

**Global Green Growth Institute**

Third session of the Assembly

Songdo, 18 November 2014

**Decision on the approval of minutes for the second session of the Assembly**

The Assembly,

*Recalling* the second session of the Assembly, held on 27 September 2013;

1. *Approves* the minutes for the second session of the Assembly.



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**Global Green Growth Institute**

Second session of the Assembly

New York, 27 September 2013

**Minutes for the second session of the Assembly**

The second session of the Assembly of the Global Green Growth Institute (hereinafter, “GGGI”) was held on 27 September 2013 at the Westin New York Grand Central Hotel, New York, USA.

**Members Present:**

**Australia**, represented by Clare Walsh, First Assistant Director General, AusAID

**Cambodia**, represented by Sea Kosal, Permanent Representative and Ambassador of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the UN

**Costa Rica**, represented by Rene Castro-Salazar, Minister of Environment and Energy

**Denmark**, represented by Mette Thygesen, Deputy Head of Department, Development Policy and Global Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Ethiopia**, represented by Ato. Negash Weldehawariyat, Member of the UN General Assembly delegation

**Guyana, President of the Assembly**, represented by Bharrat Jagdeo, Former President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana

**Indonesia**, represented by Endah Murniningtyas, Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Environment

**Kiribati**, represented by Kaatteti Tooto, Acting Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development

**Korea**, represented by Boonam Shin, Ambassador for Climate Change, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Mexico**, represented by Alfonso Zegbe, Minister/SEMARNAT Representative, Office of Environment and Natural Resources, Embassy of Mexico to the United States

**Norway**, represented by Øystein Djupedal, County Governor of Aust-Agder County

**Papua New Guinea**, represented by Patrick Pruaitch, Minister for Forest and Climate Change

**Qatar**, represented by Fahad bin Mohamed Al-Attiyah, Chairman, Qatar National Food Security Programme

**United Kingdom**, represented by Matt Jackson, Head of Development and Climate Policy, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom to the United Nations

Observer:

**Lars Løkke Rasmussen**, Chair of the Council

GGGI Secretariat:

Howard Bamsey, Director-General

Hyoeun Jenny Kim, Director, Strategy, Policy and Communications

Darius Nassiry, Deputy Director, Strategy, Policy and Communications

Kim Mikkelsen, Personal Assistant to the Chair of the Council

Dyana Mardon, Program Officer, Strategy, Policy and Communications

Misung Jung, Conference Planning and Protocol Officer, Management & Administration

Donald Kidd, Legal consultant

## Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda for the second session of the Assembly
3. Approval of the minutes of the first session of the Assembly
4. Update on the Council
  - a. Report from the Chair of the Council
5. Policy discussion
  - a. Ratification update
  - b. Update on the Joint Donor Review
  - c. Privileges and Immunities
    - i. Privileges and Immunities Committee
6. Membership of the Council in 2014
7. Written Procedure
8. Any other business
9. Closing of the meeting

## Decisions

### **A/2/DC/1: Decision on the approval of minutes of the first session of the Assembly**

The Assembly decided:

1. To approve the minutes of the first session of the Assembly, as attached in A/1/MIN/1.

### **A/2/DC/2: Decision on the Privileges and Immunities Committee of the Assembly**

The Assembly decided:

1. To establish a Privileges and Immunities Committee in accordance with the terms of reference, as attached in Annex 1; and,
2. To approve the composition of the Privileges and Immunities Committee, as attached in Annex 2.

### **A/2/DC/3: Decision on the composition of the Council in 2014**

The Assembly decided:

1. To elect the Members of the Council, as attached in Annex 1.

### **A/2/DC/4: Decision on the process for decision by Written Procedure**

The Assembly decided:

1. To adopt the proposed process for decision by Written Procedure, as attached in Annex 1.

## Discussion

### 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The President of the Assembly, Guyana, opened the meeting and welcomed the Members to the second session of the Assembly.

### 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Assembly adopted the agenda for the second session.

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Assembly approved the minutes of the first session of the Assembly.

### 4. UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL

#### a. Report from the Chair of the Council

Chair Rasmussen informed the Assembly that the conversion to an international organization was nearing completion and that GGGI had received ODA eligibility status from the OECD DAC in July. GGGI also plans to open a liaison office in Songdo, Korea.

Chair Rasmussen added that an informal workshop had been held on 15-16 September 2013 in Jakarta to discuss the new strategy beginning in 2015, with expected adoption in October 2014.

He stated that Council Members had emphasized the need to (1) consolidate activities; (2) demonstrate the benefits of public-private cooperation (PPC) activities; (3) continue to develop the GGGI's role as a trusted advisor to governments; (4) attain financial stability and clarity in the funding process from donors; and (5) demonstrate results and scale up participation in the international debate on sustainability.

The Assembly felt that "consolidation" should be understood to mean greater focus in projects rather than a limit in membership expansion and that GGGI must find cost effective ways of servicing members, including those without country programs.

### 5. POLICY DISCUSSION

#### a. Ratification update

Director-General Bamsey informed the Assembly that 13 of 20 signatories have completed the ratification process, and that other signatories were currently expected to complete the ratification process in 2013 or early 2014.

#### b. Update on the Joint Donor Review

Director-General Bamsey informed the Assembly that the second Joint Donor Review was conducted during the first two weeks of September 2013, with representatives from

Australia, Denmark, Norway and the Republic of Korea. The Joint Donor Review team will provide a final report and the Secretariat will provide its responses at that time.

The members of the Joint Donor Review team emphasized that the Headquarters should be further consolidated and GGGI activities should be localized and stressed the importance of transparency and communication between the Headquarters and offices and leadership and staff. A short, mid- and long-term road map for in-house capacity building in the Seoul Headquarters should be developed, with further discussion by the Council.

### **c. Privileges and Immunities**

Deputy Director-General Dawson explained that GGGI would seek agreements on privileges and immunities with Member governments similar to those normally given to other international organizations. The proposed general agreement on privileges and immunities is designed as a starting point for discussion and sets a common standard for privileges and immunities, ensuring all Members are treated equally in negotiations.

The Assembly felt that the general agreement on privileges and immunities should provide for basic necessities such as jurisdiction of personality, immunity and inviolability of the organization and the immunity of GGGI staff and associated experts. Host country agreements should deal with any other arrangements with respect to the establishment of regional offices or projects.

The Assembly approved the establishment of a Privileges and Immunities Committee, composed of each Member of the Assembly, to facilitate a general agreement on privileges and immunities which would then be adopted by the Assembly. Such an agreement must be ratified or approved by each respective Member domestically in order to be binding.

## **6. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL IN 2014**

The Assembly elected Denmark and Norway to terms of two years as contributing Members on the Council, and Kiribati and Papua New Guinea to terms of two years as participating Members on the Council.

## **7. WRITTEN PROCEDURE**

The Assembly adopted the proposed process for decision by Written Procedure.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Costa Rica and Indonesia informed the Assembly that the two countries would be working at the expert-level on work in the forestry sector. This development came out of discussions held between Costa Rica and Indonesia at the Council Strategy Workshop in September.

The Republic of Korea informed the Assembly that it had co-signed with 13 other Members on the application for UN observer status for the GGGI and that this would be discussed by the UN General Assembly in the sixth committee. Republic of Korea asked Members to contact their UN missions to ensure the approval of GGGI's observer status.

## **9. CLOSING OF THE MEETING**

Having no further business, the second session of the Assembly was closed.