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Dates and venues of upcoming Board meetings

Summary

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

I. Introduction

1. This document has been prepared to assist the Board in confirming the dates of its thirty-fifth meeting (B.35).

II. Dates for upcoming meetings of the Board

2. By decision B.33/18, paragraph (b), the Board decided that B.35 will take place from Monday, 13 March to Thursday, 16 March 2023, as an in-person meeting in Kigali, Rwanda.

3. Also, in decision B.32/12 the Board:

(a) Decided that B.36 will take place from Monday, 10 July to Thursday, 13 July 2023;

(b) Also decided that B.37 will take place from Monday, 23 October to Thursday, 26 October 2023; and

(c) Requested the Co-Chairs to continue to monitor the impact of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic on the operations of GCF, and to report to the Board appropriately.

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 recommended that the Board confirm the agreed dates for B.35.

Table 1: 2023 dates and venues for Board meetings

Board meeting	Date	Venue
Thirty-fifth meeting	Monday, 13 — Thursday, 16 March	Kigali, Rwanda
Thirty-sixth meeting	Monday, 10 — Thursday, 13 July	TBC
Thirty-seventh meeting	Monday, 23 — Thursday, 26 October	TBC

Abbreviations: TBC = To be confirmed

6. A GCF technical mission took place from 3 to 5 October 2022 in Rwanda to assess the feasibility of hosting B.35 in the country on the dates of 13–16 March 2023 as decided by the Board. The GCF delegation held a number of high-level and operational meetings with relevant authorities, undertook site visits to the venue and hotel options considered, and visited the site of a GCF-funded project (FP073: Strengthening Climate Resilience of Rural Communities in Northern Rwanda), as the Rwandan authorities are willing to organize a visit to this project site during B.35. A draft agreement on the privileges and immunities of GCF was discussed and its text was largely agreed during the technical mission, although a suitable date for signature is still being explored. A Memorandum of Understanding for hosting B.35 is still under discussion between GCF and the Rwandan authorities.

7. The delegation concluded that B.35 can be hosted in Kigali, with further analysis to be done in terms of flight routes and any transit visa requirements for participants. It was noted, however, that the 73rd Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Congress is scheduled to take place in Kigali on 16 March 2023, with a number of events and activities taking place on the occasion of this event. FIFA has reserved all of the main venues including the

venues assessed and considered suitable by the GCF delegation, and hotels in Kigali. This has a negative impact for the currently scheduled B.35 dates, with the expected limited flight availability, limited number of hotel rooms, and most importantly unavailability of the suitable venues.

8. Therefore, in alignment with the calendar of international meetings of relevance to GCF, and in order to avoid a clash with the FIFA event and associated difficulties with hotel and venue bookings, the Board may wish to confirm the venue for B.35 to be in Rwanda while changing the dates of the meeting to be from 21 to 24 March 2023.

II. Recommendation

9. It is recommended that the Board change the dates of B.35 from 13–16 March 2023 to 21–24 March 2023 by adopting the draft decision in annex I.

Annex I: Draft decision of the Board

The Board, having considered document GCF/B.34/07/Rev.01 titled “Dates and venues of upcoming meetings of the Board”:

Decides and confirms that the thirty-fifth meeting of the Board will take place from Tuesday, 21 March to Friday, 24 March 2023, in Kigali, Rwanda.

Annex II: Calendar of international events in March 2023

Date	Events
5-9	5th UN Conference on LDCs, Doha, Qatar
6-8	Africa Health Agenda International Conference, Kigali, Rwanda
13-15	UN Development Cooperation Forum, NY, USA
16	73rd FIFA Congress meeting, Kigali, Rwanda
22-24	UN-Water Conference, NY, USA
27-30	Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development 2023, Bangkok, Thailand
27-29	International Conference on Business Models in Agriculture, Kigali, Rwanda
29-30	UNECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, Geneva, Switzerland
31	Special Meeting on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, NY, USA