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## **Note on Elections of Members to Serve on the Council for the Period January 1, 2017-December 31, 2018**

### **Purpose**

1. This note aims to provide members with information in advance of the Fifth Session of the Assembly to elect three (3) Contributing Members and three (3) Participating Members to serve on the Council for the period January 1, 2017-December 31, 2018.
2. The note outlines (a) the formal requirements regarding the composition of the Council according to the Agreement on the Establishment of the GGGI (“Establishment Agreement”) and Rules of Procedure of the Assembly; (b) the Council terms ending on December 31, 2016; and (c) the Institute’s actions to explore member’s interest to serve on the Council.
3. It should be noted that there are currently two (2) vacancies for Participating Members to serve on the Council for January 1, 2016-December 31, 2017.

### **Composition of the Council**

4. Article 8(2) of the Establishment Agreement states that “The Council shall consist of no more than seventeen members, as follows:
  - a. five contributing members elected by the Assembly;
  - b. five participating members elected by the Assembly;
  - c. five experts or non-state actors who can contribute substantially to the objectives of the GGGI, appointed by the Council;
  - d. the host country, which shall have a permanent seat on the Council; and
  - e. the Director-General without a voting right.”
5. Article 3(a) of the Establishment Agreement defines a Contributing Members as,  
A Member of the GGGI that has provided a multi-year financial contribution of core funding of no less than 15 million USD over three years or 10 million USD over the first two years. The level and nature of contribution required to qualify as a Contributing Member shall be kept under review by the Assembly, and may be adjusted by the Assembly by consensus to support the growth of the GGGI over time.
6. Rule 49(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly [A/4/DC/2] states that “The term of office of each Member of the Council shall begin on January 1 of the coming calendar year

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after such Member's election to the Council and shall end on December 31 of the second year of the term of appointment"

7. Rule 49(c) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly states that "Contributing and Participating members of the Council shall be eligible in principle to serve up to two (2) consecutive terms."
8. Rule 50(a) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly states that

The President shall communicate to the Members, at the same time as putting forward the provisional agenda, the anticipated number of seats on the Council to be filled by election at that session, based on the formula set out in Article 8(2) of the Agreement.

**Council Terms Ending on December 31, 2016**

9. On December 31, 2016 the terms of three (3) Contributing Members and three (3) Participating Members will end, namely:
  - a. Australia (Contributing Member);
  - b. Costa Rica (Participating Member);
  - c. Ethiopia (Participating Member);
  - d. Indonesia (Participating Member);
  - e. Qatar (Contributing Member); and
  - f. United Arab Emirates (Contributing Member).
10. All six (6) have already served two (2) consecutive terms on the Council (Table 1).

**Exploration of Member's Interest to Serve on the Council**

11. The Institute will convene informal discussions with members between March and July 2016 to explore their interest in serving on the Council for the period January 1, 2017-December 31, 2018.
12. The Institute will subsequently update the Assembly before August 5, 2016, or at least thirty (30) calendar days in advance of the Fifth Session of the Assembly, of the members that have expressed interest in serving on the Council.
13. In addition, the Institute would like to propose that the election of members to serve on the Council gives due attention to the following criteria,
  - a. Geographic balance – to ensure the composition of the Council reflects GGGI's membership base, and given the Council's role in membership expansion activities. Table 2 provides information on the composition of the Assembly by geographic distribution.
  - b. Country income-level balance – to ensure the alignment of the composition of the Council with GGGI's commitment in its Strategic Plan to balance operations in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Middle Income Countries (MICs). Table 3 provides information on the composition of the Assembly by country income level.

**Table 1. Members' terms on the Council**

Excluding Expert and Non-State Actor Members of the Council and the Director-General

Member country	Accession date	Membership status	2012-2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
Australia	Oct 17, 2014	Contributing	Contributing		Contributing			
Cambodia	Feb 22, 2013	Participating						
Costa Rica	Sep 18, 2014	Participating	Participating		Participating			
Denmark	Aug 16, 2012	Contributing	Cont.	Contributing		Contributing		
Ethiopia	Jul 5, 2013	Participating	Participating		Participating			
Fiji	Mar 26, 2014	Participating						
Guyana	Sep 4, 2012	Participating						
Hungary	Jan 14, 2016	Participating						
Indonesia	Sep 26, 2014	Contributing <sup>(1)</sup>	Participating		Participating			
Jordan	Apr 10, 2014	Participating						
Kiribati	Sep 18, 2012	Participating	Part.	Participating				
Mexico	Oct 20, 2014	Participating	Part.					
Mongolia	Jun 20, 2014	Participating						
Norway	Aug 26, 2013	Contributing	Cont.	Contributing		Contributing		
Papua New Guinea	Mar 11, 2013	Participating		Participating				
Paraguay	Jun 20, 2014	Participating <sup>(2)</sup>						
Philippines	Oct 9, 2012	Participating						
Qatar	Feb 22, 2013	Contributing	Contributing		Contributing			
Rwanda	Jun 9, 2013	Participating						
Senegal	Nov 9, 2014	Participating						
Thailand	Jan 29, 2016	Participating						
United Arab Emirates	Jul 5, 2013	Contributing	Contributing		Contributing			
United Kingdom	May 23, 2013	Contributing						
Vanuatu	Nov 7, 2014	Participating						
Vietnam	Dec 12, 2012	Participating						
(Republic of) Korea	Nov 29, 2012	Host country	Permanent seat					

Notes:

(1) Indonesia became a contributing member as of 2016; and

(2) Denotes signatory to the Agreement on the Establishment of GGGI, but not formal ratification.

**Table 2. Composition of the Assembly by Geographic Region**

Asia Pacific	Latin America and Caribbean	Africa and Middle East	Europe
Australia	Costa Rica	Ethiopia	Denmark
Cambodia	Guyana	Jordan	Hungary
Fiji	Mexico	Rwanda	Norway
Indonesia	Paraguay	Senegal	United Kingdom
Kiribati		Qatar	
Rep. of Korea		United Arab Emirates	
Mongolia			
Papua New Guinea			
Philippines			
Thailand			
Vanuatu			
Vietnam			

**Table 3. Composition of the Assembly by Country Income Level**

Least Developed and Low Income	Lower Middle Income	Upper Middle Income	High Income
Cambodia	Guyana	Costa Rica	Australia
Ethiopia	Indonesia	Fiji	Denmark
Kiribati	Papua New Guinea	Jordan	Hungary
Rwanda	Paraguay	Mexico	Rep. of Korea
Senegal	Philippines	Mongolia	Norway
Vanuatu	Vietnam	Thailand	Qatar
			United Arab Emirates
			United Kingdom

Definitions based on “DAC List of ODA Recipients Effective for reporting on 2014, 2015 and 2016 flows” [www.oecd.org/dac/stats/documentupload/DAC%20List%20of%20ODA%20Recipients%202014%20final.pdf](http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/documentupload/DAC%20List%20of%20ODA%20Recipients%202014%20final.pdf)

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