

Terms of Reference

Core Group of the Global Ignatian Advocacy Network on the Governance of Natural and Mineral Resources

1. Purpose

These Terms of Reference set out the membership, roles and responsibilities of the Core Group of the Global Ignatian Advocacy Network on the Governance of Natural and Mineral Resources ('GNMR Network').

2. Membership of Core Group

2.1. The Core Group will aim to comprise at least one representative from each Jesuit Conference and a member from the Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat. Current Core Group membership is:

- Alicia Alemán - Europe
- Sergio Coronado – Latin America
- Julie Edwards –Asia Pacific
- Xavier Jeyeraj – Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat
- Ferdinand Muhigirwa - Africa
- (TBC) South Asia
- (North America)

2.2. As required, the Core Group may discuss and identify additional members to be recruited to join the group. The Leader and Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat will determine the best approach to secure the involvement of potential new members. Eg approach the President or Social Delegate of the relevant Conference.

2.3. The Core Group will be led by a Network Leader, who may invite such other persons to attend meetings, as deemed necessary.

2.4. Membership of the Core Group is not time limited.

3. Role and Responsibilities of Core Group

3.1 Overview

The Core Group's principal function is to provide leadership to shape and develop the work of the GNMR Network. This will involve disseminating information regarding GNMR issues and activity throughout the Network, supporting and contributing to advocacy activities, and assisting in building the capability of Network members to advocate on GNMR issues.

3.2 Specific Responsibilities

In performing its role, the Core Group shall:

3.2.1 Review progress of Conference GNMR advocacy plans and provide updates to the GNMR Network as appropriate

- 3.2.2 Share information about regional and global issues, trends and themes relevant to GNMR.
- 3.2.3 Share information around good practice and consider opportunities and strategies to strengthen GNMR advocacy across the Network.
- 3.2.4 Investigate and advocate for approaches that lead to greater social and ecological justice in relation to mineral resource extraction.
- 3.2.5 Support efforts to build the capability of the GNMR Network to enhance the work of members and the wider global Jesuit community.
- 3.2.6 Support efforts by Network members to collaborate in sharing information and undertaking advocacy on behalf of people and communities affected by extractive activities.
- 3.2.7 Contribute to the development of the Core Group's policy and research agenda and assist in the progression of research and advocacy measures associated with GNMR.
- 3.2.8 Advise on issues raised as a result of research and community engagement.

4. Chair

- 4.1 The Network Leader or delegate will Chair the Core Group and all Core Group meetings.

5 Meetings

5.1 Meeting Other than in Person

Core Group members may attend meetings in person or by electronic means

5.2 Frequency of Meetings

The Core Group will meet at least 4 times a year. Special meetings of the Core Group may be convened as required. Core Group Members will come together in person to progress Group activities annually.

5.3 Administration of Meetings

An agenda will be prepared by the Group Leader and, along with relevant documentation, will be forwarded to the Core Group members prior to the meeting. Notes of meetings will be recorded and circulated to Core Group members.

5.4 Purpose of Meetings

The meetings provide a forum for reflection, dialogue and debate, and to make decisions that progress the Core Group's fulfilment of responsibilities relating to GNMR.