MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VIA AUDIO-CONFERENCE

23 JULY 2013

MEETING SUMMARY

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1. After taking a roll call, Peter Colenso, Chair of the Governance Working Group ("GWG Chair") confirmed that a quorum was present and commenced the meeting (see Annex 1 for list of participants).

2. The GWG Chair advised that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the recommendations of the GWG to select an Interim Chair of the Global Partnership for Education Board (BOD/2013/07 DOC 02).

Background to the Board Audio Conference

3. The Meeting was convened by the Secretariat at the request of the GWG to discuss options for nominating an Interim Chair after Carol Bellamy had announced her decision to step down as Chair. The Meeting was consultative in nature and discussions were led by Mr. Peter Colenso, in his capacity as GWG Chair.

4. By way of background, the GWG Chair explained that within the overall context of the GWG's mandate to coordinate the process of selecting a new Board Chair, the GWG had, at its regular meeting held on July 17 2013, discussed options for how best to select an interim Chair of the Board ("Interim Chair") who will serve until a new Chair is selected. The GWG Chair stressed that the GWG is still actively searching for a Chair. He encouraged all Board and Alternate Board Members to identify and forward the names of potential candidates for the role of Chair.

5. Noting that the Charter was silent on the process to be followed when a Chair steps down before the expiry of the term, the GWG had developed a process through which prospective candidates could be proposed and recommended to the Board for consideration and approval.

6. The salient points of the GWG proposal, contained in BOD/2013/07 DOC 02, were to invite nominations from the Board's constituencies proposing a current Member or Alternate Board Member to act as Interim Chair and undertake the duties specified in Annex 1 of BOD/2013/07 DOC 02. In the view of the GWG, it was important to ensure that the Interim Chair has sufficient background and experience to immediately carry out the specified tasks. Taking these factors into consideration, the GWG proposed firstly that the process of identifying a new Chair should be accelerated and secondly, that eligibility for appointment to Interim Chair should be restricted to serving Board and Alternate Board Members to ensure continuity. The Interim Chair would also be part of the process of searching for a new

Chair. Lastly, the GWG proposed that all nominations should be received by July 29 2013 in order to complete the process by August 2 2013.

7. Having presented these proposals, the Chair of the GWG invited Board Members and Alternate Board Members to deliberate on the recommendations and provide guidance to the GWG on how to proceed.

DISCUSSION

8. Board members unanimously supported the process proposed by the GWG to select an Interim Chair from the current Board Members and Alternate Board Members noting that immediate action was necessary to ensure that the Board moves forward as soon as possible. There was some discussion around the nomination process and selection timelines and agreement reached as was reached as follows:

9. **Proposed Time lines:** While agreeing with the proposed selection process, some Board Members suggested that the nomination process should be extended to provide time for a potentially larger list of nominees. However, the Board reached consensus and approved the GWG's proposal regarding timelines.

10. **The Nominations Process:** Several Board Members suggested that the requirement for a nomination to be supported by two constituencies should be dropped. Some clarification was also sought regarding the eligibility of Alternate Board Members. It was clarified that both Board and Alternate Board Members were eligible for nomination as Interim Chair. It would be up to a particular constituency to decide which Board or Alternate Board Member to nominate. The GWG proposal was varied to the effect that nominations would only require the support of one additional constituency to be valid and should be received by July 29 2013.

11. Based on the above discussion and agreement, the Board agreed to approve the following decision:

> **BOD/2013/07-02 — <u>Process for Identifying Interim Board Chair</u>:** The Board of Directors approves the process for identifying the Interim Board Chair as set out in BOD/2013/07 DOC 02.v.2.

NEXT STEPS

12. The GWG Chair advised that the Secretariat would circulate the final decision language agreed during the 23 July 2013 Board audio-conference and a summary of the meeting shortly.

13. There being no other issues raised, the meeting was adjourned.

Annex 1 – Participants in the call

GWG Chair	
CIFF	Peter Colenso
Developing Countries	
Africa 2	Minister Sérigne Thiam, Senegal
Africa 3	Charles Aheto-Tsegah, Ghana
E. Europe, Middle East & Central Asia	Minister Nuriddin Saidov, Tajikistan
Asia & Pacific	Vice Minister Lytou Bouapao, Lao PDR
Donors	
Donor 1	Nicole Gantenbein, Switzerland
Donor 2	Chris Tinning, Averil Besier, Australia
Donor 3	Donal Brown, United Kingdom
Donor 4	Jesper Andersen, Denmark
Donor 5	François Sow, France
Donor 6	Natasha de Marcken, Christie Vilsack and Maggie Koziol, United States Atsushi Karimata, Japan
CSO & Private Sector/Private Foundations	
CSO 2	Madiana Samba, Sierra Leone
Private Sector/Private Foundations	Peter Colenso, CIFF
Multilateral Agencies	
UNESCO	David Atchoarena, UNESCO
UNICEF	Jordan Naidoo, UNICEF
Multilateral and Regional Banks	Beth King, Jay Pascual, World Bank
Secretariat	
Alice Albright	CEO, Global Partnership for Education
Michelle Mesen	Developing Country Partners Lead, Partnerships & External Relations
Ruth Onyancha	Sr. Board Relations Officer, Operations
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