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# Dates and venues of upcoming meetings of the Board

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## **Summary**

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## I. Introduction

1. This document has been prepared to assist the Board in deciding the dates and venues for meetings of the Board in 2021.

## II. Considerations

### 2.1 Dates for meetings of the Board in 2021

2. By decision B.17/24, 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 the twentieth Board meeting. 2021 Board meeting dates were not considered at B.26. The Board requested the Secretariat, in presenting the indicative schedule of Board meetings, to take into account all official United Nations holidays, including both fixed and floating holidays. A list of key events in 2021 with publicly available dates and official holidays observed at the United Nations headquarters is provided in annex II for reference.

3. The following dates are proposed for meetings of the Board in 2021:

(a) The twenty-eighth meeting of the Board (B.28) to take place on 16 – 19 March 2021;

(b) The twenty-ninth meeting of the Board (B.29) to take place on 29 June – 2 July 2021;  
and

(c) The thirtieth meeting of the Board (B.30) to take place on 5 – 8 October 2021.

4. Paragraph 17 of the Rules of Procedure of the Board provides that “At each meeting, the Board will confirm the date and duration of the following meeting.” It is therefore recommended that the Board also confirms the dates of B.28.

### 2.2 Venues for meetings of the Board in 2021

5. By decision B.BM-2020/07, the Board noted the Board’s decisions B.25/01 and B.25/02 that recognize the exceptional circumstances created by the global COVID-19 pandemic and the impact this is having on the operations of GCF (including the Board, Secretariat, independent units, accredited entities, and national designated authorities) as well as on other international entities. The Board also noted that these exceptional circumstances have resulted in strict health guidance that includes, but is not limited to, directives to remain at home, international and domestic travel restrictions, and closed borders. The Board reaffirmed the importance of GCF remaining operational to implement its mandate, given the current exceptional circumstances.

6. The Board further confirmed that unless the circumstances allow for a physical Board meeting, the Board meetings in 2020 will be held as net-meetings and requested the Co-Chairs to continue to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on the operations of GCF, and to report to the Board appropriately.

7. The Co-Chairs note that the global circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic have not yet changed and need to be carefully monitored for a resumption of physical Board meetings in 2021. The Co-Chairs therefore recommend that unless the circumstances allow for a physical Board meeting, the twenty-eighth meeting of the Board to be held a net-meeting, at which point the Board may further evaluate the situation to take a decision for the remaining meetings of 2021.



### **III. Recommended action by the Board**

8. The recommendations outlined above are presented in the draft decision in annex I for the Board to consider and adopt.

## Annex I: Draft decision of the Board

The Board, having considered document GCF/B.27/14/Rev.01 titled “Dates and venues of upcoming meetings of the Board”:

- (a) Decides and confirms that the twenty-eighth meeting of the Board will take place from Tuesday, 16 March to Friday, 19 March 2021; if circumstances allow for a physical Board meeting, the venue will be Songdo, Incheon, Republic of Korea; if circumstances do not allow for a physical Board meeting, the twenty-eighth meeting of the Board will be held as a net-meeting;
- (b) Also decides that the twenty-ninth meeting of the Board will take place from Tuesday, 29 June to Friday, 2 July 2021;
- (c) Further decides that the thirtieth meeting of the Board will take place from Tuesday, 5 October to Friday, 8 October 2021;
- (d) Underscores the importance of the full participation and involvement of the entire Board from all constituencies in the Board meetings and pre-Board meeting consultation process as an essential condition for holding an effective and full participatory meeting;
- (e) Requests the Secretariat to take appropriate steps to ensure the full and effective participation of all Board members, alternate members, advisers and active observers in the virtual meeting(s), including testing the technology and providing support to developing countries in particular; and
- (f) Requests the Co-Chairs to continue to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on the operations of GCF, and to report to the Board appropriately.



## Annex II: Key events in 2021 and slots for GCF Board meetings

Dates	Event	Location
<b>JAN</b>		
1	<i>New Year's Day***</i>	
7	<i>Orthodox Christmas*</i>	
<b>FEB</b>		
11 - 12	<i>Lunar New Year (observed in Korea &amp; most of East Asia)</i>	
15	<i>Presidents' Day*</i>	
<b>MAR</b>		
16 - 19	<b>GCF - B.28 proposed dates</b>	
20	<i>Nowruz*</i>	
22 - 26	Adaptation Fund Board – 36 <sup>th</sup> meeting	Bonn, Germany
<b>APR</b>		
2	<i>Good Friday***</i>	
8	<i>Day of Vesak*</i>	
9 - 11	2021 World Bank & IMF Spring Meetings	Washington DC, USA
13	<i>Beginning of Ramadan</i>	
30	<i>Orthodox Good Friday*</i>	
<b>MAY</b>		
12/13	<i>Eid al-Fitr***</i>	
31	<i>Memorial Day**</i>	
<b>JUN</b>		
[TBA]	UNFCCC – 52 <sup>nd</sup> session of the subsidiary bodies	Bonn, Germany
15 - 17	GEF – 60 <sup>th</sup> Council meeting	Washington DC, USA
29 - [2]	<b>GCF - B.29 proposed dates</b>	
<b>JUL</b>		
5	<i>US Independence Day**</i>	
6 - 9	<i>Available</i>	
19/20	<i>Eid al-Adha***</i>	
6 - 15	High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2021	New York, USA
<b>AUG</b>		
<b>SEP</b>		
6	<i>Labor Day**</i>	
12	G20 - 16 <sup>th</sup> Summit	Italy
14 - 30	UNGA – 76 <sup>th</sup> Session	New York, USA
15/16	<i>Yom Kippur*</i>	
20 - 22	<i>Chuseok (autumn eve festival observed in Korea)</i>	
<b>OCT</b>		
[30] - 2	UNFCCC Pre-COP26 Summit	Milan, Italy
1	<i>Chinese National Day</i>	
5 - 8	<b>GCF - B.30 proposed dates</b>	
11 - 15	Adaptation Fund Board – 37 <sup>th</sup> meeting	Bonn, Germany
15 - 17	2021 World Bank & IMF Annual Meetings	Marrakech, Morocco



19 - 22	<i>Available</i>	
<b>NOV</b>		
4	<i>Diwali*</i>	
1 - 12	UNFCCC – 26 <sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of Parties	Glasgow, UK
19	<i>Gurpurab*</i>	
25	<i>Thanksgiving Day**</i>	
<b>DEC</b>		
7 - 9	GEF – 61 <sup>st</sup> Council meeting	Washington DC, USA
25	<i>Christmas day***</i>	

*Abbreviations:* B.25 – B.27 = the twenty-fifth to twenty-seventh meetings of the Board, CIFs = Climate Investment Funds, COP = Conference of Parties, G20 = Group of Twenty, GEF = Global Environment Facility, IMF = International Monetary Fund, UNFCCC = United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, UNGA = United Nations General Assembly, TBA = to be announced, TBC = to be confirmed, TBD = to be determined.

*\* UN floating holidays*

*\*\* Official holidays observed at the UN Headquarters that are national holidays*

*\*\*\* Official holidays observed at the UN Headquarters that are not national holidays*

**Key 2021 Events with dates TBA**

UNFCCC – 52 <sup>nd</sup> sessions of the subsidiary bodies	Bonn, Germany
CIFs Trust Fund Committee Meetings - I	Washington DC, USA
CIFs Trust Fund Committee Meetings - II	Washington DC, USA