



**GREEN
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FUND**

Meeting of the Board

1 – 4 July 2018

Songdo, Incheon, Republic of Korea

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Dates and venues of the following meetings of the Board

Summary

This document has been prepared to assist the Board in deciding the dates and venues for upcoming Board meetings, including for meetings in 2019.

I. Introduction

1. This document has been prepared to assist the Board in deciding the dates and venues for upcoming Board meetings.

II. Considerations

2.1 Dates for the twenty-first meeting of the Board

2. The Board, by decision B.19/22, paragraph (b), decided that the twenty-first meeting of the Board (B.21) will take place in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, from Tuesday, 23 October to Friday, 26 October 2018, with these dates to be confirmed at the twentieth meeting of the Board (B.20).

3. During the course of the nineteenth meeting of the Board (B.19), it was noted that the sessions held in advance of the 24th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC Pre-COP 24) were tentatively scheduled to take place the same week as the one chosen for B.21, and that it would be prudent to seek new dates for B.21. The dates of Wednesday, 17 October to Saturday, 20 October 2018 were explored and not objected to. However, the decision to adopt these dates for B.21 was not formally taken.

4. A proposed decision to adopt the dates of 17 – 20 October 2018 for B.21 was transmitted to the Board between B.19 and B.20,¹ but it was not approved. The dates of 17 – 20 October 2018 for B.21 are therefore put forward for adoption by the Board at B.20.

5. The Secretariat wishes to bring to the attention of the Board that moving the dates for B.21 by one week will reduce the disclosure period of environmental and social safeguards reports for category A projects and I-1 programmes to less than the minimum 120 calendar days required under paragraph 17 of the Information Disclosure Policy. Due to these exceptional circumstances, it is recommended that, without setting a precedent, the deadline for disclosure of environmental and social safeguard reports for category A projects and I-1 programmes to be considered by the Board at B.21 should be kept as per the dates for B.21 adopted in decision B.19/22, paragraph (b).

2.2 Dates for Board meetings in 2019

6. By decision B.17/24, paragraph (c), the Board recommended that the Secretariat propose, at the second Board meeting of each calendar year, the schedule of Board meetings for the following calendar year, with this process to begin at B.20.

7. By decision B.19/05, the Board, noting the GCF initial resource mobilization period runs from 2015-2018 and its decision² to transition subsequently to a formal replenishment process, decided to advance work under its 2018 work programme to conclude the essential preparatory arrangements for the first formal replenishment process of GCF. In anticipation of the work to be undertaken for the replenishment process in 2019,³ and the support from the Secretariat

¹ See document GCF/B.20/Inf.10 titled “Decisions proposed and approved between the nineteenth and twentieth Board meetings”.

² Decision B.05/17.

³ See document GCF/B.20/06 titled “Arrangements for the first formal replenishment of the Green Climate Fund”, which anticipates three to four additional replenishment meetings to take place during 2019. Holding three Board meetings in addition to the replenishment meetings will likely constrain the Secretariat’s capacity to provide effective support to both the replenishment process and Board meetings.

that will be required, it is proposed that the Board hold two four-day meetings in 2019. The following are therefore proposed:

- (a) The twenty-second meeting of the Board (B.22) take place from 1–4 April 2019; and
- (b) The twenty-third meeting of the Board (B.23) take place from 15–18 October 2019.

2.3 Venues for Board meetings in 2019

8. The Secretariat received an offer from the Papua New Guinea Government to host a meeting of the Board in 2019 or 2020 through a letter signed by Ambassador Andrew Yamanea, MBE and dated 27 April 2018. The letter is presented in annex II to this document.

9. It is recommended that B.22 take place at the GCF Headquarters in Songdo, Incheon, Republic of Korea. It is also recommended that the Board take note of the offer by the Papua New Guinea Government to host a meeting of the Board in 2019 or 2020.

III. Recommended action by the Board

10. It is recommended that the Board adopt the decision proposed in annex I: approving new dates for B.21 and dates for Board meetings in 2019; deciding on the venue for B.22; and taking note of the offer from the Papua New Guinea Government to host a meeting of the Board in 2019 or 2020.

Annex I: Draft decision

The Board, having considered document GCF/B.20/23 titled “Dates and venues of the following meetings of the Board”:

- (a) *Decides* that the twenty-first meeting of the Board will take place from Wednesday, 17 October to Saturday, 20 October 2018;
- (b) *Decides* that, without setting a precedent, the deadline for disclosure of environmental and social safeguards reports for category A projects and I-1 programmes to be considered by the Board at B.21 will be kept as per the dates for B.21 adopted in decision B.19/22, paragraph (b);
- (c) *Decides* that the twenty-second meeting of the Board will take place from Monday, 1 April to Thursday, 4 April 2019, in Songdo, Incheon, Republic of Korea;
- (d) *Decides* that the twenty-third meeting of the Board will take place from Tuesday, 15 October to Friday, 18 October 2019;
- (e) *Takes note* of the offer by the Papua New Guinea Government to host a meeting of the Board in 2019 or 2020; and
- (f) *Agrees* to decide the venue for the twenty-third meeting of the Board no later than its twenty-second meeting.



Annex II: Offer to host a meeting of the Board



EMBASSY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA Seoul

27 April 2018

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Dear Mr Bamsey,

SUBJECT: PAPUA NEW GUINEA BID TO HOST GREEN CLIMATE FUND (GCF) BOARD MEETING IN 2019/2020

Greetings from Embassy of Papua New Guinea.

I write to inform on the Government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea's decision to bid to Host Green Climate (GCF) Fund Board Meeting in 2019/2020.

Papua New Guinea so far has responded to addressing the effects of climate change and ratified by Parliament in 2016 the historic Paris Climate Change Agreement and the instrument of ratification was deposited in New York by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Hon Rimbink Pato during a special side event organized by the former United Nations Secretary General, Dr Ban Ki Moon in the same year.

The Papua New Guinea Government is also appreciative of the support and approval by the GCF Board for its readiness finance to assist with institutional capacity building for the country's National Designated Authorities (NDA) and also the assistance to our delivery partner, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI).

On that note, I kindly request for an appointment to meet with you to commence dialogue on my Government's desire to bid to host 2019/2020 GCF Board Meeting on any of the following dates 7 or 9 May or anytime between 21 and 25 May 2018.

I look forward to your confirmation on any of the dates convenient to you for our meeting.

Yours Sincerely,


Andrew Yamanea, MBE
Ambassador