



Fifth Meeting of the APFNet Board of Directors

20-22 March 2019 | Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Decisions and Recommendations

Decision B. 05/01 The Board endorsed the terms of reference for the Advisory Group for the Ten-Year Review contained in document APFNET/BoD/ENG/2019/06 and appointed Mr Patrick Durst, Mr Stephen Midgley and Mr David Cassells to this Advisory Group.

Decision B. 05/02 The Board decided to advise the Council that it has appointed an Advisory Group of two Board Members and one supporting consultant to help oversee the APFNet Ten Year Review. The Board also decided to invite the Council to nominate an additional member to this advisory Group and, given the lack of women members of the current Board, to advise the Council that it would particularly appreciate it if the Council could nominate an experienced female representative for this purpose.

Decision B. 05/03 In accord with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Board of Directors, the Board decided to inform the Council that the terms of Directors Applegate, Cruz, Joshi and Nambiar will expire on 7 April 2020 and that the Council will therefore have to take decisions on their replacement at or before the 2020 Council meeting. The Board also decided to inform the Council that the Board's efficiency and effectiveness would be significantly enhanced if it had representation from women and younger forest practitioners. The Board further decided to urge the Council and member economies to give full consideration to these issues in their nomination and selection of new members to the APFNet Board of Directors.

Decision B. 05/04 The Board approved the proposed APFNet Work Plan and Budget for 2019 presented in Document APFNet/Council&BoD/ENG/2019/07 and requested that the Executive Director proceed with implementation taking account of Board comments re defining a clearer set of priority activities that identify and focus on areas of APFNet's comparative advantage; allowing for improved project design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation; promoting networking at different sites; encouraging innovation, synergies with past or existing work and avoiding duplication of work with other organizations; and bringing better balance and greater integration of the Strategic Plan's four pillars including promoting policy dialogues.

Decision B. 05/05 The Board expressed its appreciation to the Executive Director and the Secretariat for their timely and comprehensive Internal Mid-Term Review of APFNet Strategic Plan 2016-2020 presented in Document APFNet/Council&BoD/ENG/2019/05 and noted its value as an input to the work of the APFNet Ten-Year Review Team.

Decision B. 05/06 The Board noted that under Rule 37 of the Rules of Procedure for the Board of Directors, its Rules of Procedure must be reviewed at least once every five years and reaffirmed or amended as required during that review. The Board requested the Secretariat to present a succinct issues paper to the sixth Meeting of the Board on possible revisions to the Rules of Procedure, taking into account any relevant findings of the Ten-Year Review and previous discussions on how to better engage the Board and the Council in the work of APFNet.

Decision B. 05/07 The Board noted the Council response to the Board's invitation to nominate an additional member to the Advisory Group to help oversee the Ten Year Review. The Board decided to appoint Dr. Thaug Naing Oo of Myanmar to the Advisory Group.

Decision B. 05/08 The Board commended the work of the Executive Director's Performance Evaluation Committee and congratulated the Executive Director on his excellent overall performance during 2018 and look forward to receiving the final review report. The Board appointed Mr Jack Hurd and Dato' Mahmud to join the Chair on the Evaluation Committee for the Executive Director's Performance Evaluation 2019.

Decision B. 05/09 The Board noted with appreciation the kind offer of the Philippines to host the next Council and Board meetings and requested the Secretariat to confirm details of dates and venues after discussion with relevant officials in the Philippines.

Decision B. 05/10 The Board requested the Executive Director to include information on the co-financing and contributions in-kind made to APFNet projects and activities in future Annual Reports.