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Meeting of the Board

17 – 20 July 2022

Incheon, Republic of Korea

Provisional agenda item 19

GCF/B.33/12

6 July 2022

Dates and venues of upcoming Board meetings

Summary

This document has been prepared to assist the Board in confirming the dates for the thirty-fourth meeting of the Board.

I. Introduction

1. This document has been prepared to assist the Board in confirming the dates of its thirty-fourth meeting (B.34).

II. Dates for upcoming meetings of the Board

2. By decision B.32/12, paragraph (b), the Board decided that B.34 will take place from Monday, 17 October to Thursday, 20 October 2022 as an in-person meeting in the Republic of Korea. 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 recommended that the Board confirm the agreed dates for B.34.

III. Offers to host GCF Board meetings

3. As of Friday, 24 June 2022, the Secretariat has received three offers to host a meeting of the Board in 2022. The first offer was from the Government of the Republic of Rwanda to host a meeting of the Board in 2022 through a letter signed by the Minister for Environment, Dr. Jenne d'Arc Mujawamariya, dated 28 September 2021, presented in annex II. The second offer came from the Government of Mongolia through a letter signed by the Director-General of the Climate Change Department, Mr. Enkhbat Altangerel and dated 4 October 2021, communicated to the Board at B.30, and appended once again in annex III. The third is an offer from the Government of Tajikistan expressing interest to host a Board meeting in 2022 in Dushanbe on the margin of the Second International High-Level Conference on the International Decade for Action — Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028 through a letter signed by H.E. Sirojiddin Muhriddin, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and dated 25 November 2021, appended in annex IV.

4. During a country programming call between GCF Secretariat, led by Anupa Lamichhane, regional manager for Asia Pacific, and the Government of Mongolia, led by the national designated authority Focal Point, Ms. Choikhand Janchivlamdan, on Monday, 30 May 2022, the government reiterated their interest to host a Board meeting and requested that their previously submitted offer to host a Board meeting in 2022 be rather considered for 2023 since the venue for B.34 has already been decided by the Board.

5. Given that organizing the hosting of Board meetings outside the Republic of Korea requires additional time, it is recommended the Board decide on these offers at B.33 to allow the Secretariat sufficient time to prepare for the organization of any Board meeting(s) outside the Republic of Korea.

6. Also, it is recommended that the Board confirm the dates of 17–20 October 2022 for B.34 by adopting the draft decision in annex I.

Annex I: Draft decision of the Board

The Board considered document GCF/B.33/12 titled “Dates and venues of upcoming meetings of the Board”:

- (a) Recalls and confirms that the thirty-fourth meeting of the Board will take place from Monday, 17 October to Thursday, 20 October 2022, in the Republic of Korea;
- (b) Decides that the thirty-fifth meeting of the Board will take place from Monday, 13 March to Thursday, 16 March 2023, in Kigali, Rwanda, from Tuesday, with the dates and venue to be confirmed at the thirty-fourth meeting of the Board; and
- (c) Requests the Secretariat to initiate consultations with the host country with the aim of finalizing the memorandum of understanding for the hosting of a Board meeting at least four weeks before the commencement of the meeting of the Board.



Annex II: Letter from the Republic of Rwanda

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



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Kigali, on 28 SEPT 2021
N° 0346/16.01

Dear Sir,

Re: Expression of interest to host the Thirty Third Board Meeting of Green Climate Fund (GCF) in Rwanda

On behalf of the Government of Rwanda, I have the honour to express the Rwanda's interest to host the 33rd Board Meeting of the GCF planned for 2022. Hosting of the GCF Board meeting would be a great opportunity for Rwanda to echo the commitment of developing countries to implement the Paris agreement but also underscore the significance of building national capacities to access the available climate finances. Rwanda become the first African Country to update its Nationally Determined Contribution to Paris Agreement as a demonstration of the commitment to combat the impacts of climate change.

Rwanda was among the first developing countries to have a government institution (The Ministry of Environment) accredited for direct access to the GCF. In addition to this, Rwanda has a track record of successful hosting of regional and international meetings, all attributed to the government commitment of delivering quality services, availability of state of the art conference facilities, assured security and above all, the Rwandan hospitality. Furthermore, since January 2018, nationals of all countries in the world, can receive their visa upon arrival at Kigali International Airport and all land borders which makes travelling to Rwanda much easy. We should also mention that major airlines (such as KLM, SN, Qatar, Turkish, Ethiopian, Rwandair, Kenya Airways, etc) are connecting Kigali to different cities in the world.

Among the hosted meetings we can mention the Regional Workshop for Africa on Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions in August 2015, the 10th Africa Carbon Forum in June 2016, the 28th Meeting of Parties to the Montreal Protocol which ended up with Kigali Amendment in October, 2016 and the 10th Extraordinary Summit of Africa Union in March 2016, Africa Green Growth Forum in 2018 and the upcoming CHOGM June 2022 among others. We are therefore, confident that our country has sufficient capacity to make the Board meeting very successful.

We look forward to your highest consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeanne d'Arc MUJAWAMARIYA
Minister of Environment



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Annex III: Letter from Mongolia



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TO: Mr. Yannick Glemarec, Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund

The Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia as the National Designated Authority is presenting compliments to the Green Climate Fund, noting the successful cooperation with the Fund since 2014.

In alignment with the Cooperation Agreement signed in 2019 between the Government of Mongolia and the GCF, Mongolia has been prioritizing climate actions in its development pathway. In partnership with international and direct access entities, Mongolia is successfully implementing several Green Climate Fund projects with tangible outcomes in Mongolia. We hope to have the opportunity to share our experiences with GCF Board members and stakeholders through potential project site visits in 2022.

The Government of Mongolia is expressing its interest to host one of the 2022 GCF Board meetings in Mongolia. Furthermore, I look forward to meeting you and GCF colleagues at the upcoming COP 26 meeting to discuss strengthening our continued partnership.

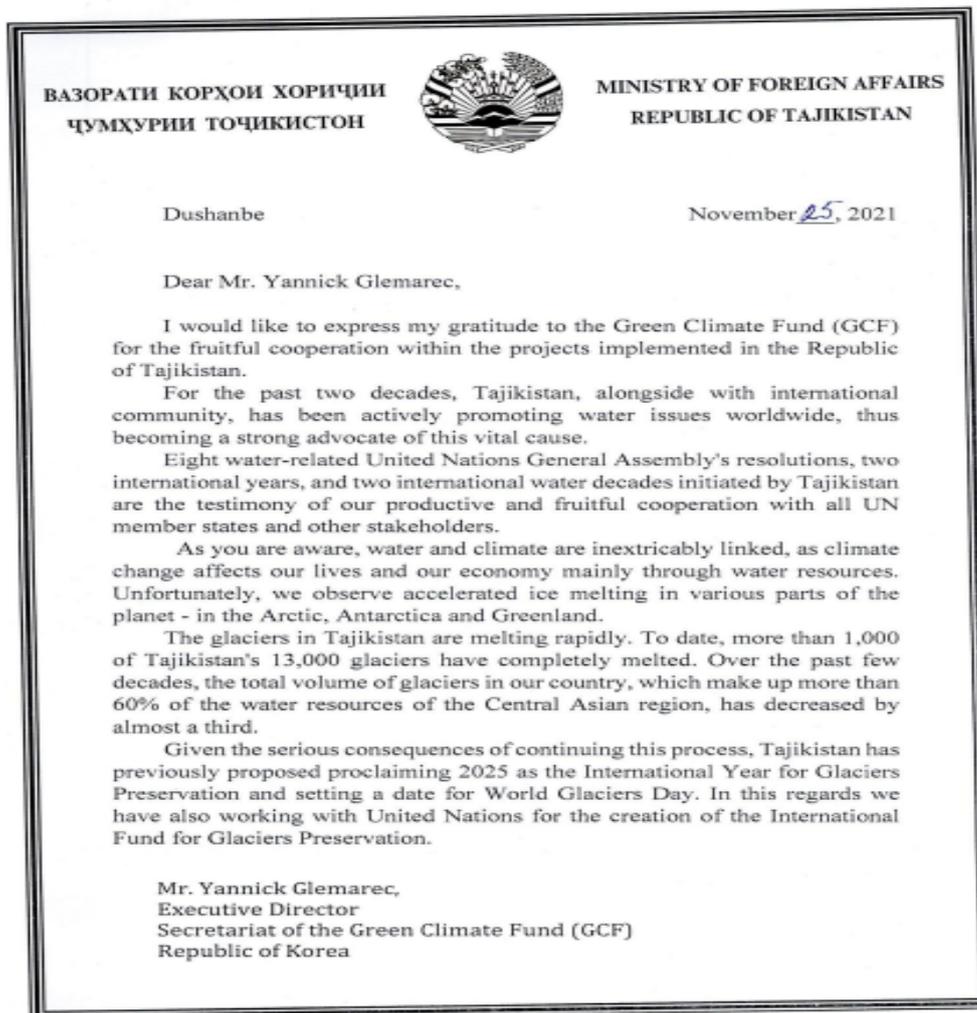
We would appreciate your kind consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

ENKHBAT Altangerel,
DIRECTOR-GENERAL,
CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT



Annex IV: Letter from Tajikistan



To this end, we would like to confirm our willingness to hold the upcoming GCF Board Meeting 2022 in Dushanbe on the margins of the Second International High-Level Conference on the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028". Therefore, we are committed to take all organizational arrangements in collaboration with GCF to conducting this event.

For further information, please contact the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, National Designated Authority to GCF at: gcfnda@tajnature.tj and cepri@gmail.com.

I am looking forward to continue our mutually beneficial cooperation.

Kind regards,

Minister

Sirojiddin Muhridin