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List of Decisions

Second Meeting of the APFNet Board of Directors

Thursday, 12 May 2016 Siem Reap, Cambodia

Decision B.02/01 In accordance with Rule 10 (Term of Office) in the Rules of Procedure of the Board of Directors [Document: APFNet/Board/ENG/2015/04], the Board agreed to extend the terms, by three years through 7 April 2019, of the following members: 1) Mr. Li Qiang, 2) Mdm. Wan Hasmah Wan Mohd, 3) Mr. Pralong Dumrongthai and 4) Dr. Chea Sam Ang [Document: APFNet/Board/ENG/2016/02].

Decision B.02/02 The Board approved, in principle, the APFNet Annual Work Plan and Budget 2016 [Document: APFNet/Board/ENG/2016/04] and requested the Secretariat to incorporate the following comments, to the greatest extent possible. It should also take them into account when drafting the work plan and budget for 2017:

- In terms of networking, members of the Board urged APFNet to identify its niche and look for areas where it could add value rather than duplicate the efforts of other organizations, especially given its limited budget compared to some other partners. How this task could be carried out and who would make the value judgments remain uncertain and a challenge.
- Many issues outlined in the document could be addressed during discussions of the second 5-year strategic plan, including the breakdown of budget categories - for example the 57% allocation to projects. Care must be taken to tie outcomes of projects to the 4 pillars and to link the work plan and budget to the strategy. Opinions differed on how much of the budget should be spent on policy dialogue versus communications/information sharing, noting that the impact of the former was more difficult to assess than the latter. Some directors also thought that part of the allocation for projects could be moved to capacity-building.
- Not all projects need to be linked to all 4 pillars but each initiative should have a component which describes lessons learned.
- Although the budget proposes a 57% allocation to projects, funds are small compared to other sources - a fact that argues for building strong links to other projects. Those who formulate proposals should include this aspect in their submission but, in reality, such information is not often requested or provided. Pilot tests and innovative



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approaches that are successful can provide the basis for further expansion, with funding from other sources, including investors and donors.

Decision B.02/03 The Board approved the APFNet Operations Manual, with the changes noted above [Document: APFNet/Board/ENG/2016/05].

- A hold-back of 30% on project contracts in section X 4. 3) could impose hardship on small organizations so perhaps a lesser amount (10-15%) could be stipulated.
- Section II 2) should read “Assistant Executive Director(s)”.
- The remuneration for consultants should be reviewed on a regular basis (section VIII 2), along with appendix 2 (APFNet standards for travel accommodation and allowance).

Decision B.02/04 The Board approved the APFNet Salary and Subsidy Scheme, as presented [Document: APFNet/Board/ENG/2016/07].

Decision B.02/05 The Board approved the APFNet Accounting Policies, as presented [Document: APFNet/Board/ENG/2016/06].

Decision B.02/06 The Board approved the Procedures for Selection and Appointment of the Executive Director, with changes to the section on language proficiency, as “Good command of oral and written English is essential and knowledge of oral and written Chinese is desirable”[Document: APFNet/Board/ENG/2016/08].

Decision B.02/07 The Board approved the list of nominees to the APFNet Project Appraisal Panel for the period 2016 to 2018, as submitted by the Council Chair. It also requested the Secretariat to extend its search for new members to broaden current areas of expertise[Document: APFNet/Board/ENG/2016/10].

Decision B.02/08 The suggestion to ask Mr. Liu Shirong to Chair the Project Appraisal Panel was approved.



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Decision B.02/09 The Board approved, in principle, the APFNet Strategic Plan 2016-2020[Document: APFNet/Board/ENG/2016/11]. It also decided to provide additional inputs in writing which should be submitted to the Secretariat by close of business 19 May 2016. Depending on the nature and extent of comments received, attempts will be made to have a final version circulated by 30 June[Document: APFNet/Board/ENG/2016/11].

Decision B.02/10 The Board welcomed Sri Lanka's invitation to host its third meeting in Colombo in 2017, following the third meeting of the Council, and requested the Secretariat to work out a convenient date.

Decision B.02/11 The Board authorized the Secretariat to study the feasibility of establishing branch offices in other parts of the region and to submit its findings, including policy and financial implications, to the Board for review at its third meeting.