

Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP)

Executive Minutes
Steering Committee Meeting
May 28, 2020
Virtual

GAFSP Steering Committee Chair

farmer safety nets, nutrition-related interventions, gender sensitive measures, and post-harvest storage and food preservation measures.

9. The CU updated the SC on the status of the GAFSP 2.0 official Restructuring Package and the timeline for SC review and approval. GAFSP 2.0 will be well-placed to address the challenges

17. The discussion underscored strong support for all options, with the ability to move quickly with readily available resources appreciated. SC members noted the importance of supporting governments' own response plans for recovery and resilience, and the importance of maximizing the value of GAFSP resources in addressing priority needs and concerns. The need to ensure a relatively streamlined process for the options that would make available additional funding to the existing portfolio was stressed, as well as the importance of a longer-term view to ensure a targeted use of funds, well aligned with country priorities in the medium term and through any future Call for Proposals.
18. Decisions: The SC agreed to pursue the following three options:
- Option 1a: Provide additional funding to existing Public Sector Window projects
 - Option 1b: Provide additional funding to MMI Pilot Projects

2. CU to prepare the MMI Additional Funding Solicitation Package (option 1b) for SC approval by mid-June.
3. CU to prepare Public Sector Window Additional Funding Solicitation Package (option 1a) for SC approval by end of June.
4. Subject to available financing and SC decision on timeline, to be sought in July, the CU to prepare for a future Call for Proposals under GAFSP 2.0.

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

22. In order to support the agreed Call for Proposals that will launch GAFSP 2.0, further contributions to the Program will be essential. Donor members of the SC expressed their strong support to the Program, with many of them indicating that they are currently working on new contributions, and others noting the strong alignment between GAFSP's objectives and their own development priorities, further underlined in the light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. There was broad-based recognition across the SC of the need to mitigate a further worsening of the global food security situation, and to assist vulnerable and low income countries to address impacts and strengthen their agriculture and food systems and resilience to future shocks, including those brought about by the climate crisis.
23. The CU and Future Advocacy presented the activities to support the launch of GAFSP's replenishment period. This included the concept, vision, and options for timing of the virtual replenishment kick-off event to be hosted by Germany, and ways in which SC members should get involved to support this process. The event is expected to be strongly aligned with the global agenda and call for increased investment in order to strengthen food and agriculture systems and build smallholder farmers' resilience. The event will position GAFSP as a proven instrument that can deliver on the SDGs and on a clear COVID-19 response, supporting recovery by channeling targeted grant funding through the multilateral system. In presenting this vision, the event will provide an opportunity to highlight collaboration with implementing partners and others, including the research community.

	Keizire	Boaz	Africa
	Martinez	Salome	Latin America and the Caribbean
	Pokharel	Champak	Asia
	Tuaimiapi	Kilisitina	Asia
Supervising Entities			
	Boahen	Philip	AfDB
	Brown	Donal	IFAD
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	De Salvo	Carmine Paolo	IDB
	Fregene	Martin	AfDB
	Gautam	Madhur	WB
	Heinemann	Edward	IFAD

DRAFT AGENDA

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** 5.00am

