

Global Green Growth Institute

Assembly of the GGGI

Written Procedure

16 December 2014

Decision on the approval of minutes from the third session of the Assembly

The Council,

Recalling the third session of the Assembly on 18 November 2014 in Songdo, Republic of Korea;

1. *Approves* the minutes from the third session of the Assembly, A/3/MIN/1.

Global Green Growth Institute

Third session of the Assembly

Songdo, 18 November 2014

Minutes for the third session of the Assembly

The third session of the Assembly of the Global Green Growth Institute (hereinafter, “GGGI”) was held on 18 November 2014 from 9:00 to 10:00 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

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

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. Tewolde Berhan G. Egziabher G. Yohannes, Advisor to the Minister of Environment and Forest, Ministry of Environment and Forest

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

Indonesia, represented by H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, former President

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

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

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

Philippines, Acting President of the Assembly, represented by Ms. Cosette V. Canilao, Executive Director, Public-Private Partnership Center

Republic of Korea, represented by Mr. Sung-ho Lee, Director-General, Global Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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

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

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

Absent:

Guyana, Kiribati, Paraguay, Qatar

Guests:

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:

Yvo de Boer, Director-General

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

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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

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Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting
 - a. Adoption of the agenda for the third session of the Assembly
 - b. Approval of the minutes from the second session of the Assembly
2. Update from the Director-General
 - a. Ratification update and new members
 - b. Membership expansion: Update on inquiries
 - c. Privileges and Immunities
3. Election of the Assembly Bureau
4. Council membership
 - a. Election of contributing and participating members of the Council
5. Provisional agenda for the next session of the Assembly
6. Any other business

Decisions

A/3/DC/1: Decision on the approval of minutes of the second session of the Assembly

The Assembly:

1. *Approves* the minutes for the second session of the Assembly, A/2/MIN/1.

A/3/DC/2: Decision on the composition of the Assembly bureau

The Assembly:

1. *Elects* the President of the Assembly, as attached in Annex 1; and
2. *Requests* that the Council, in its election of the Council Bureau, designate the Vice-Chairs of the Council to also serve as the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly.

A/3/DC/3: Decision on the composition of the Council

The Assembly:

1. *Elects* the Members of the Council, as attached in Annex 1.

Discussion

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

Acting President Ms. Cosette V. Canilao, representative of the Philippines, opened the meeting and welcomed the Members to the third session of the Assembly.

The Assembly adopted the agenda for the third session, by consensus.

The Assembly approved the minutes of the second session of the Assembly, by consensus.

2. UPDATE FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

a. Ratification update and new members

The Director-General reported to the Assembly that six new member countries, Costa Rica, Indonesia, Australia, Mexico, Vanuatu, and Senegal, joined GGGI since the last update on ratification status in June.

b. Membership expansion: Update on inquiries

The Director-General informed the Assembly that GGGI is continuing efforts to expand membership in LDCs, other lower income countries, MICs, and potential donor countries. In the context of these efforts, GGGI is focusing on the balance between LDCs and middle income countries. GGGI welcomed Vanuatu and Senegal as new members. The Director-General noted that GGGI's ability to attract new members also lies in its ability to show results. He also urged the engagement of the members and the Chair to grow membership effectively.

c. Privileges and Immunities

The Director-General informed the Assembly that the situation regarding host country agreements (HCA) remains an issue of concern. In the absence of host country agreements, GGGI staff in country teams have difficulties in assuring visas and being recognized as representatives of an international organization, resulting in taxes and other liabilities. Expanding membership in the right direction is important and GGGI will begin to implement programs once there is a host country agreement in place.

3. ELECTION OF THE ASSEMBLY BUREAU

The Assembly members elected Indonesia as the next President of the Assembly. Indonesia designated H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono as the representative of Indonesia to the Assembly. Members also requested that the Council designate the Vice-Chairs of the Council to also serve as the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly.

4. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The Assembly re-elected Australia, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, and Indonesia to the Council for terms of two years, by consensus.

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5. PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Acting President announced that the provisional agenda for the next session of the Assembly will be communicated to the members at a later date.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No member raised an issue under any other business.

7. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

Having no further business, the third session of the Assembly was adjourned.