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# Dates and venues of upcoming meetings of the Board

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## **Summary**

This document has been prepared to assist the Board in confirming the dates for the thirty-sixth meeting of the Board.

## **I. Introduction**

1. This document has been prepared to assist the Board in confirming the dates of its thirty-sixth meeting (B.36).

## **II. Dates for upcoming meetings of the Board**

2. By decision B.32/12, paragraph (d), the Board decided that the thirty-sixth meeting of the Board (B.36) will take place from Monday, 10 July to Thursday, 13 July 2023.

3. Paragraph 17 of the Rules of Procedure of the Board provides that at each meeting, the Board will confirm the date and duration of the following meeting. It is recommended that at B.35, the Board confirm the agreed dates for B.36.

## **III. Offers to host a GCF Board meeting**

4. By decision B. 34/24, the Board decided and confirmed that B.35 will take place from Monday, 13 March to Thursday, 16 March 2023 in the Republic of Korea. This was on the understanding that Rwanda would host B.36 from 10 to 13 July 2023. The Secretariat conducted a technical assessment in Rwanda and has since signed a privileges and immunities agreement with the Government of the Republic of Rwanda. However, due to other international events taking place in Rwanda in 2023, the country will be unable to host any Board meeting this year, unless the previously agreed dates were changed, which is not possible. Thus, the Government of Rwanda, through email correspondence, expressed its interest in hosting B.38 in 2024.

5. In 2021 and 2022, the Secretariat had received expressions of interest from the Governments of Mongolia and Tajikistan to host Board meetings in 2022. The Government of Mongolia expressed its interest through a letter signed by the Director-General of the Mongolian Climate Change Department, Mr Enkhbat Altangerel, dated 4 October 2021, which was communicated to the Board at B.30, and is appended in annex IV. In addition, the Government of Tajikistan expressed interest in hosting a Board meeting in 2022 on the margins of the Second International High-Level Conference on the International Decade for Action — Water for Sustainable Development, 2018–2028, in Dushanbe through a letter signed by H.E. Sirojiddin Muhridin, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan, and dated 25 November 2021, appended in annex V.

6. The Secretariat contacted both governments to check whether their offers to host Board meetings were still valid. The Government of Mongolia confirmed its interest in hosting B.37 from 23 to 26 October 2023, and the Government of Tajikistan confirmed its interest in hosting either B.36 from 10 to 13 July 2023, or B.37 from 23 to 26 October 2023.

## **IV. Recommendation**

7. Given the short timeframe to enter into an agreement with the Government of Tajikistan, it is recommended that the Board confirm the dates of 10–13 July 2023 for B.36 in the Republic of Korea, by adopting the draft decision in annex I.

## **Annex I: Draft decision of the Board**

The Board, having considered document GCF/B.35/12 titled “Dates and venues of upcoming meetings of the Board”:

*Recalls and confirms* that the thirty-sixth meeting of the Board will take place from Monday, 10 to Thursday, 13 July 2023, in the Republic of Korea.

## Annex II: Key events from March to December 2022 and GCF Board meetings

Dates	Event	Location
March		
5–9	5th UN Conference on LDCs, Doha, Qatar	Qatar
6–7	30th meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance	Vienna, Austria
6–8	Africa Health Agenda International Conference, Kigali, Rwanda	Kigali, Rwanda
7–10	Twenty-third meeting of the Adaptation Committee (AC 23)	Bonn, Germany
8–10	Fifth Technical Expert Dialogue under the Ad hoc Work Programme on the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance	Vienna, Austria
13–15	UN Development Cooperation Forum, New York, USA	New York, USA
13–16	35th GCF Board Meeting	Songdo, Rep. of Korea
16	73rd FIFA Congress meeting, Kigali, Rwanda	Kigali, Rwanda
21–23	5th Workshop under the Glasgow-Sharm el-Sheikh Work Programme on the Global Goal on Adaptation	Maldives
21–24	40th Adaptation Fund Meeting	Bonn, Germany
21–24	TEC 26	Songdo, Rep. of Korea
22–24	UN-Water Conference, New York, USA	New York, USA
27–29	21st Meeting of the CTCN Advisory Board Meeting	Songdo, Rep. of Korea
27–29	International Conference on Business Models in Agriculture, Kigali, Rwanda	Kigali, Rwanda
27–30	Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development 2023, Bangkok, Thailand	Bangkok, Thailand
27–30	NAP Expo 2023	Santiago, Chile
29–30	UNECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, Geneva, Switzerland	Geneva, Switzerland
31	Special Meeting on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, New York, USA	New York, USA
April		
4–6	Oceans Vision Global Summit 2023	Atlanta, USA
7	<i>Good Friday***</i>	
14	<i>Orthodox Good Friday*</i>	
21	<i>Eid al-Fitr***</i>	
21–23	2023 World Bank Group/International Monetary Fund Spring Meetings	Washington DC, USA
May		
1–12	Basel Convention COP 16, Rotterdam Convention COP 11, and Stockholm Convention COP 11	Geneva, Switzerland
2–5	ADB Annual Meeting	Songdo, Rep. of Korea



Dates	Event	Location
29	<i>Memorial Day**</i>	
TBC	Petersberg Climate Dialogue	Germany/UAE
June		
5–15	58th Sessions of the UNFCCC subsidiary bodies	Bonn, Germany
28	<i>Eid al-Adha ***</i>	
July		
TBC	GEF Council Meeting	Vancouver, Canada
4	<i>Independence Day of the United States of America**</i>	
10–13	36th GCF Board Meeting	TBC
August		
TBC	UNFCCC Global Adaptation Week	Songdo, Rep. of Korea
September		
9–10	G20: India	New Delhi, India
5-19	UNGA 78	New York, USA
24–25	<i>Yom Kippur*</i>	
29	<i>Chuseok (autumn harvest festival observed in Korea)</i>	
TBC	TEC 27	Bonn, Germany
October		
1	<i>National Day of the People's Republic of China</i>	
10–13	41st Adaptation Fund Meeting - potentially to be arranged for COP 28	Bonn, Germany
13–15	2023 World Bank Group/International Monetary Fund Annual Meetings	Marrakesh, Morocco
23–26	37th GCF Board Meeting	TBC
28–29	G7: Japan	Osaka, Japan
November		
13	<i>Diwali*</i>	
23	<i>Thanksgiving Day**</i>	
27	<i>Gurpurab</i>	
30–12 Dec	UNFCCC COP 28	Dubai, UAE
December		
25	<i>Christmas holidays***</i>	

*Abbreviations:* ADB = Asian Development Bank, B.36–B.37 = thirty-sixth to thirty-seventh meetings of the Board, COP = Conference of the Parties, CTCN = Climate Technology Center and Network, GEF = Global Environment Facility, LDCs = least developed countries, NAP = national adaptation plan, TBC = to be confirmed, TEC = Technology Executive Committee, UNFCCC = United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, UNGA = United Nations General Assembly,.

\* *United Nations floating holidays*

\*\* *Official holidays observed at the United Nations Headquarters that are national holidays*

\*\*\* *Official holidays observed at the United Nations Headquarters that are not national holidays*



## Annex III: Letter from Republic of Rwanda

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



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Republic of Korea

Kigali, on 28 SEPT 2021  
N° 0346/16.01

Dear Sir,

**Re: Expression of interest to host the Thirty Third Board Meeting of Green Climate Fund (GCF) in Rwanda**

On behalf of the Government of Rwanda, I have the honour to express the Rwanda's interest to host the 33<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting of the GCF planned for 2022. Hosting of the GCF Board meeting would be a great opportunity for Rwanda to echo the commitment of developing countries to implement the Paris agreement but also underscore the significance of building national capacities to access the available climate finances. Rwanda become the first African Country to update its Nationally Determined Contribution to Paris Agreement as a demonstration of the commitment to combat the impacts of climate change.

Rwanda was among the first developing countries to have a government institution (The Ministry of Environment) accredited for direct access to the GCF. In addition to this, Rwanda has a track record of successful hosting of regional and international meetings, all attributed to the government commitment of delivering quality services, availability of state of the art conference facilities, assured security and above all, the Rwandan hospitality. Furthermore, since January 2018, nationals of all countries in the world, can receive their visa upon arrival at Kigali International Airport and all land borders which makes travelling to Rwanda much easy. We should also mention that major airlines (such as KLM, SN, Qatar, Turkish, Ethiopian, Rwandair, Kenya Airways, etc) are connecting Kigali to different cities in the world.

Among the hosted meetings we can mention the Regional Workshop for Africa on Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions in August 2015, the 10<sup>th</sup> Africa Carbon Forum in June 2016, the 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Parties to the Montreal Protocol which ended up with Kigali Amendment in October, 2016 and the 10<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Summit of Africa Union in March 2016, Africa Green Growth Forum in 2018 and the upcoming CHOGM June 2022 among others. We are therefore, confident that our country has sufficient capacity to make the Board meeting very successful.

We look forward to your highest consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Dr. Jeanne d'Arc MUJAWAMARIYA  
Minister of Environment

Cc:  
- Chair of African Group of Negotiators/[agnt-chair2020@gmail.com](mailto:agnt-chair2020@gmail.com)



## Annex IV: Letter from Mongolia



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Ref. 11/4658

TO: Mr. Yannick Glemarec, Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund

The Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia as the National Designated Authority is presenting compliments to the Green Climate Fund, noting the successful cooperation with the Fund since 2014.

In alignment with the Cooperation Agreement signed in 2019 between the Government of Mongolia and the GCF, Mongolia has been prioritizing climate actions in its development pathway. In partnership with international and direct access entities, Mongolia is successfully implementing several Green Climate Fund projects with tangible outcomes in Mongolia. We hope to have the opportunity to share our experiences with GCF Board members and stakeholders through potential project site visits in 2022.

The Government of Mongolia is expressing its interest to host one of the 2022 GCF Board meetings in Mongolia. Furthermore, I look forward to meeting you and GCF colleagues at the upcoming COP 26 meeting to discuss strengthening our continued partnership.

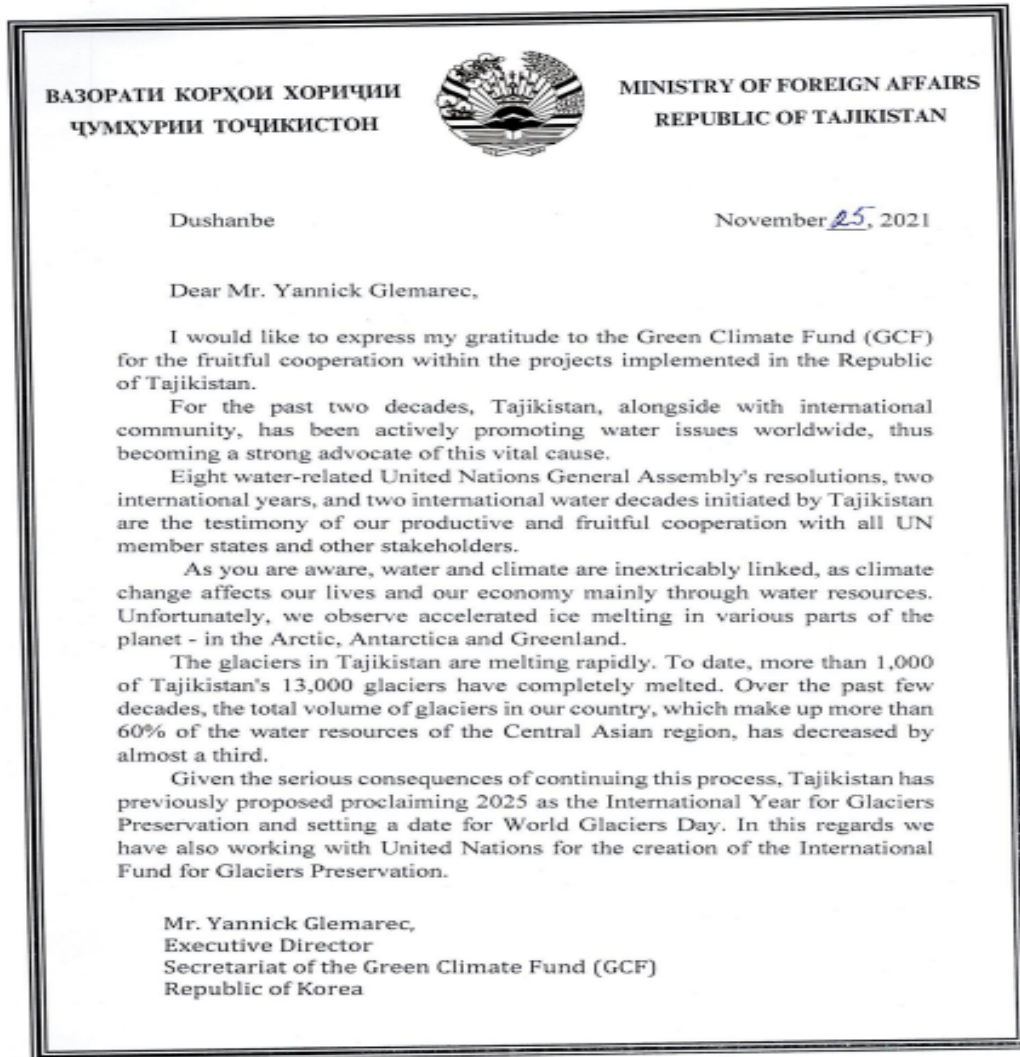
We would appreciate your kind consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

ENKHBAT Altangerel,  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL,  
CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT



## Annex V: Letter from Tajikistan



To this end, we would like to confirm our willingness to hold the upcoming GCF Board Meeting 2022 in Dushanbe on the margins of the Second International High-Level Conference on the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028". Therefore, we are committed to take all organizational arrangements in collaboration with GCF to conducting this event.

For further information, please contact the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, National Designated Authority to GCF at: [gcfnda@tajnature.tj](mailto:gcfnda@tajnature.tj) and [cepprj@gmail.com](mailto:cepprj@gmail.com).

I am looking forward to continue our mutually beneficial cooperation.

Kind regards,

Minister

Sirojiddin Muhridin