A DRAFT PROPOSAL TO THE UN-DPI-NGO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & ALL THE UN ASSOCIATED NGOS FOR AN ANNUAL OR BI-ANNUAL NGO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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This initial draft proposal for an Annual or Bi-Annual UN-NGO GENERAL ASSEMBLY is based on my seven years observations of the works and practices of the UN-DPI-NGO Executive Committee. Based on that experience, I’ve arrived at a conclusion that the DPI-NGO Executive Committee’s structure, works and practices are mainly power-centered rather than participatory. Even though the way the DPI-NGO Executive Committee operates, its structure might be allegorically consider something similar to the UN-Security Council rather than to the General Assembly!

The newly envisioned NGO General Assembly’s structure will be inspired, designed and adopted from the UN-GA, and it could/will be formed as a new entity under the DPI-NGO Section or in collaboration with the DPI-NGO Executive Committee but not limited to or not under its power or control.

With above entry notes, please see my below draft ideas to be considered to develop further by the UN-NGO-Executive Committee as well as UN NGO Community at large towards the forming of the UN-NGO General Assembly.

1) NGO – GA will be formed by the entire DPI associated NGOs, and the ECOSOC associated NGOs won’t be excluded and/or there will be encouragement in order to bring all the UN associated NGOs under the NGO General Assembly.
2) Formation of the NGO-GA is envisioned to be launched prior to the 2015, and the latest in October or November 2014 in New York.
3) NGO-GA will adopt a similar format to that of the UN-GA Governing Body, in terms of representation and voting capacity.
4) Voting process and result for a decision or a UN-NGO Assembly Resolution will be transparent, be made available instantly online and open to all.
5) In terms of protocol for presentations during the UN-NGO Assembly, each NGO representative will have 5 minutes duration regardless of the size of the organization (for example; head, or main or first alternative; a limited number opportunity also will be given to youth rep as well).
6) The entire event will be webcast, and available to all.
7) The NGO-GA will place emphasis on collaborations and partnerships among Civil Society Organizations, Governments, UN Entities, Private Sector.
8) NGO-GA will be independent from the DPI-NGO Executive Committee and related subcommittees.
9) Bylaws of the NGO GA will be drafted-debated by the By-Laws Committee, and will be approved by the majority of members.
10) Any changes, amendment on By-Laws will be by the majority approval of the NGO-GA.
11) NGO-GA Bylaws will be available on-line and globally to all interested parties from the start.
12) Office of the NGO-GA will present to its all members a Draft Annual Budget online a month prior to the Annual or Bi-Annual Gatherings.
13) Office of the NGO-GA will present and e-publish on its annual Fiscal Year Financial Report such as 990 and CHAR500.
14) Any decision regarding fees, membership, fundraising events, in particular, request, pre-conditions for nominations to the presidency and Office of the NGO-GA; will be debated by the related subcommittees and survey will be conducted within entire NGO Community.
15) Each proposal, process, and/or decision will be presented as a DRAFT to the NGO-GA periodically.
16) Fundraising activities – soliciting donations and/or ideas for events will be done through networking, annual fundraising events and on-line.
17) Attendance to the annual or bi-annual gatherings, as in person, won’t be mandatory. Whoever cannot attend in person will be able to participate via SKYPE, on-line, e-mail, webcasting etc.
18) NGO-GA website will be launched independently or/under the DPI-NGO Executive Committee’s website.
19) Diversity and inclusion of the NGO-GA Office and related committee and subcommittees will be a MUST.
20) No member or organization or religion or ethnicity or race alone will be dominant within the formation of the NGO-General Assembly and Office of the President of the NGO-General Assembly.
21) Based upon its official formation and opening a dedicated bank account, then an annual membership proposal will be introduced to the NGO GA (from $25 to $100 annual membership fee).
22) Based upon its approval by the majority of the NGO GA, its activation date also will be determined by the NGO GA.
23) All process, decisions, projects, proposals, practices, events, related budgets, various committees and subcommittees meetings and decisions will be open to all interested NGO reps and in full transparency.

I am hoping that the DPI-NGO Executive Committee and UN-NGO Community at large will take the aforementioned core of idea seriously, and guide it to the point of implementation! This will be a magnificent achievement in multiple layers for the entire UN system and providing ground for closer collaboration with the member states; a newly defined alliance will enhance and empower all parties.

Thank you very much for your consideration, time and potential cooperation,

Best regards,
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