

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 10, 2009

MINUTES

The following decisions were agreed by the Board of Directors:

BOD/2009/9-01 – Implementing decision-making process for the Board: Approval of the decision-making process for the Board as described in the document entitled “Decision-making in the FTI Board of Directors” and taking into consideration the observations of the Board regarding the need for concise guidelines on the roles and responsibilities of Board members.

BOD/2009/9-02 – Selection of the new Chair: The Board of Directors did not endorse the recommendation put forward by the selection panel.

BOD/2009/9-03 – Selection of the new Chair: Approval that the Co-chair (Denmark) will circulate, within a week, updated qualification criteria for the Chair based on the governance document and the original advertisement. The principle that the position is full time should be maintained, but flexibility applied in order to secure the best candidates. The Co-chair will also set a deadline by which Board members will nominate candidates.

BOD/2009/9-04 – Selection of the new Chair: Approval that the Co-chair will convene a selection panel to consider nominations (by audioconference, if necessary). The panel will consist of the Danish co-chair, the Netherlands, Mozambique, UNICEF and EFANET/Gambia. The panel will agree which of the nominated candidates should be approached by the Co-chair, if relevant together with a Board member well placed to approach each of them, and criteria for scoring the candidates.

BOD/2009/9-05 – Selection of the new Chair for the Board: Approval that the selection panel will agree a confidential shortlist of three candidates, based on the agreed scoring criteria, and submit the list, with their recommendation for the November 2009 Board meeting.

BOD/2009/9-06 – Selection of the new Chair for the Board: Approval that the November 2009 Board meeting will agree a candidate from the shortlist presented. UNESCO will subsequently be asked to recruit the appointee as soon as possible.

BOD/2009/9-07 – Interim arrangement for Chairing of FTI meetings: Approval that until a new Chair is in place, the current interim Co-chairs (Denmark and Italy) will chair the Board of Directors and the World Bank will chair the Trust Fund Committees.

BOD/2009/9-08 – Financing of the Chair: Approval that a proposal will be presented by the Secretariat during the November 2009 meeting regarding suggested burden-sharing arrangements for financing the Secretariat Trust Fund.

BOD/2009/9-09 – Replenishment Campaign: Approval of the replenishment campaign strategy as presented. A revised strategic action plan (including a proposed date for the pledging conference) will be elaborated taking into account the comments from the Board and the inclusion of Carol Bellamy as special advisor, who was introduced to the Board amid strong and unanimous support from the members.

BOD/2009/9-10 – Replenishment Campaign: Approval to support FTI during its replenishment campaign through the following actions from the Board: (a) contacting Finance and Development Cooperation ministers to request their attendance at the EFA FTI high level luncheon event on Sunday, October 4th in Istanbul, Turkey; (b) requesting that G8 members agree to highlight education funding as a G8 priority for 2010; (c) agreeing on FTI collaboration with the 1 Goal campaign (Campaign led by the Class of 2015 Coalition), including efforts to engage Heads of State to support this campaign.

BOD/2009/9-11 – Education Transition Fund: Creation of a Task Team, composed of the Netherlands, United Kingdom, GCE represented by Save the Children, European Commission and Canada (to be confirmed) to explore alternative options (Option 2).

BOD/2009/9-12 – Education Transition Fund: Until alternate options have been explored and a new decision taken, the Catalytic Fund Committee will be asked to accommodate new requests from fragile states (e.g. as in the case of Haiti).

BOD/2009/9-13 – Education Transition Fund: Approval that the Secretariat will continue to work as proposed under Option 3 to develop operational guidelines by the end of 2009.

BOD/2009/9-14 – FTI Evaluation: Approval that the Secretariat will request that the Evaluation Oversight Committee provide the draft full report of the evaluation to the Board by October 1, 2009.

BOD/2009/9-15 – FTI Evaluation: Creation of a Task Team to prepare a response to the evaluation's main conclusions, which would include a question and answer format. This will be presented to the Board meeting in November 2009 in Rome. The Task Team will comprise Australia, Burkina Faso, the Netherlands, Italy, the European Commission, and the World Bank. The Task Team will also liaise with the Secretariat (including its communications team) to review changes to operating procedures and guidelines as necessary.



BOD/2009/9-16 – FTI Evaluation: Approval that a consultative event including Board members will be organized in conjunction with the upcoming EFA working Group Technical Meetings at UNESCO in December 2009.

BOD/2009/9-17 – FTI Evaluation: Approval that a dissemination event will take place in conjunction with the EFA High Level Group Meeting scheduled for February 23-25, 2010 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Other dissemination events will be agreed at a later date.