Eighth Meeting of the Global Executive Board (GEB) Summary Record

8 February 2017
DATE, TIME, VENUE

DATE: 8 February 2017  
TIME: 15:30 – 16:15 (Rome time)  
VENUE: Tele-videoconference

GEB MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING

AfDB: Fessou Lawson  
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation: Tuu Van Nguyen - Chair  
DFID: Kenny Bambrick  
FAO: José Rosero Moncayo  
UNECA: Joseph Tinfissi  
UNESCAP/SIAP: Margarita Guerrero

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

AfDB: Vincent Ngendakumana, Estella Addiko, Arnaud Lath, Abdoulaye Adam  
Global Office: Christophe Duhamel (GEB Secretary), Valerie Bizier, Consuelo Señoret, Norah de Falco and Weronika Forowicz  
FAORAP: Mukesh Srivastava, Dalip Singh and Andrew Sobey  
UNECA: Issoufou Seidou and Ibrahim Mamma

AGENDA

1. **AGENDA ITEM 1 – for endorsement:** Workplan Asia-Pacific 2017;  
2. **AGENDA ITEM 2 – for endorsement:** Workplan Africa 2017;

OUTCOMES

1. **AGENDA ITEM 1 – for endorsement:** Regional Workplan for Asia-Pacific (A&P) 2017

Dalip Singh, Regional Office (RO), presented the 2017 workplan and budget for A&P including the estimated value of activities carried forward from 2016. In addition, he provided information concerning the staffing issues of the RO and presented an overview of the major activities to be implemented in 2017, particularly under the Technical Assistance component. Finally, the RO explained the complementarities between the training activities implemented by SIAP and the Technical Assistance component.

Discussion: Members welcomed the presentation delivered by the RO in A&P and highlighted their concerns regarding the high value of the budget carried forward by SIAP. They expressed their concern regarding the RO positions that are expected to become vacant shortly. It was clarified that the RO will try to fill the vacancies rapidly, through consultancy contracts, and that it will strengthen coordination efforts with SIAP to ensure the delivery of the training component in the region.

**DECISION 1:** The GEB endorsed the 2017 workplan for Asia-Pacific.
2. AGENDA ITEM 2 – for endorsement: Regional Workplan for Africa 2017

Vincent Ngendakumana (RO) presented the 2017 workplan and budget for Africa, including the estimated value of activities carried forward from 2016. In addition, he provided an overview of the major activities to be implemented in 2017 by each of the regional implementing partners (AfDB, UNECA and the Global Office) under the Technical Assistance and Training components. He also presented the complementarities between the activities funded through the Global Trust Fund (GTF) and the European Union (EU), and the activities that aim at improving vertical and horizontal coordination. The presentation concluded with an outline of priorities for 2017.

DECISION 2: The GEB endorsed the 2017 workplan for Africa.