

Post-2015 Charette: A Briefer

Working documents on the Post-2015 shared framework can be found on the Souk, including the original nominated concept [here](#). Discovery and discussion that takes place at the February charette will produce a refined shared framework proposal that will be reviewed by the Global Board at their April Board meeting.

What is a charette?

A *charette* is an interactive planning meeting and one step in the development of a shared framework at OSF. Charettes bring together a diverse set of stakeholders to work through a set of strategy design questions and arrive at a collective approach and action plan in a concentrated amount of time. The goals of a charette include:

- Creating a common level of understanding and alignment around a topic;
- Accelerating the exchange of ideas, and sharpening focus on possible strategy options;
- Revealing where ideas and work are connected in order to avoid fragmented solutions;
- Identifying and assigning internal champions for promoting and implementing work;
- Deciding on an optimal framework, strategy and/or work plan that reflects the best alignment among participants and provides a solid basis for ongoing work to move ahead.

A charette is organized after a concept's nomination and discussion on the Souk, and its approval to advance to charette by the Global Board's Committee for Strategy Budget and Performance. The Strategy Unit provides organizing support and funds to implement charettes. A designated Supervisor will host the charette, and provide leadership on process and substantive development.

Specifics on the Post-2015 Charette

Dates & Supervision: The 3-day Post-2015 charette is scheduled for February 19 – 21 in New York. Like all charettes, this meeting will derive its agenda and structure from the particular design problem at hand, and the needs and priorities of participants. Pedro Abramovay, the designated supervisor of the shared framework, will host the charette with support from colleagues from the Post-2015 Review Committee and the Strategy Unit.

Charette Mandate: The Post-2015 charette has two central goals, as identified by the Review Committee Process and approved by the Global Board's Committee for Strategy Budget and Performance. First, to do the work and discovery necessary to enable decisions on a specific set of countries and indicators for on-the-ground work, including confirming roles of participants in that work and identifying a preliminary set of objectives and partners; and second, to identify the best ways to enhance OSF's existing international advocacy efforts on Post-2015 through specific, supplemental efforts at the national-level. These two pieces of work will be considered for final approval and allocation of additional funds at the Global Board meeting in April 2014.

Continued planning, including the development of work plans and timelines and the actual implementation itself will be overseen by the Latin America Program once the shared framework receives final approval.

Audience: Pre-charette and charette discussions will focus on bringing together national and regional foundation participants. We are very interested in what foundations colleagues think *could* be done

with additional resources (financial, technical, etc.) *in addition to what their plans are*. We hope the February charette will provide an opportunity to discuss coordination between these work streams and examine synergies across them.

Joint Advance Planning Underway: The February charette is designed to sharpen proposed plans and ideas, rather than to begin a brainstorming or planning process from scratch. Ongoing discussion and planning is already being advanced through a pre-charette meeting scheduled for Friday January 24th from 9:00AM – 12:00 PM EST and is open to all interested colleagues. Please contact Caitlin Pierce (Caitlin.pierce@opensocietyfoundations.org) for more information and to get involved in the pre-charette meeting.

Building on Lessons: Last year's Food Security charette provides helpful lessons for refining the structure of the upcoming Post-2015 charette.

a) Discussions and decisions at the Post-2015 charette will be designed to build on ideas expressed in preliminary materials developed by organizers and participants. These preliminary materials will include short descriptions of specific proposals for on-the-ground work and approaches to national-level or regional advocacy that can augment international advocacy efforts already underway. Successful materials will be well-considered but flexible, recognizing that a successful charette will likely find new synergies and ideas that weren't previously evident.

b) Additionally, the charette will include a deliberative body, consisting of Chris, SMC members and participating members of the Global Board. This body will take formal decisions related to the charettes two core goals (selection of specific focus countries and integrated advocacy strategy). This body will make its decisions by the end of the second day, so that the final day of the charette can be devoted to further joint refinement of specific shared framework goals and strategies.

Interested in Getting Involved or Learning More?

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