

CF Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 5, 2009
MINUTES

The following decisions were agreed by the CF Committee:

CFC/2009/11-01 – CF Status: Agreement that the Secretariat provide updated mapping of donors for phase 1 CF financing by the end of December 2009.

CFC/2009/11-02 – CF Status: Agreement that the Secretariat and World Bank, working with the Chair, prepare a draft paper with options for cash management, financing and predictability addressing communication and reporting for replenishment by the end of January 2010.

CFC/2009/11-03 – CF Grant Periods: Agreement that all Catalytic Fund grant periods are indicative.

CFC/2009/11-04 – Guinea: Agreement to request that the World Bank, in consultation with the Guinea Local Education Group, prepare, by March 30, 2010, a proposal for restructuring its program that may include the option of a partial cancellation of the grant funds, based on an assessment of need and implementation capacity. The CF Committee will make its final recommendation on this program by a virtual non-objection process.

CFC/2009/11-05 – Madagascar: Agreement that the World Bank be instructed to transfer USD 15 million to UNICEF, as Supervising Entity (SE), to implement and supervise the program proposed, this includes a 7% fee and USD 300,000 for its supervision budget (without setting a precedent on fee level). Paragraphs 7 and 15 will be dropped from the transfer agreement. The donors acknowledge and agree that under this transfer agreement they do not have any right as third party beneficiaries to seek direct recourse against the SE.

CFC/2009/11-06 – Madagascar: Approval that USD 21 million from the 2008 allocation of USD 85 million be cancelled, and that the remaining USD 49 million be programmed no earlier than July 2010 following a proposal to the CF Committee from the Madagascar Local Education Group.

CFC/2009/11-07 – Lesotho: Approval that USD 20 million be allocated to Lesotho. This is a three-year grant with an implementation period of 2010-2012. The Supervising Entity is the World Bank; and the grant modality is a Specific Investment grant with a Pool Funding Mechanism. The CF Committee requests that the Local Education Group prepare a mid-term performance review with criteria prepared in advance. A subsequent request for USD 10 million could be submitted if agreed that the criteria is met. In this case, the FTI Secretariat will be authorized by the CF Committee to allocate the additional USD 10 million. The CF Committee noted the concerns expressed by the External Quality Review (EQR) panel and considered that the revised proposal adequately took into account the issues outlined by the EQR.

CFC/2009/11-08 – Nepal: Approval that USD 120 million be allocated to Nepal. This is a three-year grant with an implementation period of 2010-2012. The Supervising Entity is the World Bank; and the grant modality is a Specific Investment grant with a Pooled Funding Mechanism.

CFC/2009/11-09 – Tajikistan: Approval that USD 13.5 million be allocated to Tajikistan. This is an 18 month bridge grant with an implementation period of 2010-2012. The Supervising Entity is the World Bank; and the grant modality is a Specific Investment grant.

CFC/2009/11-10 – CF Committee Process: Agreement that minutes will only cover conclusions and decisions. During review of the minutes, members may add comments.

CFC/2009/11-11 – CF Committee Process: Agreement that the CF Committee will put the issue of Supervising Entity costs on its agenda in the future.

CFC/2009/11-12 – CF Committee Process: The CF Committee notes the decision from the Board of Directors that country allocation recommendations be made by the Board of Directors for their final decision. The CF Committee looks forward to discussing the proposal in the future.

CFC/2009/11-13 – CF Committee Process: Agreement that the FTI Secretariat submit a draft Terms of Reference to the CF Committee for an assessment of the External Quality Review and recommendations for further development of the EQR process by the end of January 2010 for virtual approval.

CFC/2009/11-14 – CF Committee Process: Agreement that the FTI Secretariat oversee the quality and consistency of final application packages submitted to the CF Committee, in a timely manner.

CFC/2009/11-15 – CF Committee Process: Agreement that the FTI Secretariat be responsible for providing systematic allocation recommendations to the CF Committee.

CFC/2009/11-16 – CF Committee Process: Agreement to recommend to the Board that the FTI Secretariat budget and staffing plans include resources and staffing for the purposes of decisions CFC/2009/11-13 through CFC/2009/11-15.

CFC/2009/11-17 – Prioritization of Beneficiary Countries: Agreement in principle on the broad recommendations of the Task Team on Prioritization (TTP) on the new model for prioritization of CF beneficiaries. Blend countries will be included in the model and this will take effect at the next meeting. The FTI Secretariat will put forward a model of how this would work, including communication to countries.

CFC/2009/11-18 – Prioritization of Beneficiary Countries: Agreement that the FTI Secretariat draft a communication to countries with indicative allocations and simulation models based on the NPF model

to countries identified as coming forward for allocations in 2009/2010. Once approved by the CF Committee, the FTI Secretariat will circulate this communication to countries.

CFC/2009/11-19 – Rolling Approval of Grants: Agreement that the CF Committee request that the FTI Secretariat prepare a detailed proposal for streamlining the CF application process, to including the possibility of virtual rolling approval of grants by the end of December 2009.

CFC/2009/11-20 – Prioritization of Beneficiary Countries: Agreement that the Task Team on Prioritization is dissolved. The CF Committee thanks the Task Team for completing its mandate.

CFC/2009/11-21 – Date of Next CF Meeting: Agreement that the next CF Committee meeting will take place one day before the Board of Directors meeting in Spring 2010.