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Board meeting indicative agenda: first look

Following the committee meetings that took place in mid-March, the Board has shared the draft agenda for its upcoming meetings in May. This article summarizes the Board meeting agenda for the meetings which will be held in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Proposed agenda for the 49th Board meeting

There will be a virtual Board meeting on 17 April to discuss the Annual Financial Report 2022 and Statutory Financial Statements 2022.

This Board meeting is preceded by several “Pre-days” to take advantage of the venue and enable delegates with a rare opportunity to see the Global Fund’s investments in practice.

Constituency meetings will take place on Pre-day 1, Monday 8 May. There will also be a Thematic or Side event, as yet undetermined, and a welcome reception.

For Pre-day 2, Tuesday 9 May, site visits have been planned and another Thematic event / side event will also be held. These will be followed by Updates on Country Funding, Catalytic Investments and Technical Review Panel, a session called CRG: Ready – Update from the Communities, Rights and Gender (CRG) Department

, and a Department Governance and Committees Update.

The Board meeting proper starts on Wednesday 10 May. Following approval of the agenda and rapporteur, and remarks from the host country representative, Peter Sands will provide an Update from the Executive Director. This will be followed by Strategic Performance Reporting.

The afternoon is spent largely on Risk Management. The Risk Management Report and Annual Opinion of the Chief Risk Officer will be presented, followed by Amendments to the Risk Appetite Statements which is an item For Decision. The Board then goes on to discuss Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response: Update on the World Bank Pandemic Fund, followed by another item For Decision, the Approval of remaining 2023-2028 Key Performance Indicator (KPI) targets. This is of particular importance to countries submitting funding requests under the three 2023 Windows since the new cycle's application materials have been considerably updated to reflect the new Global Fund Strategy, including for example the new "Programme Essentials"; and these changes and additions are echoed in new indicators that will need to be included in the funding requests.

On Thursday 11 May, the day starts with two Executive Sessions for Board Members and Alternate Members from voting constituencies. After the arrival of the remaining delegates for Day 2, the plenary meeting starts with the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) 2022 Annual Report and Annual Opinion on Governance, Risk Management and Internal Controls.

The afternoon starts with the Annual Report and Opinion of the Ethics Officer, followed by a Thematic discussion: Human Rights and an Update on Resource Mobilization, the latter based on a paper presented at the meeting of the Audit & Finance Committee on 15 March. Thereafter the Board meeting is formally closed with acknowledgements, governance priorities and a formal "Transition to the new Board Leadership at close of meeting".

Post-Board, on Friday 12 May, will be taken up with more site visits.

The GFO will provide a full report on the Global Fund Board Meeting in its post-Board special edition, which will be published after the Board meeting concludes on 12 May 2021.

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