

REPORT OF THE 21ST BOARD MEETING

The 21st Meeting of the Governing Board (the Board) of the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) was held virtually on 10 December 2024, from 12:00 to 2:00 pm Central European Time (CET). The approved agenda of the 21st Meeting of the Governing Board is provided in Annex 1 and the participants list in Annex 2 of this report.

1. WELCOMING REMARKS

1.1. The Chair of the Governing Board, Mr Stefano Manservigi, opened the meeting by welcoming all participants and providing context for the virtual meeting, noting that the decision to convene online was made to allow for more efforts and resources to be focused on organising a pledging conference in 2025.

1.2. The Chair introduced the agenda, explaining that the meeting would focus on pressing topics and decisions. He noted that the following papers had been distributed for information purposes only and would not be tabled for discussion:

- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Update – BM.21/DOC.02/ANNEX.01
- Governance and Ethics Committee (GEC) Report – BM.21/DOC.06
- Board Self-Assessment – BM.21/DOC.06/ANNEX.01
- Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) Report – BM.21/DOC.07
- Funding Situation – BM.21/DOC.08
- Results Update – BM.21/DOC.09
- Portfolio Management Update – BM.21/DOC.10

Approval of Decisions by No Objection

1.3. As the first order of business, the Board approved the following decisions by no objection:

BM.21/DEC.01: Ambassador Abiodun Richards Adejola of Ghana and Nigeria constituency is appointed as the Rapporteur of the 21st Board meeting.

BM.21/DEC.02: The agenda for the 21st Board meeting (BM.21/DOC.01) is approved.

BM.21/DEC.03: The Board notes the following change in its membership (each without signatory authority) since the 20th Board meeting:

- **Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, and North Macedonia:** H.E. Minister Ervin Hoxha replaces Mr Zlatko Apostoloski as the Alternate Board member;

- **Australia, Japan, and New Zealand:** Ms Charlotte Beaglehole replaces Ambassador Paula Wilson as the Board member;
- **Denmark, France, Italy, and Sweden:** Mr Adam Ravnkilde replaces Mr Christian Bunk Fassov as the Alternate Board member;
- **Kenya, Mozambique, and Somalia:** Mr Kibiego Rotich Kigen replaces Ambassador Cleopa Kilonzo Mailu as the Board member;
- **Private Sector & Foundations:** Mr Atsushi Sunami replaces Ms Emman El-Badawy as the Alternate Board member.

BM.21/DEC.04: The Board:

a. approves the appointment of the following additional expert to the IRP until 31.12.2027:

1. KOHNO, Dr Takeshi;

b. confirms that the following members are serving on the IRP panel:

Second and final term:

2. CHRISTIAN LEKE, Mr Achaleke until 31. 12. 2026;
3. ROURE, Ms Maud until 31. 12. 2026;

First term:

4. ANWAR, Mr Deka until 31. 12. 2027;
5. DANZIGER, Mr Richard, until 31. 12. 2026;
6. GLAZZARD, Dr Andrew, until 31. 12. 2024;
7. MALEFAKIS, Dr Medinat until 31. 12. 2024;
8. MALET, Dr David until 31. 12. 2024;
9. JRAD, Ms Eya until 31. 12. 2025;
10. LAMALAN, Ms Fatima Star Usman until 31. 12. 2025;
11. LYANMOURI, Mr Ryda; until 31. 12. 2027;
12. SANS, Ms Gazbiah until 31. 12. 2026;
13. SAMPSON, Mr John until 31. 12. 2025.

2. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2.1. The Chair invited the Executive Director (ED), Dr Khalid Koser, to present his report (BM.21/DOC.02).

Opening Remarks

2.2. The ED expressed his gratitude to the Chair and all participants for attending the meeting and thanked Board members for making time for calls prior to the meeting to

discuss Board papers. He also acknowledged the hard work of the excellent Secretariat team.

Report of the Executive Director

2.3. The ED began by acknowledging the advantages of the virtual meeting modality, noting its cost-effectiveness and ease of organisation. However, he also noted the value of in-person meetings for stronger bonds and team building. He suggested this virtual meeting as a trial to inform the modality of future Board meetings, including the possibility of having one virtual and one in-person Board meeting annually, and looked forward to feedback from Board members in due course

2.4. The ED provided an overview of the Board papers and noted that their respective authors were available to address any questions after his presentation.

2.5. Summarising the Portfolio Update (BM.21/DOC.10), the ED reported that GCERF remains actively engaged in partner countries and has made new investments in Albania, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritania, and Mozambique and expanded strategically in Central Asia. Updates on global initiatives, including the Carol Bellamy Leadership Award (CBLA), the Global Action Platform (GAP), and the pre-departure support pilot for third-country nationals in Northeast Syria, were also outlined.

2.6. For the Results Update (BM.21/DOC.09), the ED reported that GCERF is managing 67 grants in 21 countries – a record for the organisation. Conservatively estimated, GCERF has reached 3.9 million direct beneficiaries through its investments. He noted recent third-party monitoring (TPM) exercises in the Sahel covering 10 grants, as well as in the Western Balkans. In addition, he emphasised a “virtuous cycle” of results, where monitoring and evaluation (M&E) results are incorporated into new grant making and grant management.

2.7. For the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Update (BM.21/DOC.02/ANNEX.01), the ED acknowledged increasing contestation over the term but reaffirmed GCERF’s commitment to a common-sense approach that focuses on staff welfare and organisational performance.

2.8. In terms of governance, the ED summarised the Governance and Ethics Committee (GEC) Report (BM.21/DOC.06), noting a low response rate to the Board Self-Assessment Survey (BM.21/DOC.06/ANNEX.01). Responding to the survey results, GCERF’s new strategy includes a commitment to review the structure of the Governing Board. He also referenced the Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) Report (BM.21/DOC.07), which endorsed the

proposed budget for 2025, and the Independent Review Panel (IRP) Update (BM.21/DOC.11), which includes the appointment of a new IRP member from Tokyo, Japan.

2.9. The ED outlined progress on GCERF's Global Strategy 2025–2028, thanking members of the External Strategy Working Group for their input. An external evaluation of the current strategy has been commissioned to inform the new strategy. The first draft of the new strategy will be shared with the Board by February 2025, with the final version slated for approval at the Spring 2025 Board meeting. At present, much of the substance of the new strategy is summarised in the Case for Investment (CFI).

2.10. The ED addressed anticipated concerns regarding the Central Sahel Strategy. He rehearsed the Board's decision for GCERF to continue working in the region despite unconstitutional changes in government in some countries. He emphasised GCERF's nonpolitical status and support for civil society organisations rather than governments. Furthermore, he stressed the critical importance of GCERF's work in the Central Sahel given the region's burden as the epicentre of violent extremism (VE), and that for now GCERF's programming continues unimpeded.

2.11. In addition, the ED highlighted the extensive consultations undertaken during the development of the Central Sahel Strategy. He noted updates to the strategy's language to acknowledge political and programmatic risks and allow for adjustments based on future developments.

3. REPLENISHMENT CONFERENCE

3.1. The ED presented his paper on the Replenishment Conference (BM.21/DOC.04), noting that a pledging conference—the capstone of the replenishment campaign—was initially planned for 13 February 2025, in Berlin, Germany, on the margins of the Munich Security Conference to ensure high-level attendance. However, due to an impending change in government, the event cannot proceed as planned. Despite this, Germany's financial and political commitment to the replenishment campaign remains strong.

3.2. The Secretariat is exploring alternative arrangements for the pledging conference while maintaining the following key requirements:

- A date within 2025;
- Ministerial-level representation;
- Strong financial and political commitment from the host; and
- A co-hosting arrangement between a donor and a partner country.

3.3. An update will be provided to the Board in January 2025. The Board was urged to continue to mobilise efforts towards organising a ministerial level pledging conference in 2025, which the Secretariat stands ready to support

3.4. The Chair invited the Board member for Germany to speak on the country's plans for the replenishment campaign. The Board member reaffirmed Germany's continued financial and political commitment to the replenishment campaign but highlighted the need for from the establishment of a new government before committing to host a pledging conference. She mentioned that Germany may propose hosting the conference during the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) High-Level Week in September 2025 at the German House in New York. However, she acknowledged that this timing is less than ideal due to the many competing events during UNGA.

3.5. With ensuring the full coverage of GCERF's budget for 2025 and beyond a pressing priority, the Board member for Germany urged other donor countries to consider hosting the pledging conference earlier in the year and encouraged both donor and partner countries to actively lobby for GCERF's resource mobilisation. The Chair emphasised these calls.

Discussion

3.6. The Chair opened the floor for discussion on the Report of the Executive Director (BM.21/DOC.02) and Replenishment Conference (BM.21/DOC.04).

3.7. Speaking for Nigeria, the Board member expressed gratitude for GCERF's commitment to DEI and its anticipated new round of investment in preventing violent extremism (PVE) in Nigeria. He also announced his retirement from both the Nigerian Foreign Service and the GCERF Board.

3.8. Regarding the replenishment campaign, Board members thanked the GCERF Secretariat and Germany for their efforts towards organising a pledging conference in 2025. These include the Board members for the European Union (EU) and United States of America (USA), who reported ongoing administrative transitions, but affirmed their continued support to GCERF. The Board members for New Zealand and the USA affirmed their support for and participation in the pledging conference should it be hosted during UNGA 2025 High-Level Week while the Board member for the EU declared commitment to exploring alternatives earlier in the year for the pledging conference.

3.9. The Chair encouraged discussion on not only organising the pledging conference, but also on taking full advantage of a convincing CFI, raising awareness on GCERF's work, and increasing commitment to mobilise resources for GCERF. He remarked that PVE is increasingly a global priority and encouraged active participation by all GCERF stakeholders in the replenishment campaign. In response, the Alternate Board member for Albania stated that the partner country has established a successful rehabilitation and reintegration (R&R) model, tools, and strategies with GCERF, all of which it will be showcased to other countries and UN partners as part of the replenishment campaign.

3.10. Speaking for Niger, the Board member thanked the ED for an informative report and efforts towards organising the pledging conference. He expressed gratitude to GCERF for its continued investment and effective programmes in PVE as well as R&R in Niger. He also welcomed discussions on the Central Sahel Strategy and endorsed it in advance.

4. BUDGET 2025

4.1. The Chair invited the Head of Finance and Compliance, Mr Nicolas Ferigoule, to present the Budget 2025 (BM.21/DOC.03).

4.2. The Head of Finance and Compliance started by noting that the FAC had interrogated the proposed 2025 Budget and endorsed it as both necessary and realistic.

4.3. He reported that the total expense budget for 2025 is USD 39 million, a 28 percent increase from 2024. This increase supports the ambitious goals of a replenishment year, and aligns with the 2025-2028 strategy, the CFI, and the USD 80 million financial target for the 2025-2026 period.

4.4. The budget is divided into portfolio management and operating costs. Portfolio management costs include USD 27.5 million in new grant commitments, a 36 percent increase from 2024, focusing on Central Asia and the Sahel. Investments will also target Nigeria, Somalia, Sri Lanka, and the Western Balkans. Portfolio management costs also include direct grant management costs, totalling USD 6.8 million which reflect a 19 percent increase (12 percent excluding the impact of exchange rates) to enhance grant quality through close grant management, additional human resources, and monitoring and evaluation (M&E).

4.5. Operating costs total USD 4.9 million, a modest four percent increase from 2024, representing less than 13 percent of the total budget, hence well below the 15 percent ceiling

defined by the Board. Adjusted for currency fluctuations, these costs have actually decreased by two percent.

4.6. Current coverage of the 2025 budget stands at 55 percent, which is not unusual. The Secretariat anticipates closing the funding gap through the replenishment campaign and has several promising grants in the pipeline, including potential contributions from Luxembourg and Qatar, and an additional contribution from France for 2024. Furthermore, close budget monitoring and revisions will be conducted as necessary.

4.7. To conclude his presentation, the Head of Finance and Compliance announced that GCERF has reached USD 200m in total contributions received, marking a significant milestone for the fund. He noted an acceleration in resource mobilisation, comparing the six years taken to raise the first USD 100m, with the four years to raise the second. A successful replenishment campaign will continue this trend.

Discussion

4.8. The Chair opened the floor for questions and interventions.

4.9. Speaking for the USA, the Board member expressed confidence that despite the funding gap, the budget will be fully covered and could be approved. While acknowledging the need for increased funding for additional work in priority areas such as Central Asia and the Sahel, he recommended a contingency plan that identifies items that could be trimmed or put on hold until funding is secured.

4.10. The Chair agreed but stressed the importance of affording stability and predictability for the fund to address new priorities effectively. The Head of Finance and Compliance added that some activities have already been de-prioritising for the first quarter of 2025. The Secretariat has some clarity on the amount of funding that it will receive in the first half of 2025 with significant investments in Central Asia and the Sahel contingent upon confirmed funding. Monthly budget monitoring will ensure alignment between expenditures and resources.

4.11. The Chair prompted Board members to comment on the replenishment campaign in relation to the Budget 2025 and exchange ideas on the best ways to promote the CFI. In response, the Board member for the EU reaffirmed their commitment to raise awareness of GCERF, highlight the results of GCERF programming in various countries, and link GCERF with key donor stakeholders.

4.12. The Board passed the following decisions:

BM.21/DEC.05: The Board:

- a. appreciates the work of the Finance & Audit Committee (FAC) for its thorough review of the proposed budget and notes its endorsement;
- b. approves the 2025 budget as follows:
 - Expenses: USD 39.1m; and
- c. notes that 55% of the proposed 2025 budget is funded at this time. Confirmation of announced contributions as well as new funding is needed.

BM.21/DEC.06: The Board approves the appointment of BDO as GCERF’s external auditor for 2024. This agreement will be renewed for a maximum of four additional years, subject to performance.

5. CENTRAL SAHEL STRATEGY

5.1. The Chair invited the Regional Manager for the Sahel and the IRP Chair, Mr Richard Danziger, to present the Central Sahel Strategy (BM.21/DOC.05).

5.2. The Regional Manager provided an overview of the Central Sahel Strategy, noting that it is the product of an inclusive consultative process with key stakeholders and is grounded in triangulated evidence. The strategy development involved a TPM assessment, a thematic study on emerging challenges, and a cost-benefit analysis. GCERF also established a Steering Committee comprised of national authorities, donors, IRP members, and subject matter experts to define the strategy’s priorities.

5.3. The strategy aims to scale transformative interventions from the Liptako Gourma region to new conflict hotspots, including coastal contagion zones bordering Benin, Ghana, Togo, and Côte d’Ivoire. It focuses on community-centred approaches, prioritising four thematic areas (reduced from nine for greater impact), addressing issues such as the mental health crisis affecting 65% of the Sahel population.

5.4. The IRP Chair commended the strategy for its consultative and inclusive development process, ensuring broad ownership among civil society, host governments, and other stakeholders. He highlighted the unique value of GCERF’s grassroots work, which contrasts with larger institutions’ inability to operate effectively at the community level.

GCERF's targeted interventions provide scalable models to support communities, prevent radicalisation, and address the Sahel's escalating challenges. This strategy showcases GCERF's commitment to fostering sustainable peace and resilience in the region.

5.5. The Chair invited the representatives of the three countries covered by the Central Sahel Strategy, namely Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger, to comment. Speaking for Burkina Faso, the Alternate Board member endorsed the strategy, noting its alignment with the country's needs, including R&R support for prisoners and psychosocial aid for VE survivors.

5.6. Speaking for Mali, the Constituency member commended the strategy's relevance to local PVE needs, its focus on at-risk populations, and its engagement with local authorities. He expressed optimism about fostering peace and dialogue between populations in the region.

5.7. Speaking for Niger, the Board member endorsed the strategy for its focus on community resilience and locally driven solutions; R&R for former combatants; support for at-risk groups such as displaced communities, women, and youth; and inclusion a broad range of on-the-ground stakeholders such as farmers, local authorities, and religious and customary leaders. He expressed confidence in the strategy's potential to curb VE and related crimes.

Discussion

5.8. The Chair opened the floor for discussion on the Central Sahel Strategy.

5.9. The representatives of Germany and Norway endorsed the strategy, highlighting its alignment with national PVE strategies and its potential complementarity with ongoing initiatives. Germany emphasised the importance of resilience programming and cross-border cooperation, suggesting collaboration with German-funded projects such as the German PATRIP Foundation. Norway stressed the inclusion of gender-sensitive approaches, local communities, and civil society, as well as preventive measures in coastal areas, and reported that GCERF now appears in Norway's own Sahel strategy as a critical partner.

5.10. The Board member for the EU thanked the Secretariat for the strategy and asked about challenges in previous programmes, including implementation delays, limited field monitoring, and sustainability gaps. She sought clarity on mechanisms to ensure long-term impact.

5.11. The Board member for the USA raised questions on the consultative strategy development process, highlighting concerns on the level of Central Sahel government involvement. He also questioned how GCERF would work across borders as well as the degree of donor mapping and coordination with donor initiatives in the region. While recognising the importance of the strategy, the Board member requested additional time for internal review before providing final feedback and approval, which was received shortly after the meeting.

5.12. The Secretariat responded to these interventions by highlighting the changes to the strategy's decision language based on earlier feedback from Board members to reflect GCERF's commitment to ongoing consultation and adaptability throughout the strategy's implementation. The Secretariat also emphasised efforts to coordinate with other PVE programmes in the region, including coordination on mapping platforms with the Governments of Germany and Switzerland.

5.13. In response to questions on how GCERF would work across borders in the Central Sahel region, the Secretariat reported that efforts are underway to identify partners that have the authorisation to work across borders in order to strengthen cooperation between border communities and ensure that VE drivers are addressed in a coordinated and complementary way.

5.14. In response to concerns raised on implementation delays and the sustainability of results, the Secretariat highlighted the incorporation of lessons learned from previous programmes, which has helped define quality markers in the field to quickly identify and mitigate potential setbacks.

5.15. The IRP Chair added that coordination in the Sahel continues to be challenging but commended GCERF's efforts to enhance collaboration and invited further advice from Board members.

5.16. The Board took the following decision:

BM.21/DEC.07: The Board:

- a. asks the Secretariat to be cognizant of the political and programmatic risks of implementation, and to regularly monitor and report on these risks;
- b. recognises that the aim of this strategy is to improve trust and social relationships aimed at strengthening peaceful coexistence, and to facilitate community-led

- rehabilitation and (re)integration of the actors and victims of violence, including people disengaging from criminal, armed and violent extremist groups;
- c. approves the GCERF Strategy for Investment in Central Sahel as detailed in BM.21/DOC.05/ANNEX.01;
 - d. requests the Secretariat to proceed with grant-making at a value of up to USD 12m.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.1. The Chair opened the floor for remarks on any other business.
- 6.2. With no further interventions from Board, Alternate Board, and Constituency members, the Chair encouraged the Board to stay engaged with the Secretariat to coordinate action on the replenishment campaign, pledging conference, and CFI. He emphasised the importance of GCERF's work as PVE becomes more necessary and stressed the need for investing in this effective, close to the ground, financially accountable, and cost-effective organisation.
- 6.3. The Chair invited the ED to make closing remarks.
- 6.4. The ED thanked the Board for their active participation and emphasised the organisation's ongoing commitment to adapting to global challenges while achieving economies of scale and maintaining efficiency. He reassured the Board of GCERF's dedication to staff welfare and reiterated the importance of Board support for the replenishment campaign and the ambitious Global Strategy 2025-2028.
- 6.5. The Chair thanked the Board and the Secretariat for their contributions and formally adjourned the meeting.

ANNEX I

BM.21/DOC.01: DRAFT AGENDA

TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2024

Location – Virtual (12:00 to 14:00 CET)

| Time | Topic | Document | Presenter |
|---------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 12:00 – 13:30 | Report of the Executive Director | DOC.02 (for discussion) | Executive Director |
| | Replenishment Conference | DOC.04 (for discussion) | Executive Director |
| | Budget 2025 | DOC.03 (for decision) | Head of Finance and Compliance |
| 13:30 – 13:50 | Central Sahel Strategy | DOC.05 (for decision) | Regional Manager for the Sahel |
| 13:50 – 14:00 | Any Other Business | | |
| 14:00 | End of Meeting | | |

For decision by no objection:

Preliminary Matters*¹

- Appointment of Rapporteur
- Approval of Agenda – DOC.01
- Confirmation of New Board Members

Papers to be distributed for information will include:

- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Update – DOC.02.ANNEX.01
- Governance and Ethics Committee (GEC) Report – DOC.06
- Board Self-Assessment – DOC.06.ANNEX.01
- Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) Report – DOC.07
- Funding Situation – DOC.08
- Results Update – DOC.09
- Portfolio Management Update – DOC.10
- Independent Review Panel (IRP) Update – DOC.11

¹ Decisions with an asterisk (*) will be adopted without discussion if there are no objections before the commencement of the Board meeting.

ANNEX 2

DRAFT PARTICIPANTS LIST

GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR

Mr Stefano Manservigi

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