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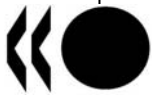
### **SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 18TH MEETING OF THE GLOBAL SCIENCE FORUM**

**Held in Paris on 10-11 March 2008.**

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## OECD GLOBAL SCIENCE FORUM - 18th MEETING

March 10/11, 2008

Paris, France

### Principal Decisions and Actions

<i>Agenda Item 1</i>	Election of Chair and Vice-Chairs
<i>Decision</i>	The elected Bureau members are: Chairman: Dr. Hermann-Friedrich Wagner (Germany) Vice-Chairs: Dr. Sharon Hays (United States), Prof. Alessandro Bettini (Italy), Dr. Dominique Goutte (France), Dr. Jørgen Kjems (Denmark), Dr. Hiroshi Nagano (Japan), Dr. Leo Le Duc (The Netherlands), and Dr. Paul Williams (United Kingdom).

<i>Agenda Item 3</i>	Final Report of the Working Group on Nuclear Physics
<i>Decisions</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Working Group is requested to review and revise the section of the Executive Summary which describes the overall goals and scope of the field of nuclear physics. In describing the field, a better balance should be sought between scientific questions that are intrinsic to the field, and those that originate in related domains.</li> <li>2. The Working Group is requested to review and revise Figure 4.</li> </ol>
<i>Actions</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Working Group will submit a revised report for review by the Bureau, which will decide whether to accept the report and authorise its release to the public.</li> <li>2. On behalf of the Global Science Forum, the Chairman will write to the appropriate officers of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP), asking them to consider implementing the recommendation regarding the IUPAP Working Group on International Cooperation in Nuclear Physics.</li> </ol>

<i>Agenda Item 4</i>	Final Report on Mathematics in Industry
<i>Decisions</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The editors of the report are requested to incorporate revisions requested by the Delegation of Canada.</li> <li>2. The workshop Chairman is invited to work with interested workshop participants and persons designated by delegations, to define possible future GSF activities in two areas: an academia/industry/government task force that would promote implementation of the report's recommendations, and a proposal for a new GSF activity on mathematics and basic research (with emphasis on research in the life and social/behavioural sciences).</li> </ol>

<i>Action</i>	The revised report will be submitted for review by the Bureau, which will decide whether to accept the report and authorise its release to the public.
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<i>Agenda Item 8</i>	Report on the Global Earthquake Model (GEM) project
<i>Decision</i>	The members of the Steering Committee are strongly encouraged to continue their efforts to establish an international collaborative mechanism that would create and maintain a Global Earthquake Model. Of special importance is the Committee's work aimed at preparing the documents that will describe the legal, administrative, and funding arrangements for the new mechanism. The availability of these documents will allow the potential partners (both public and private) to make informed decisions regarding their participation. GSF delegations also urged the Steering Committee to develop a set of requirements for hosting the GEM secretariat, as well as a detailed description of the process through which the host and venue of the GEM secretariat will be selected. The GSF urged the Steering Committee to proceed expeditiously on these matters.
<i>Action</i>	Before Friday, April 4, 2008, interested delegations that have not already done so are asked to nominate members to the GEM Steering Committee.

<i>Agenda Item 9</i>	Progress Report on Scientific Research Collections
<i>Decision</i>	The GSF endorsed the development of an organisational model for an international mechanism through which the goals of the project could be achieved. Delegates expressed a preference for not creating a new international organisation similar to GBIF and INCF.
<i>Action</i>	The agenda of the workshop that will be held in Washington on May 8/9, 2008, should be distributed to the delegations shortly, allowing interested delegations to nominate workshop participants.

<i>Agenda Item 10</i>	Progress Report on Organising the Dialogue of Science with Civil Society
<i>Decision</i>	The GSF encouraged the International Steering Committee to proceed with the consultant study, leading up to a workshop during the latter half of 2008. The GSF agreed that the specific subject areas for analysis need to be chosen with care, focussing on activities where a true bi-directional exchange of information is required. The Forum also suggested that positive examples of dialogue are needed.
<i>Action</i>	Before Friday, April 4, 2008, interested delegations that have not already done so are asked to nominate members to the International Steering Committee.

<i>Agenda Item 12</i>	Report on Roadmapping of Major Research Infrastructures
<i>Decisions</i>	The GSF encouraged the International Experts Group to continue its work, leading to a workshop during the second week of July, 2008. The Group was urged to avoid duplicating the work of other international bodies, such as ESFRI.
<i>Action</i>	The Experts Group will notify delegations regarding the date and venue of the workshop as soon as possible.

<i>Agenda Item 13</i>	Progress Report on the Science of Complexity and Public Policy
<i>Decisions</i>	The GSF encouraged the International Steering Committee to continue its work, leading to a workshop in Erice, Sicily, on October 5/7, 2008.
<i>Action</i>	Interested delegations that have not already done so may join the Steering Committee at their discretion.

<i>Agenda Item 14</i>	Progress Report on the Co-ordinating Committee for Facilitating International Research Misconduct Investigations
<i>Decision</i>	The GSF approved the current activities of the Committee, and its enlargement to include non-OECD representatives.
<i>Action</i>	Interested delegations that have not already done so may appoint members of the Co-ordinating Committee at their discretion.

<i>Agenda Item 15</i>	Report on the activity on the International Polar Year
<i>Decision</i>	The Delegations of Canada and Denmark will monitor the progress of the IPY, and will inform the Forum in the event that further action is warranted.

<i>Agenda Item 16</i>	Evaluation and mandate of the Global Science Forum
<i>Decision</i>	An evaluation exercise will be carried out prior to the next meeting of the GSF in October 2008. The process will be similar to that employed in 2004, although the questionnaire for delegations will be simplified.
<i>Action</i>	The Secretariat will launch the evaluation process under the supervision of the Chairman, in consultation with the Bureau. A three-person external review panel will be chosen by the Bureau.

<i>Agenda Item 17</i>	New activities, and general discussion on the future programme of work
<i>Decision</i>	The GSF agreed to explore the prospects for a new activity in the domain of Astroparticle Physics.
<i>Action</i>	Before Friday, April 4, 2008, interested delegations are asked to nominate members to a scoping group that will consider the rationale, scope, composition, modality, and deliverables (added value) of a potential GSF activity on Astroparticle Physics. If appropriate, a proposal will be prepared for consideration by the GSF. The scoping group will be led by the Delegation of France. .

<i>Agenda Item 18</i>	Dates of the next meetings
<i>Decision</i>	<p>The nineteenth meeting of the GSF will be held on Thursday/Friday, October 9/10, 2008, in Rome (the venue is still subject to final confirmation). The twentieth meeting will be held on Thursday/Friday, March 19/20, 2009, in Paris.</p> <p>The Delegation of Poland offered to host the twenty-first meeting of GSF. Subject to confirmation, this meeting will be held in Kraków on October 5/6, 2009.</p>