



WeProtect Global Alliance Policy Board Meeting

Summary, June 2021

The WeProtect Global Alliance Policy Board met on 24 June and 25 June 2021 for two hours each day. Four Board papers were circulated in advance, presented at the virtual meeting, and discussed among Board members. The Board papers covered the following topics:

- Membership Engagement
- Knowledge & Advocacy
- Governance
- Global Summit

These four topics were presented in turn, the first two on Day One and the second two on Day Two. The following actions and/or next steps were agreed with respect to each paper:

Membership Engagement

Discussion centered around the need for a clear set of “membership commitments” that balances a “big tent” approach with meaningful, actionable results from all sectors. Next steps included:

- The Secretariat will consult Alliance members and develop a clear set of “membership commitments” for approval by the Board at the next meeting in December. The aim is to avoid a two-tiered membership structure with new commitments being put in place for new members and replacing “statements of action” for existing members.
- The Secretariat will develop a strategy for engaging and incentivising members to implement the new commitments, which will also be addressed at the December meeting.
- All Board members agreed to register and actively promote the new Protectors’ Portal.
(NB: If you would like to sign up for the Protector’s Portal to start and join stimulating and action-oriented dialogue about combatting child sexual abuse online [register here.](#))

Knowledge and Advocacy

This paper focused on the upcoming release of the third Global Threat Assessment (GTA) report, which promises to be the most comprehensive and cross-sector analysis to date.

- The Board agreed to review the confidential draft and provide any comments.
- The Secretariat will develop a comprehensive communications plan for the GTA.
- The Board agreed to promote the GTA once published in October 2021.
- The Secretariat will arrange the next advocacy roundtable for autumn 2021.



Governance

This third Board paper detailed the preference for WeProtect Global Alliance to be registered as a non-profit not only in The Netherlands (as of April 2020), but also ideally in the UK, primarily to obtain a number of charity benefits, as long as it does not lead to overly complex parallel governance structures.

Among other procedural matters, the Board agreed that the WeProtect Global Alliance Secretariat will finalise terms of reference for a formal “governance review.” Findings of the review will be reported to the Board at the next meeting in December.

Global Summit

The final paper detailed recommendations on the proposed 2022 in-person Global Summit in Brasilia, Brazil. Given various continuing concerns about the global health crisis and associated travel restrictions, it was agreed that contingency options should be proactively explored, with a hybrid event based in Brussels an alternative.

The following main actions were agreed:

- The Secretariat will discuss options with Brazilian government contacts.
- The European Commission will take forward internal discussions on Brussels options.
- The Secretariat will develop a draft project plan by mid-August.
- The Secretariat will establish a Summit Steering Group by end-August.