

Minutes of CoST Board Meeting No.42

24 April 2022 (virtual meeting via Teams)

Participants			
Board: Chrik Poortman (CP) (Chair) George Ofori (GO) Petter Matthews (PM) Vincent Lazatin (VL)		In Attendance: Manuela Di Mauro (MDM), FCDO Evelyn Hernandez (EH) International Secretariat John Hawkins (JH) International Secretariat Ian Hawkesworth (IH), World Bank Olive Kabatwairwe (OK), CoST Uganda Imam Arief Putrajaya (IAP), CoST West Lombok Apologies: Gavin English (GE) Claire Schouten (CS) Zlatina Loudjeva (ZL), Strategic Advisor Natalie Forsyuk (NF)	
	Discussion & Decisions	Responsible	Deadline
Item 1. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks			
1.1	The Chair welcomed Board members and observers to the call and thanked everyone for their time and availability for the online meeting.	N/A	N/A
Item 2. Approval of the minutes & matters arising			
2.1	The minutes from the 41 st meeting were approved as accurate.	N/A	N/A
2.2	Letters from Ministers to UK High Commissions and Embassy's' in support of CoST to be developed based on the pilot with Uganda.	JH	April 2022
Item 3			
CoST Member & Affiliate's progress report			
3.1	The Board thanked OK and IAP for their presentations on CoST Uganda and CoST West Lombok respectively. The Board was impressed with the progress that has been made especially with the CoST Ukraine Infrastructure Transparency Index micro-site. OK to develop a short paragraph on CoST Uganda for FCDO. IH to introduce OK to the World Bank Office in Kampala.	OK IH	April 2022
3.2	The Board agreed that the Province of Buenos Aries CoST status as an affiliate will be revoked as it has not responded to any recent communication and there is no indication that information is being disclosed as agreed in their application.	CoST IS	April 2022

3.3	The Board agreed to in principle revoke the CoST status of Afghanistan subject to an initial conversation with Integrity Watch Afghanistan, the CoST Afghanistan host.	CoST IS	April 2022
3.4	The Board agreed to write a letter of support to the CoST Ukraine MSG and Secretariat.	CoST IS	April 2022
3.5	The Board to agree to declare Ethiopia, El Salvador and Timor-Leste if no meaningful progress is achieved within six months. It has been some time since there has been political support for CoST in Ethiopia and El Salvador, and there has been no progress in Timor-Leste since its application to join CoST was approved.	CoST IS	April 2022
3.6	The Board would write to the MSGs in Coamo Municipality, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Costa Rica and Mozambique recommending improvements.	CoST IS	April 2022
3.7	The Board would write to the MSGs in Honduras, Guatemala the City of Bogota, Sekondi-Takoradi, Uganda and Panama supporting their progress and recommending improvements.	CoST IS	April 2022
3.8	The Board would write to the MSGs in Thailand, Jalisco, West Lombok and Malawi congratulating them on their progress and encouraging some improvements.	CoST IS	April 2022
3.9	CP will visit Honduras to meet the President if a meeting can be secured.	CP	TBC
Item 4.	Fundraising & business model		
4.1	The Board were informed that the CoST IS has signed an agreement with FCDO for £250k. A further £1m has been earmarked by FCDO for CoST but is subject to final approval. Conversations are also taking place with AECDS, GIZ and US State Department.	N/A	N/A
4.2	The Board thanked the CoST IS for developing the activity schedule for scenario with no additional funding. It would be possible for the CoST charity and legal entity to be a dormant organisation.	CoST IS	April 2022
4.3	The Board would prefer that the consultation with Members should wait until we have some clarity about long-term funding from FCDO. This should become clear within the next few weeks.	CoST IS	April 2022
4.4	The Board to write to FCDO requesting clarification if a decision is still pending in a few weeks' time.	CoST IS	May 2022
Item 5.	Any other business		
5.1	The next meeting will take place via Teams on Wednesday 15 June 2022.	Board Members	June 2022
5.2	No conflicts of interested were reported by Board members	N/A	N/A
5.3	There were no safeguarding incidents reported since the last Board meeting	N/A	N/A
Item 6.	Chair's closing remarks		

6.1	The Chair thanked everyone for joining the call and the Secretariat for preparing the presentation and documents for this meeting and for the team joining in the very early or very late hours.	N/A	N/A
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These minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.



15 June 2022

Christiaan J. Poortman
Chair

Date