

Global Green Growth Institute

Donor Consultative Group

Seoul, 24 February 2013

Summary of the second meeting of the Donor Consultative Group

The second meeting of the Donor Consultative Group (DCG) was held at GGGI Headquarters in Seoul, Republic of Korea, on 24 February 2014 in person and via videoconference.

Participants

Australia, represented by Paul Schofield, Economic Counsellor, Embassy of Australia; Fiona Lord, Policy Manager, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (via videoconference)

Denmark, represented by Annette Aarestrup, Deputy Head of Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (via videoconference); Maria Ulff-Møller, Head of Section, Green Growth, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (via videoconference)

Germany, represented by Johannes Regenbrecht, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Germany; Claudia Olbrich, Third Secretary, Embassy of Germany

Norway, represented by Morten Nordskog, Deputy Director General, Ministry of the Environment (via videoconference); Lauren Gisnas, Adviser, Section for Sustainable Development and Environment, Department for Climate, Energy and Environment (via videoconference)

Republic of Korea, represented by Joo-il Lee, Director, Global Green Growth Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Kyoung-hae Kim, Second Secretary, Global Green Growth Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Switzerland, represented by Johan G d y, Senior Water Policy Advisor, Global Program Water Initiatives, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

United Kingdom, represented by Michael Watters, Head of Climate Change, British Embassy; David King, Economist, Growth Team, Growth and Resilience Department, Policy Division, Department for International Development (via videoconference)

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The DCG made the following key recommendations:

Key recommendations regarding DCG meetings

1. In future meetings, DCG members would like to see greater balance in discussions between administrative/institutional issues and programmatic activities.

Key recommendations regarding the 2013 Joint Donor Review

2. DCG members agreed with the recommendation of the Joint Donor Review to consolidate activities this year and establish strong monitoring and evaluation systems and institutional structures.

Key recommendations regarding finance

3. It is important that the Secretariat continue to bring its financial management to international standards, both in the Headquarters and country offices, ensuring that in-country staff are well-trained and have the skills and capacity to conduct financial management at the same level as within Headquarters. This development and introduction of new systems and practices should be visible throughout the organization and clearly documented.
4. Given GGGI's current situation, cost saving measures should be implemented. The Secretariat may consider sequencing the recruitment of staff as one such measure, as well as measures that ensure that administration overhead costs facilitate a sustainable financial structure.
5. The DCG supported the Secretariat's plan to proactively meet with prospective new members and identify ways to secure GGGI's funding base and predictability and sustainability in funding. The DCG suggested that the Council may wish to discuss the funding schedules of GGGI donors at its meeting in November 2014 to enhance the predictability of 2015 funding.

Key recommendations regarding the development of the Strategic Plan 2015-2020

6. The DCG welcomed the proposal for an Informal Working Group (IWG) composed of GGGI members to facilitate engagement in the formulation process of the Strategic Plan 2015-2020, as well as the proposed interactive website for members. The Secretariat may also wish to consider gathering inputs from global thought leaders on climate change and growth more broadly to identify the space in which GGGI can position itself.
7. The business model should be proportional to available resources, and as such, a stable resource base and improved funding predictability should be established before finalizing the Strategic Plan.
8. Over the six-year period covered by the Strategic Plan 2015-2020, it is important that GGGI focus on integration of work streams, implementation of projects and results, consolidation of activities and improving communication of activities and results.
9. One feature that differentiates GGGI from other organizations in the field is its focus on and direct relationship with the private sector. It will be important for GGGI to maintain its

private sector links and generate increased results in its Public-Private Cooperation activities.

10. GGGI can play a key role in policy leadership and influencing policy development at the country and regional level and should build on this as a comparative advantage. GGGI should also continue to increase its cooperative partnerships with other international organizations.
11. The Strategic Plan should look at portfolio balance between low and middle income countries and whether this balance will change in the future. GGGI may also consider opportunities for co-funding in activities.
12. Gender, environmental and social safeguards should be cross-cutting themes throughout the entire organization and its activities.

Key recommendations regarding Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) and reporting

13. The new monitoring system should be suitable to GGGI's activities and purpose across the organization, not only Green Growth Planning & Implementation (GGP&I) activities.
14. When developing the frameworks for M&E, it is important to consider how case studies can be created to share knowledge and lessons as well as how to communicate achievements.

Key recommendations regarding communication activities

15. The communications strategy should consider opportunities to influence the global negotiations and debate on climate change and green growth.

Key recommendations regarding future cooperation with DCG members

16. Australia noted the positive work done by GGGI in the Asia and Pacific region with support and direct collaboration with Australian embassies in those countries, particularly in the Philippines, Mekong, Cambodia, and Indonesia, and encouraged the Secretariat to continue these relationships.
17. Denmark noted opportunities for further collaboration in Latin America, Southeast Asia and Ethiopia. In particular, in 2014, Denmark will engage in a new program on greening agricultural transformation in Ethiopia, aiming to facilitate a stronger focus on sustainability and transforming the agricultural sector through innovative technology and strengthening of value chains, and this may be an opportunity for collaboration with GGGI.
18. The United Kingdom would like to continue, at a minimum, the current technical level relationship with the GGGI in country programs such as Ethiopia. Country-level relationships are of highest importance and this is where programs can be most developed and implemented.