Orientation for a New P2G Chairperson

The Jewish Agency’s Partnership2Gether program is based on the activity of a large number of volunteers. Thinking strategically about volunteerism as a resource, in recent years the Partnership Unit has successfully encouraged the expansion of the circle of Partnership volunteers. This effort has resulted in volunteer leaders from various sectors of society who have taken on the Chairperson position of the Partnership Steering Committees.

The Chairperson of the Steering Committee is a key figure in determining the success of a Partnership. They play a leading role in maintaining contact with the Co-Chairperson of the Steering Committee abroad. As a resident of the Partnership region, he/she has the ability to translate the authentic voice of the community into action, as well as provide leadership to the other Partnership volunteers.

Suggested Topics and Key People to Meet, Learn from and Discuss

**Understanding Partnership and Alignment of Role Expectations**

*Director of the P2G Unit, the relevant Regional Director*

- The concept of the Partnership, its Vision and Goals
- The overall P2G Unit and the specific Partnership’s programs and activities
- Role definition of the Chairperson and their term
- Relationship of the Partnership Director and the Chairperson
- Interface between the Chair in Israel and the Co-Chair abroad
- The authority of the Chairperson and that of the Steering Committee
- Structure of the Steering Committee
- Relationships with the local authorities
- Chairperson’s role in resource development

**Overview of The Jewish Agency**

*Assistant Director General of the Jewish Agency, Director of the Partnerships Unit*

Learn about the Jewish Agency and how to best navigate its systems.

**The Day to Day Work of Partnership**

*Regional Director, Partnership Director*

- P2G through the viewpoint of a Regional Director
- Structure of committees and definition of various positions
- The decision making process and the process of selecting project cards
- The work of the Steering Committee, budgets and budget structure
- The roles of the Partnership Director and the Regional Director
- Meetings with Chairs from other Partnerships
The Specific Partnership: Strengths, Challenges, Opportunities and Threats

**Partnership Director**

- History, areas of focus, and structure of the specific Partnership
- Overview of the region/community and the relations between the region/community
- The Partnership’s points of emphasis
- Changes in the budget over the years
- The Partnership calendar
- List of members in the Steering Committee and the subcommittees in Israel and abroad including contact information
- The professional team in the community
- Protocols of the various committee meetings held in the previous year
- Any strategic planning/development processes, including written documents

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**Regional Director and Partnership Director**

- Organizational changes in the Jewish Federation world
- The place of the Partnership in the Federation
- The Partnership as a tool for leveraging and resource development in the Federation

Additional Important Meetings

- The Mayor and/or head of the Regional Council
- The community representative in Israel
- The outgoing Chair—passing on of responsibility, a formal meeting to get the new Chair up to speed
- The Partnership Steering Committee -up to two meetings as part of the learning process
- The overseas Co-Chair-a web/phone meeting with the Co-Chair in the overseas community
- Meet each of the Israeli Steering Committee members to build relationships and align expectations
- Meet with the Chair of a similar Partnership and tour
- Participate in meetings with other Chairpersons in the region - initiated by the Regional Director