Global Green Growth Institute
The Assembly and Council
Written Procedure
June 26, 2025

Decision on the Revised Date and Format of the 14th Assembly and 18th Council (Joint Session) in 2025

The Assembly and the Council,

Recalling Articles 7 and 8 of the Agreement on the Establishment of the Global Green Growth Institute, regarding the Assembly and the Council of GGGI;

Recalling Rule 16(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly [A/4/DC/2/FINAL] which provides that ordinary sessions of the Assembly shall be held in conjunction with sessions of the Council, as well as Rule 18(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Council [C/8/DC/2/FINAL] which provides that ordinary sessions of the Council shall be held in conjunction with sessions of the Assembly;

Further recalling that Rule 21 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council provides that sessions of the Assembly and sessions of the Council shall take place at the headquarters of GGGI, unless decided otherwise;

Noting the agreement of the Assembly and Council Members that the Joint Session will be held as an in-person meeting once every two years, while the Joint Session every other year will be a hybrid meeting [A/2021/DC/4-C/2021/DC/11];

Noting the support of the Management and Program Sub-Committee (MPSC) at its 20th Meeting on April 30, 2025, for the Secretariat's proposal to hold the Joint Session as an in-person meeting with travel support for eligible members, and that the 2026 Joint Session would subsequently be held in a hybrid format without travel support, taking into consideration the opportunity to leverage the APEC Summit scheduled in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea, in late October to early November [MPSC/2025/15];

Decides to convene the Joint Session in 2025 on October 31, 2025, as an in-person meeting at the GGGI Headquarters in Seoul, Republic of Korea, preceded by e-consultations on October 13–27, 2025.

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Annex: Background Note

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Background

1. The 14th Session of the Assembly and 18th Session of the Council was originally set for October 23, 2025, with e-consultations[1] on October 6–20, 2025.

2. At the 10th Assembly and 14th Council Joint Session held on October 29, 2021, Members of the Assembly and Council agreed that the Joint Sessions would alternate between an in-person format every two years, and a hybrid format in the other years [A/2021/DC/4-C/2021/DC/11].

Proposal

3. The Secretariat proposes changing the meeting dates and format to align with the APEC Summit in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea, in late October to early November. Holding the Joint Session in Korea in person offers a chance to benefit from the Summit's international attention and networking opportunities.

4. The proposed adjusted date for the in-person meeting is October 31, 2025 with e-consultations preceding on October 13–27, 2025.

5. Additionally, an adjustment in the meeting modalities is proposed between 2025 and 2026: the 2025 Joint Session to be held in person, at GGGI Headquarters in Seoul, Republic of Korea, with travel support provided to travel support-eligible Members of the Assembly and the Council, while the 2026 Joint Session is to be held as a hybrid meeting with no travel support provided by GGGI.

Location

6. Although the APEC Summit will be held in Gyeongju, the Joint Session is proposed to remain in Seoul at GGGI Headquarters.

7. This is based on Seoul's better availability of suitable meeting venues and accommodation. It also avoids potential conflicts with the limited facilities in Gyeongju and provides delegates with broader networking opportunities across Korea. Furthermore, it would offer delegates the opportunity to network with partners across different regions in Korea.

[1] **What is E-Consultations?** E-consultations are a two-week virtual process held ahead of the Joint Session, during which Assembly and Council Members engage in written exchanges with the Secretariat on a selected set of agenda items. This format allows Members to review relevant documents in detail and submit specific questions or comments, which the Secretariat then addresses in writing. The purpose of e-consultations is to ensure more thorough and efficient deliberations by resolving technical or detailed queries in advance, thereby saving time during the in-person meeting. A dedicated agenda item, "Discussion and Summary of E-Consultation Items," is included in the formal session to summarize the exchanges and allow Members to raise any final comments or reflections.