners and members to join the initiative

The Executive Secretary provided a list of countries and organizations that are interested in joining the initiative and have submitted a full application to do so. All documents related to the new applications were uploaded on the collaborative platform (version 2.0 under Confluence). In addition, the Executive Secretariat has made available to all Bureau members a summary of all complete applications received with a short paragraph summarizing the applicant's activities.

On the basis of the information provided, the Bureau validated all the applications submitted by the Secretariat.

Since the sixth meeting of Consortium of members in Glasgow and online in November 2021, the Bureau has validated a list of **68 new partners including 26 new members** during 2022.

The following table summarizes the situation:

	Partners	Among which Members
States and Communities	2	1
International Organizations	2	1
Banks / Development Funds	0	0
Foundations	2	2
Producers' organizations	4	3
Research Institutes and Universities	8	5
Civil society - NGOs	19	14
Commercial or for-profit organizations	31	
Total 2022 for the Bureau	68	26

2. Development of the Implementation Plan for the 2050 Strategic Plan resulting from the Delphi study and following steps particularly the result of the electronic consultation of the Consortium members for the adoption of the Implementation Plan

As it did in 2021, the Bureau worked extensively on finalizing in 2022, the Implementation Strategic Plan. All the working sessions of the Bureau had this item on the agenda, and this allowed to have a finalized document for validation by the Consortium of Members during July and August 2022.

On the basis of the Strategic Plan validated by the Consortium in June 2020, and composed of 24 objectives, 24 task forces were created mid-2020 in order to work in collaboration on the activities to

develop for each objective, on problems, causes, at the origin of the objective, as well as the barriers and critical success factors for each objective. During that work, some alternative wordings were proposed for each objective, as well as the baseline 2020 and the targets 2030 and 2050.

The 162 activities resulting from the Task Forces work and organized within the 24 objectives, were organized in a dozen of categories, and each objective were reviewed on the basis of the propositions made by the Task Force (revision of the title, description, baseline 2020, and targets 2030 and 2050). After a precise and complete analysis, the Executive Secretariat proposed the organization of each set of activities of an objective, within a "Core facility" (financed and implemented on the Executive Secretariat budget) or a "Global facility" (financed and implemented by a specific alliance or coalition of partners). The result of this huge work carried out by the Executive Secretariat, was submitted to the Bureau, and then proposed to the Consortium for approval.

From beginning of July till end of August, an electronic consultation of the Members of the Consortium (321 in number) was organized by the Executive Secretariat to validate the Implementation Strategic Plan resulted from the Delphi Study of 2021 and validation of the draft document by the Consortium in Glasgow (10 November 2021). 38 answers were received after 4 mails, and a postponement of the deadline from 31st August to 10th September, all in favor of the validation of the document proposed.

College of members	Number of answers
Countries, collectivities and International	7
organizations	
NGOs	17
Producers organizations	4
Scientific and Education institutions	10
Total	38

In its last meeting of 2022 before the 8th Meeting of the Consortium of Members, The Bureau examined the Strategic Implementation Cycle which will be presented for approval to the Consortium in its meeting in Sharm El Sheikh.

3. New functionalities of the Collaborative Platform and the 2nd "4 per 1000" Initiative Virtual Fair.

The new functionalities of the collaborative platform through the "Knowledge Base" were presented to the Bureau during the session of May. The "Knowledge Base" is really the reflection of the competencies, projects, meetings, etc. of our partners and should be managed and reserved for them. The Community of Practices is another part of the collaborative platform and thus is opened to more persons, such as the friends of the "4 per 1000", and other individuals. The Community of Practices includes the Partnerships and Alliances. It was recalled to the Bureau that in the Declaration of intents of the Initiative that all partners and members sign to join, it is mentioned "Resources Center" but in fact, resources are only one part of the exercise. As the "Knowledge Base" is wider, the Bureau authorized the Executive Secretariat to proceed with the substitution in the Declaration of intents.

In 2022, the Bureau has been also associated throughout the year to various activities proposed by the Executive Secretariat such as the Virtual Fair of the Initiative (now included in the "Knowledge Base" of the collaborative platform) during the Green Week of the European Union, to the meetings of the Community of Practice of the Nexus "Climate - Soil" set up with the GIZ, or the meeting of the Scientific and Technical Committee.

4. Organization of the replacement of Dr. Lini WOLLENBERG and Professor Nour Saïdou SALL as STC member.

Dr. Lini Wollenberg decided to retire after 5 years of STC member and Professor Nour Saïdou SALL for health reasons. The procedure for their replacement needs ensure that the gender and regional balance are maintained.

During a discussion beginning 2022, the Bureau decided to look into the rooster of candidatures for a position of STC members (2016, 2019 and 2020), to identify potential scientists corresponding to the profiles expected. The Executive Secretariat identified four experts and gathered all information in a document proposed to the Bureau. The objective was to get the Bureau approval to contact those four scientists to check their availability and acceptance to become a member of the STC and submit the final selection to both the STC members and the college of scientific institutions of the Consortium.

The Bureau approved the list proposed by the Executive Secretariat, selected two scientists and decided to get the approval of the Consortium of members to nominate Dr. BOSSIO and Professor OLALEYE as STC members.

An electronic consultation was open from April 15th, 2022 to May 1st, 2022. The Executive Secretariat received 22 answers all in favor of the nomination of both experts as Members of the Scientific and Technical Committee.

College of members	Number of answers
Countries, collectivities and Internation	al 4
organizations	
NGOs	6
Producers organizations	1
Scientific and Education institutions	11
Total	22

The Bureau took note that the Consortium of Members validated the orientation provided by the Bureau to nominate Prof. OLALEYE and Dr. BOSSIO as STC Members.

5. Organization of the continuity of the Bureau activities through the prolongations, replacements, or organization of new elections of Bureau Members.

In order to reinforce the already very good participation to the meeting of the Bureau since its inception, it was proposed by the Executive Secretariat to seek for replacement of the persons appointed but who did not participate to the Bureau meetings during the two first years.

With the help of certain members of the Bureau, those replacement were identified and appointed. The participation increased since then.

6. Advice and proposals on the dates and agendas of the Forum and the Consortium for the 6th day of the "4 per 1000" initiative (November 16, 2022, in Sharm El Sheikh and online) on proposal of the Executive Secretariat.

The Executive Secretariat proposed the respective agendas of the Forum of Partners and the Consortium of Members for the "4 per 1000" Initiative Day on November 16, 2022, which will be held on the sidelines of COP 27 in Sharm El Sheikh with the same architecture of last year (hybrid form with Forum of Partner starting with a High-level Segment, and then Consortium of members).

Between two meetings of the Bureau, the Executive Secretariat proposed, in order to give more strength to the whole day, and the Bureau validated this proposal, that a main theme be retained: "Health Soils for Health Planet".

The Bureau commented on these two agendas and validated both.