



Sixth Meeting of the Global Executive Board (GEB)

Summary Record

10 March 2015

DATE, TIME, VENUE

DATE: 17 February 2015

TIME: 10:15 – 11:00 (Rome time)

VENUE: Teleconference

GEB MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING

DFID: Kenny Bambrick - Chair

AfDB: Oliver Chinganya

UNESCAP: Margarita Guerrero

FAO: Carola Fabi

Written comments received by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (Stanley Wood) and the Philippines (Romeo Recide)

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

AfDB: Vincent Ngendakumana

UNECA: Josef Ilboudo and Ibrahim Mamma

FAO Regional Office in Asia and the Pacific: Dalip Singh

Global Office (Secretary): Christophe Duhamel, Consuelo Señoret, Leslie Lai

AGENDA

1. **AGENDA ITEM 1 – for conditional endorsement:** Workplan Africa 2015;
2. **AGENDA ITEM 2 – for endorsement:** Workplan Asia-Pacific 2015;
3. **AGENDA ITEM 3 – for information:** Information provided by the Global Office on the next GSC meeting, mid-term evaluation and mid-term conference

OUTCOMES

1. **AGENDA ITEM 1 – for conditional endorsement: Regional Workplan for Africa 2015**

Oliver Chinganya (AfDB) presented the workplan and budget for Africa for 2015 including the estimated value of activities carried forward from 2014. In addition, he provided an overview of the major activities to be implemented in 2015, particularly the scale out of the SPARS. He announced that the agreement with the EU for 7,5 million EUR has been signed. AfDB is now in the process of identifying a mechanism for transferring the funds to UNECA. The complementarities between the EU funding and the Global Trust Fund will be presented to the GEB members.

The chair mentioned that because the African workplan for 2015 presents some differences compared to the integrated budget, it should be conditionally endorsed by the GEB. The workplan will be fully endorsed following the revision of the integrated budget endorsed by the GSC.

Discussion: Following the presentation by AfDB, the chair opened discussion for questions and comments to AfDB on the Africa Workplan. It was clarified that the next RSTC will be organized by the end of March or beginning of April 2015 as a back to back meeting to a regional workshop. There was no further discussion and the GEB agreed on a decision. .

DECISION 1: The GEB conditionally endorsed the African workplan proposed for 2015 under the condition that the GSC endorses the revision of the integrated budget.

2. AGENDA ITEM 2 – for decision: Regional Workplan for Asia-Pacific 2015

Dalip Singh (FAO Regional Office) presented the main orientations of the workplan 2015, including the estimated activities carried forward from 2014. He provided a general overview of the countries selected and the needs' assessment exercise that was conducted. He also stressed the difficulties encountered in identifying specialized statisticians within the region.

Discussion: Following the presentation by FAO RAP, the chair opened discussion for questions and comments to FAO RAP on the Asia-Pacific Workplan. There was no further discussion and the GEB agreed on a decision.

DECISION 2: The regional workplan for Asia and the Pacific in 2015 is endorsed.

3. AGENDA ITEMS 3– for information: Information update from the Global Office

Christophe Duhamel (Global Office) informed the GEB members about the major upcoming events and activities under the scope of the GS. In particular, he informed the members of the tentative dates for the next GSC meeting (the week after the UNSC, the second week of March).

The following topics will be covered during the GSC meeting: i) endorsement of the Global Office workplan; ii) endorsement of the revision of the integrated budget; iii) proposed allocation of funds for the Global Office, Africa and Asia and the Pacific; iv) revision of the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework; v) outline of the programme of the mid-term conference.

In addition, members were informed about the upcoming mid-term donor conference (tentative dates: week 22-26 June). Members were also informed about the mid-term evaluation, which will be organized as outlined in the Global Action Plan.

Discussion: All members welcomed the three proposals. The chair (DFID) commented that the mid-term conference would be a good venue to share best practices, improve coordination and discuss the mid-term evaluation. The meeting was concluded with a brief discussion on coordination mechanisms for training, particularly, escalating e-learning material, across the various regions. It was confirmed that the next training coordination meeting would take place in the margins of the next Regional Steering Committee in Asia & Pacific (March 2015).

Because there is no GSC meeting scheduled in the margins of the UNSC meetings, the GEB members agreed to informally share the information of Agenda Item 3 at the UNSC.