

Minutes of CoST Board Meeting (Call) No.50, 6 February 2024

Participants			
Board: Chrik Poortman (CP) (Chair) Gavin English (GE) Rueben Lifuka (RL) Petter Matthews (PM) Patricia Rincon (PR) Claire Schouten (CS) Oleksii Sobolev (OS) Eyasu Yimer (EY)		Secretariat: Sean Henderson (SH) John Hawkins (JH) Evelyn Hernandez (EH) Olive Kabatwairwe (OK) Observers: Snezana Mitrovic (SM), World Bank Rory Moody (RM), FCDO	
	Discussion & Decisions	Responsible	Deadline
Item 1. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks			
1.1	The Chair welcomed members and observers and thanked everyone for their time and availability for the meeting. The Chair especially welcomed PR to her first meeting as the new government representative on the Board and to SM as the new World Bank Observer. He also welcomed RM returning as the FCDO Observer.	N/A	N/A
Item 2. Approval of the minutes & matters arising – Papers A & B			
2.1	The minutes from the 49 th meeting were approved as accurate.	N/A	N/A
2.2	The Chair said the points on the business plan were especially well covered.	N/A	N/A
2.3	EH stated that the training in Kaduna went well and there was a high degree of commitment to CoST.	N/A	N/A
2.4	The Chair said he was glad the training in Kaduna was successful in contrast with previous fears regarding the operating environment. He was pleased to learn that the government and stakeholders received the programme with great interest.	N/A	N/A
2.5	PM stated that the statement on the closure of CoST Afghanistan had been published.	N/A	N/A
2.6	A governance structure for maintaining the OC4IDS had been outlined for discussion with OCP.	EH	Feb 2024
2.7	There has been no further communication from the Government of Timor Leste. JH to write to the Government stating that their CoST status has been revoked.	JH	Feb 2024
Item 3. Financial report – Paper C			

3.1	The financial report including the end of year management accounts up to 31 December 2024 was approved.	N/A	N/A
3.2	GE offered his congratulations to the secretariat on the improved financial projection for 2024.	N/A	N/A
3.3	JH explained that the delays in implementing the contract with State Department was due to resolving CoST's role with developing the Infrastructure Anti-Corruption Toolbox (I ACT) alongside OECD.	N/A	N/A
Item 4.	CoST and EAP Memorandum of Understanding – Paper D		
4.1	The MoU was approved by the Board (subject to one minor revision see 4.2). The MoU will be signed following approval by the EAP Board when it meets in March.	SH	March 2024
4.2	SH to remove point 16 as it is repetition of point 15 and will update point 15 to say 6 months and not 3	SH	Feb 2024
Item 5.	Application to join CoST as a member – Paper E		
5.1	The Board approved the application from the Province of Nusa Tenggara Barat (NTB), Indonesia to join CoST as a member. EH and OK to inform NTB.	EH OK	Feb 2024
5.2	NTB needed support in developing its application but the commitment within the administration is apparent. This is demonstrated by its commitment to introduce a mandate to publish data based on the OC4IDS and introducing private sector participation on to its multi-stakeholder transport forum. Joining CoST is viewed as continuity from its participation in the Indonesian Public Roads Investment Management where it was recognised for its good practice. A local consultant has been engaged to develop an Indonesia strategy involving multiple sub-national CoST members.	N/A	N/A
5.3	CP thanked the hard work of the Secretariat in supporting the development of the application.	N/A	N/A
Item 6.	Results and recent stories – Paper F		
6.1	The Board thanked the Secretariat for presenting some key long-term results from CoST members. This included data on training, disclosure of data, assurance, media reports and actions to improve infrastructure investments. It highlighted how COVID and the reduction in income had led to a significant drop in results in 2020 and that it has taken 3 years to start to recover. It also highlighted how some CoST Members need to do more to engage the private sector.	N/A	N/A
6.2	JH stated that the results will be shared with the managers at a workshop hosted by CoST Jalisco in March. He also stated that under reporting by especially on reporting actions to improve infrastructure investments and on the extent of disclosure remained a challenge.	N/A	N/A

6.3	OK presented several impact stories from Ethiopia, Malawi, Uganda and Guatemala.	N/A	N/A
6.4	It was agreed that further discussion on the results will take place at the next Board meeting.	JH	April 2024
Item 7.	Next Board meeting		
7.1	The next Board meeting will take place from 21-26 April 2024 to be hosted by CoST Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana.	N/A	N/A
7.2	It is hoped that Board Members will arrive on Sunday 21 April and that the meeting will conclude lunchtime Thursday 25 April. Flight options will be finalised in the next two weeks.	SH JH	April 2024
Item 8	Any other business		
8.1	The remaining dates for Board meetings in 2024 are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 June 2024 via Teams • 24 September 2024 via Teams • 26 November 2024 via Teams 	IS	N/A
8.3	No conflicts of interest were reported by Board members.	N/A	N/A
8.4	There were no safeguarding incidents reported since the last Board meeting.	N/A	N/A
Item 9.	Chair's closing remarks		
9.1	The Chair thanked everyone for joining the meeting and the Secretariat for preparing the documents for this meeting in a timely manner.	N/A	N/A

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



22 April 2024

Christiaan J. Poortman
Chair

Date