

OECD GLOBAL SCIENCE FORUM – 25th MEETING

27-28 October, 2011

Meistersaal am Potsdamer Platz

Berlin, Germany

Principal Decisions and Actions

(Final version of November 14, 2011)

Summary of requested actions by Delegations:

COB Wednesday, November 23	<p><u>International collaboration on clinical trials</u></p> <p>Interested delegations are asked to nominate new/additional members of the Experts Group that will carry out the extended activity for refining the risk categories, and for formulating OECD Council recommendations. Re-nominations of existing members are not required.</p>
	<p><u>International distributed research infrastructures</u></p> <p>Interested delegations are asked to nominate new/additional members of the Experts Group.</p>
	<p><u>A study of the social and economic impacts of CERN</u></p> <p>Interested delegations are asked to nominate experts to oversee the activity.</p>
	<p><u>Global risk modelling</u></p> <p>Interested delegations that have not already done so are invited to nominate members of the Experts Group that will, during the next six months, study the rational for, and interest in, global risk modelling.</p>
COB Wednesday, December 7	<p><u>OECD Committee on Scientific and Technological Policy (CSTP)</u></p> <p>Interested delegations are asked to comment on the CSTP Chair’s Strategic Document.</p>
	<p><u>Potential follow-on activity on research cooperation between developed and developing countries</u></p> <p>Interested delegations are asked to nominate members of the Scoping Group.</p>

(details follow:)

<i>Agenda Item 4</i>	Final Report on <i>International Collaboration on Clinical Trials</i>
<i>Decisions</i>	<p>The Global Science Forum accepted the final report and authorised its public release, pending review and approval by the Bureau of editorial corrections to be made by the Secretariat.</p> <p>The GSF agreed to the requested six-month extension of the activity for refining the risk categories, and for formulating OECD Council recommendations. Draft recommendations will be reviewed and discussed by the GSF prior to any submission to the OECD Council.</p>

<i>Actions</i>	<p>The Secretariat will finalise the report, seek approval by the Bureau, and will disseminate it in electronic and printed form.</p> <p>At an early date, brief Terms of Reference for the extended activity will be submitted to the Bureau for approval.</p> <p>Before COB Wednesday, November 23, interested delegations are asked to nominate new/additional members of the Working Group that will carry out the extended activity. Re-nominations of existing members are not required.</p>
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<i>Agenda Item 5</i>	Report and discussion on <i>International Distributed Research Infrastructures</i>
<i>Decision</i>	<p>The Global Science Forum agreed that the previously-approved activity should proceed, with an expanded Experts Group, and with modified Terms of Reference. The modifications should pertain to the definition and taxonomy of the distributed international research infrastructures that will be examined and analysed, as well as methodology of the analysis.</p>
<i>Actions</i>	<p>Before COB Wednesday, November 23, interested delegations are asked to nominate new/additional members of the Experts Group.</p> <p>The Secretariat will prepare a summary of the comments from Bureau members and delegates to the 25th GSF meeting.</p> <p>A face-to-face meeting of the Experts Group will be convened, following which revised Terms of Reference will be prepared and submitted to the Bureau for approval.</p>

<i>Agenda Item 6</i>	Report on the work of the Committee on Scientific and Technological Policy (CSTP) and its Working Parties
<i>Decision</i>	<p>The Global Science Forum took note of the CSTP Chair's Strategic Document, especially on potential output results of the future Programme of Work.</p> <p>The GSF agreed that its next meeting could include a one-day symposium to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the GSF, and it agreed that it would be desirable to combine this event with a commemoration of the 100th session of the CSTP. The tentative date is Wednesday, April 18, 2012.</p>
<i>Actions</i>	<p>Before COB Wednesday, December 7, interested delegations are asked to comment on the CSTP Chair's Strategic Document.</p> <p>The Secretariat will, in consultation with the Bureau and with representatives of CSTP, elaborate plans for the symposium. Before the end of 2011, the Bureau will decide whether the symposium should take place.</p>

<i>Agenda Item 7</i>	Proposal for a study of the social and economic impacts of CERN
<i>Decision</i>	The Global Science Forum agreed that the activity should proceed, under the supervision of an Experts Group, and with modified Terms of Reference. The Forum required that the title be modified, that no external funds be accepted, and that, if feasible, the findings regarding CERN should be compared and contrasted with those relevant to other national high-energy physics laboratories, and perhaps one non-HEP international facility as well.
<i>Actions</i>	Before COB Wednesday, November 23, interested delegations are asked to nominate experts to oversee the activity. The Secretariat will contact delegations and scientific organisations to identify infrastructures that could be examined during the course of the study. The secretariat will prepare revised Terms of Reference for approval by the Bureau. A draft report will be submitted for discussion at the 26 th GSF meeting.

<i>Agenda Item 12</i>	Final report on <i>Models of Urban Environments</i>
<i>Decision</i>	The Global Science Forum accepted the final report and authorised its public release. Minor editorial corrections will be incorporated.
<i>Action</i>	The secretariat will disseminate the final report in electronic and printed form.

<i>Agenda Item 13</i>	Progress report on the <i>Data and Research Infrastructure for the Social Sciences</i>
<i>Action</i>	The final report will be prepared for the April 2012 GSF meeting.

<i>Agenda Item 14</i>	Report on the <i>Astroparticle Physics International Forum (APIF)</i>
<i>Action</i>	The Secretariat will coordinate with APIF to ensure consistency between the membership and the issues to be discussed.

<i>Agenda Item 15</i>	Discussion on the rationale and feasibility of a <i>Global Risk Modelling Initiative</i>
<i>Decision</i>	The GSF agreed to the requested six-month extension of the activity. The Scoping Group will be transformed into an Experts Group on Global Risk Modelling with, if possible, extended membership to ensure geographical balance.
<i>Actions</i>	Before COB Wednesday, November 23, interested delegations that have not already done so are invited to nominate members of the Experts Group that will, during the next six months, study the rationale for, and interest in, global risk modelling.

<i>Agenda Item 16</i>	The Global Science Forum work programme
<i>Decision</i>	The Global Science Forum accepted a proposal by Delegation of Japan to conduct a scoping exercise for a potential follow-on activity on international research cooperation between developed and developing countries. The focus will be on research projects that deal with climate change and biodiversity. The Scoping Group is asked to take into account other relevant activities in other organisations, and to define the added value of a potential activity by the GSF. Japan is designated as lead country.
<i>Action</i>	Before COB Wednesday, December 7, interested delegations are asked to nominate members of the Scoping Group.

<i>Agenda Item 18</i>	Election of the Bureau
<i>Decision</i>	<p>The members of the GSF Bureau were elected as follows, to serve from January 1 to December 31, 2012:</p> <p>Chairman: Mr. Hiroshi Nagano (Japan)</p> <p>Vice-Chairs: Mr. Alessandro Bettini (Italy) Mr. Armel de la Bourdonnaye (France) Mr. Bernd Fischer (Germany) Ms. Arja Kallio (Finland) Mr. Leo Le Duc (The Netherlands) Mr. Jean Moulin (Belgium) Ms. Joan Rolf (United States)</p>

<i>Agenda Item 19</i>	Dates of the next meetings
<i>Decision</i>	The 26 th GSF meeting will be held at OECD headquarters in Paris on Wednesday/Thursday, April 18/19, 2012, with the first day being potentially devoted to the anniversary symposium. Thanks to the kind invitation from the Delegation of Sweden, the 27 th meeting will be held on Thursday/Friday, October 25/26, 2012, in Stockholm.