Sixteenth Meeting of the
Global Steering Committee (GSC)

12 July 2018

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DATE: 12 July 2018  
TIME: 16:30-18:00 hrs (Rome Time)  
VENUE: Video -Teleconference

GSC MEMBERS REPRESENTATIVES

DFID: Carol Ann Munn, Olivia Beecham  
Eurostat: Veronika Radermacher  
FAO: José Rosero Moncayo  
INEGI Mexico: José Hernandez  
Paris 21: Johannes Jutting  
Philippines: Romeo Recide, Chair  
Tanzania: Dr. Albina Chuwa  
UNECA: Oliver Chinganya  
UNESCWA: Juraj Riecan  
World Bank: Alberto Zezza

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

AfDB: Vincent Ngendakumana, Estelle Addiko, Abdoulaye Adam, Yedoh Arnaud Leth  
INEGI Mexico: Susana Perez  
FAO: David Mc Sherry (Fund Administrator), Luisa Belli (Evaluation Team), Hubert Paulmer (Evaluation Leader), Nanae Yabuki (Evaluation Manager)  
Global Office: Christophe Duhamel (GSC Secretary), Valérie Bizier, Weronika Forowicz, Diana Sotomayor
AGENDA

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OUTCOMES

1. **AGENDA ITEM 1 – for information: Decisions taken by the 10th GEB on behalf of the GSC**

   Dr Albina Chuwa (Tanzania) reported on the decisions taken by the 10th GEB on behalf of the GSC: the endorsement of the 2018 updated workplans and budgets for Asia-Pacific and Africa.

2. **AGENDA ITEM 2 – for information: Update on the final evaluation process**

   Hubert Paulmer and Nanae Yabuki (Evaluation team) presented the objectives of the evaluation which are i) to assess the programme results at global, regional and national level with a focus on the period after the mid-term evaluation; and ii) to draw lessons learned that will be useful for the second phase. Mr. Paulmer mentioned the five evaluation questions and pointed out that interview and consultation will be carried-out in person during visits to selected countries. He also explained that the missions will take place in July and August and the preliminary findings will be presented during the Global Steering Committee in November 2018.

   **Discussion:**
   Alberto Zezza (World Bank) pointed out that the activities related to the entire programme and the evaluation should not focus only on the period after the mid-term evaluation. The evaluation team confirmed the assessment of activities will be made as a whole programme and not only since the mid-term review.

   Susana Perez (INEGI México) requested to include in the evaluation the IDB funded project aligned to the Global Strategy. Christophe Duhamel (Global Office) confirmed this would be discussed with the evaluation team who stated it could be a good example of lessons learned.

   Carol-Ann Munn (DFID) requested the inception report to be shared with the Global Steering Committee.
Dr. Albina Chuwa (Tanzania) requested to have the evaluation matrix shared with Tanzania. The evaluation team confirmed it will be shared with all the countries.

3. AGENDA ITEM 3 – for information: Organisation of the final conference

The Chair gave the floor to Christophe Duhamel to update the members on the organization of the final conference. He confirmed it will take place in Rome from 14 to 16 November. Mr. Duhamel requested volunteers to be part of the programme committee to develop the agenda of the conference.

Discussion:
Jose Rosero (FAO) volunteered to be part of the programme committee.
AfDB requested if the participation of countries should be sponsored by implementing partners as well. Christophe Duhamel stated this should be discussed bilaterally later.

4. AGENDA ITEM 4 – for endorsement: Updated report on the implementation of the Global Strategy

Christophe Duhamel (Global Office) presented an up-to-date status of implementation of the Global Strategy. The objective was to provide a synthesized overview of the progress made in the implementation of the Global Strategy (GS) until the end of June 2018 to guide the GSC in providing measures and orientations for a smooth and adequate use of remaining funds over the last six months of the programme. He started by illustrating the summary progress report as well as the status of the overall financial delivery up to June 2018. This was followed by an analysis of the status of delivery and residual funds including a proposed envelope for the end of 2018 budget presented by Weronika Forowicz (Global Office). The presentation concluded with a risk analysis concerning the implementation capacity of partners in the remaining months of 2018 and a set of proposed recommendations for the GSC.

Discussion:
AfDB stated that the position of Agricultural Statistician was filled and asked to be inserted in the report. This request was accepted by the Global Office. Christophe Duhamel also mentioned the need to review in bilateral with AfDB the figures related to the implementation of the technical assistance plan.

Jose Rosero (FAO) requested an update on the closure of the project. Christophe Duhamel mentioned that the technical recommendations will be ready by December 2018 and final consolidated report is due September 2019. He also confirmed discussions with donors are ongoing to find appropriate solutions for the closure process. Once agreed with them, it will be communicated with the GEB and GSC.

Dr. Albina Chuwa requested AfDB to disseminate SPARS documents as soon as possible.
DECLISION 1: The GSC urgently asked the implementing partners in charge of providing technical assistance at country level to take all the necessary measures for accelerating the delivery until the end of the year and to inform regularly the Global Office on the progress.

DECLISION 2: The GSC asked the Global Office to prepare for the next Global Steering Committee planned in November:

1. A new report on the progress of implementation, highlighting the potential risks of having unused funds at the end of 2018
2. A report on the planned arrangements for the closure of the first phase of the project in 2019 and on the GEB and GSC responsibilities

5. AGENDA ITEM 5 – For endorsement: Final Global Office workplan

Diana Sotomayor (Global Office) briefly explained the proposed amendments to the 2018 Global Office workplan including the reallocation of budget from output 1 (coordination) to output 3 (research) to cover for an additional research activity on the potential use of blockchain technology for livestock statistics (already endorsed through a written procedure); and the allocation of the difference between the estimated and the actual carry-forward to complement this new research line, to support the preparation of guidelines and training materials under output 4 and to support the implementation of AGRIS in Ghana.

Discussion:
Jose Rosero (FAO) asked for an update on the request made by Mexico to the Global Office during the last GSC with the regard to the translation of some guidelines and methodological documents in Spanish. Valerie Bizier (Global Office) confirmed that the GO and Mexico agreed on the translation of three key guidelines related to gender statistics, AGRIS and the use of remote sensing for agricultural statistics. Ms. Bizier also confirmed that Mexico has kindly accepted to perform the technical review of these Spanish translations. Mr. Rosero asked for a report on the overall translation schedule.

DECLISION 5: The GSC endorsed the proposed updated Global Office workplan for 2018.

6. AGENDA ITEM 6 – Proposal of allocation of funds 2018

The Chair gave the floor to David Mc Sherry (Fund Administrator), who ran the participants through the document presenting the allocation of funds for 2018 and the associated disbursement process.

DECLISION 6: The GSC endorsed the proposed allocation of funds 2018.
Next GSC meetings:
The Global Office will propose dates and venue for the next GSC meeting (17th meeting), planned tentatively in September 2018. The 18th GSC meeting will take place on 13 November 2018.