

**Third Meeting of the APFNet Board of Directors**

26 March, 2017 Colombo, Sri Lanka

**List of Decisions**

**Decision B.03/01** The Board unanimously adopted the provisional agenda [APFNet/Board/ENG/2017/01-V1], as presented.

**Decision B.03/02** The Board approved the renewal of the 4 Directors (Mr. Graham Applegate, Professor Rex Victor Cruz, Dr. Ganesh Raj Joshi and Dr. Sadanandan Nambiar) for a second term, until 7 April 2020.

**Decision B.03/03** The Board suggested that APFNet examine ways to make Council meetings more meaningful, including by extending the duration to allow more exchange of information on issues of concern.

**Decision B.03/04** The Board approved, in principle, the proposed APFNet Annual Work Plan and Budget 2017[APFNet/Board/ENG/2017/04 and APFNet/Board/ENG/2017/05], and recognized the critical importance of maintaining current partnerships and of establishing new ones to ensure complementarity, avoid duplication and achieve maximum leverage. Thus, it requested the Secretariat to add this dimension to its 2017 work plan.

**Decision B.03/05** Consistent with the usual practice in other international organizations when filling vacancies at the senior level, the Board decided to establish a panel to interview and make a final decision on the sole candidate who applied for the position of Executive Director. It will be composed of the Chair, 1 Director from each of the 2 regions (Asia, and Oceania and Pacific) and 1 person from an international organization. In addition, the current Executive Director will participate as a non-voting member. The face-to-face interview will be held as soon as possible.

**Decision B.03/06** Given the limited funds at APFNet's disposal for current operations and the high cost of establishing branch offices, the Board opted not to support extension of the organization to other parts of the region at this time. However, other ways to increase its presence, including through enhanced partnership arrangements, could be explored, if needed.

**Decision B.03/07** The Board noted, with appreciation, the Secretariat's willingness to host the next meeting in China when APFNet will celebrate its 10-year anniversary. The date and venue will be determined in due course.

**Decision B.03/08** The Board adopted the decisions in principle [APFNet/Board/ENG/2017/07], as presented. Final approval will be given once the written report is reviewed.