

# Minutes of CoST Board Meeting No.30

## 18 November 2019 (virtual meeting via teleconference)

Participants			
Board:		In Attendance:	
Chrik Poortman (Chair)		Alexandra Habershon (AH) World Bank	
George Ofori (GO)		John Hawkins (JH) International Secretariat	
Petter Matthews (PM)		Charlotte Broyd (CB) International Secretariat	
Gavin English (GE)		Nora Pesheva (NP) International Secretariat	
Vincent Lazatin (VL)		Hayley Sharp (HS), DFID	
	Discussion & Decisions	Responsible	Deadline
Item 1. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks			
1.1	The Chair welcomed Board members and observers to the call.	N/A	N/A
Item 2. Alfredo Cantero			
2.1	The Board noted that a letter had been sent to the family of Alfredo Cantero to convey their condolences. The Board had been shocked and saddened by Alfredo's recent death.  GO proposed that the Board name an award after Alfredo. The Board agreed that this should be considered.	Next meeting	Jan 2020
2.2	The CoST IS proposed three individuals to replace Alfredo as the government representative on the Board. The individual would serve the remainder of Alfredo's terms on the Board which is about 18 months. The Board asked for bios on the three individuals before making a final decision. None of the individuals had been approached to ascertain their interest in joining the Board.	PM	Dec 2020
2.3	CP has agreed to visit Honduras in early December to meet with the President of the country to ensure that Alfredo's role in the government is replaced and that there is no loss of momentum with the CoST Honduras programme.	CP	Dec 2020
Item 3. CoST review			
3.1	The Board approved the final report from Crown Agents and thanked the authors for their hard work in producing a high quality and timely report.	N/A	N/A
3.2	The Board also endorsed the recommendations in the report and the proposed way forward set out by the CoST IS including a high growth strategy. But asked that the proposed actions are prioritised.	PM & JH	Jan 2020
3.3	The CoST IS to develop a new Strategic Plan based on the recommendations for the Board to consider at its	PM & JH	Jan 2020

	next meeting. The Strategic Plan will then be formally submitted to DFID to consider as part of its decision-making process for future funding.		
<b>Item 4.</b>	<b>Applications to join CoST</b>		
4.1	The Board approved the additional information to support the applications to join CoST as a member from Timor-Leste, West Lombok, Ecuador and Mozambique on a no objection basis by email on Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2019. JH to inform the applicants.	JH	Dec 2019
4.2	The Board noted that CoST Jalisco was formally announced on 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 and that Makueni County have been informed that their application was unsuccessful.	N/A	
<b>Item 5.</b>	<b>Multi-Donor Trust Fund</b>		
5.1	CP reported that there is interest within the World Bank for establishing a Multi-Donor Trust Fund. CP and AH will complete their internal World Bank meetings in December.	CP AH	Dec 2019
<b>Item 6</b>	<b>Future Meetings</b>		
6.1	The date for the next Board meeting in London is 30 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2020.  CoST IS to also identify a convenient date for a Board meeting in Addis Ababa in June or July 2020.	IS	January 2020
<b>Item 7</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>		
7.1	The Chair thanked Members and Observers for their contribution to the call and stated that there would be an opportunity to talk more about Alfredo's passing when the Board met in person in January.	N/A	

These minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.



Christiaan J. Poortman  
Chair

Date: 30/01/2020