

FINAL DECISIONS

BM.05/DEC.01: Mr Maqsoud Kruse of the Policy, Think and Do Tanks constituency is appointed as the Rapporteur of the 5th Board meeting.

BM.05/DEC.02: The agenda for the 5th Board meeting (BM.05/DOC.01) is approved.

BM.05/DEC.03: The Board notes the following changes in its membership (each without signatory authority) since the 4th Board meeting:

- a. **Australia, Japan and New Zealand:** Ambassador Paul Foley replaces Ambassador Miles Armitage as the Board Member;
- b. **European Union:** Mr Olivier Luyckx replaces Mr Adriaan Van der Meer as the Board Member; and
- c. **Kosovo:** Ms Besa Kabashi-Ramaj replaces Mr Edon Myftari as the Board Member.

BM.05/DEC.04: The Board approves the Report of the 4th Board Meeting held from 13-14 June 2016 in Brussels, Belgium, attached as Annex 1 to BM.05/DOC.02.

BM.05/DEC.05: The Board:

- a. takes note of the draft Vision, Mission, theory of change, operating principles and key definitions presented in BM.05/DOC.04;
- b. requests the Secretariat to make revisions to these documents based on feedback received from the Board with a special emphasis on GCERF's added value;
- c. requests the Strategic Reference Group to guide the Secretariat in the development of the strategic plan; and
- d. requests the draft version of the strategic plan be available for Board review no later than 15 May 2017 and a proposed final version be presented to the Board for approval at its June 2017 meeting.

BM.05/DEC.06: The Board:

- a. notes the proposed adaptations to the Funding Model as described in BM.05/DOC.05;
- b. approves the Secretariat in consultation with all relevant stakeholders to develop country strategies which may include proposals for the diversification of funding streams to be approved by the Board;

- c. agrees in principle with the potential benefits of refining decision-making processes and the modalities of the Country Support Mechanisms and the Independent Review Panel, and
- d. requests the Secretariat in the process of developing country strategies to consult on and explore the modalities and implications of the devolution of grant approval to a country level, prior to the presentation of these and the country strategies to the Board.

BM.05/DEC.07: The Board:

- a. approves the 2017 budget as follows:
 - Revenue: USD 21.488m
 - Expenses, including grant commitments and operational expenses: USD 28.130m; and
- b. notes that the proposed 2017 budget is only partially funded, and calls on donors to ensure that new resources are secured.

BM.05/DEC.08: The Board:

- a. welcomes the National Application submitted by the Mali Country Support Mechanisms (“CSMs”) and the recommendations and feedback provided by the Independent Review Panel (“IRP”) as detailed in BM.05/DOC.13;
- b. approves the National Application of the Mali CSM as presented in Annex 2 “Mali National Application – Second Round of Funding” of BM.05/DOC.13;
- c. requests the Secretariat to proceed with the finalisation of grant agreements with the selected Potential Principal Recipients (“PPRs”) as described in Section 8 “Next Steps” in BM.05/DOC.13;
- d. authorises the Secretariat to enter into grant agreements with the selected PPRs identified in BM.05/DOC.13, for a total of not more than USD 2 million;
- e. requests that at the 6th Board Meeting to be held in 2017, the Secretariat: (i) report back to the Board on the status of the commitment of funding in Mali, including any substantive changes in the proposed use of funding as a result of the conclusion of grant agreements; and (ii) provide recommendations on the use of any remaining balances from the allocated funds.

(signed)

Maqsoud Kruse
Rapporteur

(signed)

Carol Bellamy
Chair