

Date and Venue of the Eleventh Meeting of the Board

GCF/B.10/02

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Meeting of the Board

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Recommended action by the Board

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Take note of the information presented in document GCF/B.10/02 Date and Venue of the Eleventh Meeting of the Board; and
- (b) Adopt the draft decision presented in Annex I to this document.



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I. Introduction

- At its ninth meeting, the Board decided that its third meeting in 2015 will take place from 27 to 29 October with dates and venue to be further confirmed (decision/B.09/13 (b)).
- 2. This document has been prepared to present further points for consideration by the Board on the dates and the venue of the eleventh meeting of the Board and to enable the Board to adopt a decision accordingly.

II. Considerations

2.1 Dates of the meeting

- At its eighth meeting, the Board decided that it would aim to start taking decisions on programme and project proposals no later than its third meeting in 2015 (decision B.08/07 (k)). The Conference of the Parties (COP) welcomed this resolution in its decision 7/CP.20 paragraph 7.
- In order for the Board to meet its objective, it is important to allow sufficient time for all legal, financial and technical processes to be completed before proposals are presented to the Board for consideration in its eleventh meeting. It is therefore proposed to move back the dates of the meeting to either 16 to 18 November 2015, or to 18 to 20 November 2015. This change is essential to provide additional time to realize the Board's ambition to start considering funding proposals at the meeting without compromising on the quality of work or on having all requirements in place.
- 5. Other events, including pre-COP meetings which take place in early November and the twenty-first session of the COP (COP 21), have been taken into consideration. To the best of the Secretariat's knowledge, the proposed dates for the eleventh meeting of the Board do not conflict with any other major events relevant to the work of the Fund.

2.2 Venue of the meeting

- Two countries, Zambia and Ecuador, have expressed interest in hosting the eleventh meeting of the Board. Zambia expressed this wish in writing, having previously offered to host the Fund's Initial Resource Mobilization Pledging Conference in 2014, and verbally reaffirmed its interest in hosting a meeting of the Board in 2015. In early June 2015, Ecuador orally conveyed its interest in hosting a meeting of the Board in 2015. Discussions with the two countries on the possibility of hosting the eleventh meeting of the Board are ongoing. The Board will be informed on the outcome of these consultations at its tenth meeting.
- 7. Based on the outcome of the consultations, a proposal on the host country of the eleventh meeting will be presented to the Board for its consideration at its tenth meeting.



Annex I: Draft decision of the Board

The Board, having reviewed document GCF/B.10/02 *Date and Venue of the Eleventh Meeting of the Board*:

- (a) <u>Decides</u> that the third meeting in 2015 will take place in [Zambia]/[Ecuador] from [16 to 18]/[18 to 20] November 2015; and
- (b) <u>Requests</u> the Secretariat to pursue its consultations with [Zambia]/[Ecuador] with a view to concluding the required agreement and make the necessary arrangements.