Fast Track Initiative
A global partnership to achieve Education For All

Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, November 4, 2009
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The following decisions were agreed by the Board of Directors:

BOD/2009/11-01 – Status of agreed decisions: Approval that future Board meetings will include a status summary and overview of actions and progress of FTI (e.g., how many countries have been endorsed and an overview of disbursements, etc.).

BOD/2009/11-02 – Selection of the New Chair of FTI: Unanimous approval of the selection of Ms. Carol Bellamy as new Chair of FTI from December 1, 2009 through the end of December 2012. The Chair will be contracted by UNESCO.

BOD/2009/11-03 – Selection of the New Chair of FTI: Approval that the Chair and FTI Secretariat be asked to develop a proposal of different options for supporting the Chair in the future.

BOD/2009/11-04 – Selection of the New Chair of FTI: The Board noted that there is a necessity to clarify the relationship between the FTI Chair, the Head of the Secretariat and the World Bank. The World Bank and the Board will work to further clarify this relationship (e.g., reporting lines, etc.).

BOD/2009/11-05 – Selection of the Head of the Secretariat: Approval that the Chair of FTI will be included in the selection panel for the Head of Secretariat.

BOD/2009/11-06 – Replenishment Campaign: Approval of the Strategic Action Plan for the resource mobilization effort, with revisions as noted by the Board.

BOD/2009/11-07 – Replenishment Campaign: Funding of EFA goals is recommended to feature as prominent objectives on the G8 and G20 agendas under the upcoming Canadian presidency. Agreement that all G8 and G20 Board members will lobby to make this happen at the G8 and seek ways of gathering support at the G20.

BOD/2009/11-08 – Replenishment Campaign: Recommendation to seek political support from leaders of government from both partner and donor countries (as champions) in support of EFA FTI replenishment.

BOD/2009/11-09 – Replenishment Campaign: Agreement that December 31, 2009 be the target for signed pledges for Phase I financing.

BOD/2009/11-10 – Replenishment Campaign: Approval that a Phase II pledging event should take place in 2010, along with other high level events targeting the G8 and G20 meetings. The Secretariat will develop a detailed proposal on the pledging event, including the possibility of scheduling the event in conjunction with the launch of the World Cup in June 2010.

BOD/2009/11-11 – FTI Strategic Reform: The Board welcomes the proposals for the EFA Fund and PACE and sees these as important components of the further strategic development of FTI. The Board recognizes the importance of these proposals in addressing some of the key issues highlighted in the FTI evaluation.

BOD/2009/11-12 – FTI Strategic Reform: Approval that the Chair and the Secretariat will prepare a timeline and sequence of decisions/actions to fit into the further strategic development of the FTI, including the follow up on the evaluation.

BOD/2009/11-13 – FTI Strategic Reform: Based on the proposal it was approved to schedule an extraordinary Board meeting (retreat) of max 1 ½ day in early 2010 to address the further strategic development of FTI, including the elaboration of a business plan.

BOD/2009/11-14 – FTI Secretariat Budget & Work Plan: Approval of the proposed Secretariat Strategic Action Plan and Budget. The size of the FTI Secretariat will be considered in the context of the business plan.

BOD/2009/11-15 – FTI Evaluation: Approval that a management response to the draft full evaluation report will be prepared by the Board. This work will be led by the new Chair, with support from the outgoing Co-chairs as relevant.

BOD/2009/11-16 – FTI Evaluation: Approval that the management response, after clearance by the Board, will be issued simultaneously along with the draft full evaluation report.

BOD/2009/11-17 – FTI Evaluation: Approval that the FTI Secretariat will lead an in-depth analysis and provide detailed comments on the draft full evaluation report. Board members interested in participating should contact the Secretariat.

BOD/2009/11-18 – FTI Evaluation: Approval that the Evaluation Oversight Committee is asked to ensure that the Board receives the draft full evaluation report by November 20, 2009.

BOD/2009/11-19 – FTI Evaluation: Approval that the final evaluation report will be released at the EFA High Level Group meeting in Ethiopia in February 2010.