

Global Green Growth Institute

Council of the GGGI

Written Procedure

8 January 2015

Decision on the approval of minutes from the sixth session of the Council

The Council,

Recalling the sixth session of the Council on 18 November 2014 in Songdo, Republic of Korea;

1. *Approves* the minutes from the sixth session of the Council, C/6/MIN/1.

Global Green Growth Institute

Sixth session of the Council

Songdo, 18 November 2014

Minutes for the sixth session of the Council

The sixth session of the Council of the Global Green Growth Institute (hereinafter, “GGGI”) was held on 18 November 2014 from 10:00 to 18:00 in Songdo, Republic of Korea.

Members:

Australia, represented by Mr. Ravi Kewalram, Charge d’ Affaires, Embassy of the Commonwealth of Australia to the Republic of Korea

Costa Rica, represented by H.E. Dr. Edgar E. Gutiérrez-Espeleta, Minister of Environment, Energy, Oceans, Coasts and Wetlands

Denmark, represented by H.E. Mr. Niels Pultz, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ethiopia, represented by Dr. Tewelde Berhan G. Egziabher G. Yohannes, Advisor to the Minister of Environment and Forest, Ministry of Environment and Forest

Indonesia, represented by H.E. Dr. Lukita Dinarsyah Tuwo, former Minister of National Development Planning Agency

Norway, represented by Ms. Hanne Inger Bjurstrøm, Special Envoy, Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment

Papua New Guinea, represented by Douglas Kaibul, Second Secretary, Embassy of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea to the Republic of Korea

Republic of Korea, represented by H.E. Mr. Yun Byung-se, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Mr. Sung-ho Lee, Director-General, Global Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

United Arab Emirates, represented by H.E. Dr. Thani Al Zeyoudi, Permanent Representative of the UAE to IRENA, Director of Energy and Climate Change, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom, represented by Mr. Tony Burdon, Head of Growth and Resilience Department, Department for International Development

Montek Singh Ahluwalia, former Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Government of India

Suh-Yong Chung, Professor, Division on International Studies, Korea University

H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Chair of the Council, former President of Indonesia

Yvo de Boer, Director-General

Absent:

Qatar

Observers:

Cambodia, represented by H.E. Mr. Ken Serey Rotha, Deputy Secretary-General, Cambodia National Council for Green Growth

Fiji, represented by Mr. Joreti Dakuwaqa, First Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Fiji to the Republic of Korea

Jordan, represented by H.E. Mr. Omar Al-Nahar, Ambassador, Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Republic of Korea

Mexico, represented by Mr. Carlos V. Rubio-Noguerola, Third Secretary, Embassy of the United Mexican States to the Republic of Korea

Mongolia, represented by Ms. Kharkhuu Khishigjargal, Senior Officer, Green Development Policy and Planning Department, Ministry of Environment and Green Development

Philippines, represented by Ms. Cosette V. Canilao, Executive Director, Public-Private Partnership Center

Rwanda, represented by Mr. Mugiraneza Jean Bosco, CEO, Rwanda Energy Group Limited

Senegal, represented by H.E. Mr. Mamadou Ndiaye, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Senegal to the Republic of Korea

Vietnam, represented by Mr. Nguyen Tuan Anh, Deputy-Director General, Ministry of Planning and Investment

Guests:

Mary Robinson, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Climate Change

Carina Larsfälten, Managing Director, Global Policy and Strategic Partnerships, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)

Hoesung Lee, Vice Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

Mark Watts, Executive Director, C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group

GGGI Secretariat:

Robert Dawson, Deputy Director-General, Management and Administration

Nikolaus Schultze, Assistant Director-General, Public-Private Cooperation

Hyoeun Jenny Kim, Director, Strategy, Policy and Communications

Myung-Kyoon Lee, Director, Knowledge Development and Management

Imran Habib Ahmad, Director of East Asia and Pacific, GGP&I

Jennifer Butz, Director, North & Central Asia and Latin America, GGP&I

Darius Nassiry, Deputy-Director, Strategy, Policy and Communications

Bradford Philips, Head of the Organization and Delivery Unit, Management and Administration

Inhee Chung, Senior Sustainability and Safeguards Specialist, Management and Administration

Jahan Chowdhury, Senior Strategy and Planning Specialist, Strategy, Policy and Communications

Rene Karottki, Senior Adviser, South-South Cooperation, Strategy, Policy and Communications

Rapporteurs:

Julie Choi, Governance Officer, Strategy, Policy and Communications

Sharon Teo, Strategy Consultant, Strategy, Policy and Communications

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting
 - a. Adoption of the agenda for the sixth session of the Council
 - b. Approval of the minutes from the fifth session of the Council
 - c. Report from the Sub-Committees
 - d. Update on the informal Donor Consultative Group
2. Appointment of expert and non-state actor members of the Council and election of the Council Bureau
 - a. Appointment of expert and non-state actor members
 - b. Election of the Council bureau
3. Approval of the Strategic Plan 2015-2020
4. Approval of the Work Program and Budget 2015-2016
5. Review of the governance structure
6. Sustainability and Safeguards Policy
7. GGGI focal point in Europe
8. Strategic discussion (I)

What could members do to enhance the relevance of GGGI in international policy agenda and to broaden the green growth debate?
9. Strategic discussion (II)

How can members contribute to expand GGGI membership, including strong engagement of emerging economies, and to mobilize additional funding?
10. Provisional agenda for the next session of the Council
11. Any other business
12. Closing of the meeting

Decisions

C/6/DC/1: Decision on approval of minutes for the fifth session

The Council:

2. *Approves* the minutes from the fifth session of the Council, C/5/MIN/1; and,
2. *Takes note of* the summary of the joint meeting of the sixth sessions of the Audit and Finance Sub-Committee and the Program Sub-Committee, AFSC/PSC/6/SUM/1.

C/6/DC/2: Decision on the expert and non-state actor members of the Council

The Council:

1. *Appoints* H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono as an expert or non-state actor member to serve on the Council starting on 18 November 2014 until 31 December 2014; and
2. *Further appoints* as members the four experts or non-state actors to terms of two years, from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2016, as attached in Annex 1.

C/6/DC/3: Decision on the Council bureau

The Council:

1. *Elects* the member of the Council Bureau, as attached in Annex 1, who will also serve in corresponding role of the Assembly Bureau; and,
2. *Agrees* that, on an exceptional basis, the term of office of the Chair of the Council will start on 18 November 2014.

C/6/DC/4: Decision on the Strategic Plan 2015-2020

1. *Approves* the Strategic Plan 2015-2020, as attached in Annex 1.

C/6/DC/5: Decision on the Work Program and Budget 2015-2016

The Council:

1. *Approves* the Work Program and Budget 2015-2016, as attached in Annex 1, with a note that as part of GGGI's cost recovery mechanism two rates will apply:
 - a. To ensure transparency, accountability and ease of accounting, GGGI will charge 7% Project Support Cost (PSC) for earmarked projects funded by core contributing members of GGGI; and

b. To ensure core resources do not subsidize earmarked projects, funding partners who are not GGGI's core contributing members will be charged between 7% to 13% overhead cost, depending on the value and complexity of the projects.

C/6/DC/6: Decision on governance reform

The Council:

1. *Requests* the Director-General to actively encourage voluntary contributions, including in-kind contributions, from all members and to announce these contributions to members twice a year;

2. *Decides* to defer the appointment of Advisory Committee members;

3. *Decides* to elect the members of the Council Bureau to be the same members as the Assembly Bureau;

4. *Decides* to merge the roles of Audit and Finance Sub-committee, Program Subcommittee and Facilitative Sub-committee into one single sub-committee of the Council, to be named the Management and Program Sub-Committee (MPSC);

5. *Decides* to include in the MPSC all members that express interest by 31 December 2014, and to establish its Terms of Reference as annexed in C/6/6; and,

6. *Decides* to invite the Director-General to recommend to the MPSC the list of "Key Strategic Partners" and the modality of engagement with the partners.

C/6/DC/7: Decision on GGGI focal point in Europe

The Council:

1. *Decides* to finalize a decision on this matter by written procedure in the next 48 hours.

Discussion

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

As the Acting Chair of the Council, Republic of Korea, represented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, opened the sixth session of the Council. The proposed agenda was revised to consider the approval and noting of the minutes after the election of expert and non-state actor members and the election of the Council bureau. The Council adopted the agenda with this revision.

2. APPOINTMENT OF EXPERT AND NON-STATE ACTOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL BUREAU

The Council elected four new members as expert and non-state actor members of the Council. Members welcomed H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Mr. Mark Watts, Mr. Peter Bakker, and Dr. Hoesung Lee, as new members of the Council starting from 2015.

Regarding the composition of the Council bureau, the Council elected H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono as the Chair of the Council to start his term of office on 18 November 2014. The new Chair of the Council delivered his acceptance remarks.

The Council proceeded to approve the minutes for the fifth session of the Council and also to take note of the summaries of the Donor Consultative Group meeting and the joint meeting of the Audit and Finance Sub-committee and the Program Sub-committee.

3. APPROVAL OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN 2015-2020

The Council broadly supported the final draft of the Strategic Plan 2015-2020. Members welcomed the results-oriented approach outlined in the plan and also noted that the Plan reflects comments and concerns that had been made by members.

Regarding the selection criteria of GGGI's programs and activities, a few members emphasized the balance between engagement with the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and other higher income countries. Others noted that GGGI should strike a balance between engagement with LDCs and with emerging economies, and also between members and non-members.

In order to successfully implement the goals and objectives outlined in the Plan, Members also need to have ownership of the document and engage with domestic political actors in order to keep green growth discussions at high political level, said one member.

Council members also noted that more outreach events should be organized to mobilize resources and funding. More frequent communications from GGGI headquarters to members in the implementation phase of the Plan was also requested by members.

The Council approved decision C/6/DC/4 regarding the Strategic Plan 2015-2020.

4. APPROVAL OF THE WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET 2015-2016

The Council considered the approval of the Work Program and Budget 2015-2016. Members encouraged GGGI to further reduce non-programmatic cost and to develop mechanisms to flexibly revise the biennial budget.

Regarding the project support cost charge for earmarked projects, Norway had concerns about the proposed overhead charge percentage. After further discussion, the Council revised the decision to include a note to apply two rates of cost recovery mechanism to earmarked projects.

The Council approved the revised decision C/6/DC/5 on the Work Program and Budget 2015-2016.

5. REVIEW OF THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The Chair outlined the proposal for five reform measures: (1) encouragement of contributions from all members, interpreting “participating member” to include members who also contribute in any form to GGGI; (2) deferment indefinitely of appointment of Advisory Committee members; (3) consolidation of the Assembly and Council bureaus; (4) consolidation of the Council Sub-Committees for greater efficiency and transparency; and (5) affirmation of non-member countries and organizations that support GGGI’s objectives as “key strategic partners.”

Some members raised questions about the consolidation of the bureaus of the Council and of the Assembly, and the deferment of the Advisory committee. In response to the concerns, The Director of Strategy, Policy and Communications explained that the reform measures are in accordance with the Establishment Agreement, and that the measures will be kept under review by the Council in the future.

Regarding the proposal to engage with the key strategic partners, member countries asked about the selection criteria and the engagement modality. The Director-General responded that he will consult closely with Members on this matter particularly through the new sub-committee of the Council, the Management and Program Sub-committee, and the members will decide on the key strategic partners based on the Director-General’s recommendations.

The Council approved the revised decision C/6/DC/6/ on the governance reform measures.

6. SUSTAINABILITY AND SAFEGUARDS POLICY

The Council took note of the Sustainability and Safeguards Policy. Members welcomed the policy and encouraged GGGI to further mainstream gender and poverty reduction in its activities.

7. GGGI'S FOCAL POINT IN EUROPE

The Chair presented the discussion paper on GGGI's focal point in Europe which envisages maintaining a focal point in Europe for private sector engagement, finance related issues, and donor relations.

Some members supported the proposal and added that having a focal point close to the financial center in London will be helpful to developing bankable projects. Some members requested further information on the rationale for GGGI's focal point in Europe.

After further discussion, the Council decided to finalize a decision on the European focal point via written procedure within 48 hours, as described in the revised decision C/6/DC/7.

8. STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS

Members held strategic discussions on two topics.

The first topic of the discussion was: "What could members do to enhance the relevance of GGGI in international policy agenda and to broaden the green growth debate?" Special guest H.E. Mrs. Mary Robinson, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Climate Change, and H.E. Dr. Edgar E. Gutiérrez-Espeleta, Minister of Environment, Energy, Oceans, Coasts and Wetlands of Costa Rica, led the discussion.

The second topic of the strategic discussions was "How can members contribute to expand GGGI membership, including strong engagement of emerging economies and mobilizing additional funding?" H.E. Dr. Thani Al Zeyoudi, Director, Directorate of Energy and Climate Change, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates, led the discussion.

The Chair thanked the Council members for a fruitful discussion. The Chair announced that he will circulate the Chair's Summary of the strategic discussion sessions to the members.

9. PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COUNCIL

The Chair proposed 15-16 June 2015 as the provisional dates for the next session of the Council meeting. The Chair also proposed to hold Council meetings annually on the third week of June and on the third week of November. Finalized dates and provisional agenda will be circulated to members via the Chair at a later stage.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Council members did not raise any other issues for discussion.

11. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

Business having concluded, Chair Yudhoyono closed the sixth session of the Council.