



8th Meeting of the Global Steering Committee (GSC)

5 March 2014, New York



Agenda Item 2:

Decisions taken by the GEB on behalf of the GSC

REPORT OF THE GLOBAL EXECUTIVE BOARD (GEB)

PERIOD COVERED: October 2013 to February 2014

MEMBERS OF THE GEB:

AfDB: Oliver Chinganya; BMGF: Stanley Wood ; DFID: Neil Jackson;
Ethiopia: Samia Zekaria (Chair); FAO: Pietro Gennari (Secretariat);
Philippines: Romeo Recide; UNESCAP/SIAP: Margarita Guerrero

MAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE GEB:

(detailed Terms of Reference of the GEB are available in Appendix D of the Action Plan)

- *The GEB exercises functions delegated to it by the GSC. The GEB will give instructions to the Fund Administrator (FA) in line with the strategic allocation decided by the GSC.*
- *The GEB will decide if necessary, on the allocation of additional funds received by the Global Trust Fund consistently with the strategic guidance of the GSC regarding expected resources.*
- *The GEB will be entitled to allocate the additional resources received by the Global Trust Fund during the timeframe between the last and the next GSC meeting. This allocation will be endorsed during the next meeting of the GSC.*

MAIN DECISIONS AND ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GEB

Since the 4th GEB meeting in May 2013, one GEB meeting and one electronic consultation have been organised. The actions taken by the GEB on behalf of the GSC were the following:

FIFTH GEB MEETING ON 13 DECEMBER 2013

AGENDA:

AGENDA ITEM 1 – for approval: Provisional workplan - Global Office 2014

AGENDA ITEM 2 – for discussion: Provisional workplan - Asia-Pacific and situation in Africa;

AGENDA ITEM 3 – for information: Plans for regional activities in LAC, Near East and CIS for 2014;

AGENDA ITEM 4 – for information: Staffing at Global Office level;

MAIN OUTCOME AND DECISIONS

DECISION (ITEM 1): The provisional workplan at Global Level was endorsed during the meeting. This workplan was electronically endorsed by the members of the GSC on the 21st of February 2014.

DISCUSSION (ITEM 2): A report providing the main orientations for the workplan in Asia and the Pacific for 2014 was presented. The workplan has been endorsed by the Regional Steering Committee and is awaiting for GEB's electronic endorsement (deadline for comments 3rd of March). AfDB presented the main orientations on the workplan for Africa in 2014.

INFORMATION (ITEM 3): It was confirmed that the seed funds transferred to LAC, Near East and CIS could be carried forward to 2014 in order to finalize the regional action plans. None of these regions will receive additional funding in 2014.

INFORMATION (ITEM 4): Members were informed that the Research Coordinator position would be temporarily filled by Naman Keita and that FAO's redeployment exercise has delayed the offers of appointment for the selected candidates of the other positions.

ELECTRONIC CONSULTATION - FEBRUARY 2014

The workplan 2014 for Asia and the Pacific has been circulated to the GEB members for electronic approval. It is expected to receive the GEB's endorsement by the third of March 2014.