



## SUMMARY OF 29<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

2:00 P.M., VIA TELECONFERENCE ON ZOOM, ACCRA

The following is the summary of the 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Development Authority (“MiDA”) held via teleconference on Zoom in Accra on the above-mentioned date and time and for which Notice was duly given in writing on August 26, 2020.

The Meeting was convened pursuant to (i) the Millennium Challenge Compact between the United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation (“MCC”), and the Government of the Republic of Ghana (the “*Government*”), executed on August 5, 2014 (the “*Compact*”); and (ii) the Program Implementation Agreement, by and between the United States of America, acting through MCC, and the Republic of Ghana, dated August 5, 2014 (the “*PIA*”). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given such terms in the Compact.

### 1. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

#### VOTING MEMBERS

- Prof. Yaa Ntiamoah-Baidu, Chairperson of the Board, Government of Ghana Principal Representative
- Hon. Cynthia Morrison, Minister for Gender, Children & Social Protection
- Hon. Robert Ahomka-Lindsay, Deputy Minister for Trade & Industry and Representative of the Minister for Trade & Industry
- Dr. Sam Kobina DeSouza, Representative of Private Enterprise Federation
- Mr. Humphrey Ayim-Darke, Representative of Association of Ghana Industries (AGI)
- Mr. Martin Eson-Benjamin, Interim Chief Executive Officer, MiDA(CEO)

#### IN ATTENDANCE

- Mrs. Elizabeth Feleke, MCC Resident Country Director (RCD)
- Mr. Julius Kpekpena, Chief Operating Officer, MiDA (COO)
- Mr. John Boakye, Chief Financial Officer, MiDA (CFO)
- Mr. Matthew Armah, Program Management Controller, MiDA (PMC)
- Ing. William Amuna, Technical Controller, MiDA (TC)
- Mr. Angelo Habib, Internal Audit Director, MiDA (IAD)
- Dr. Kofi Marfo, Monitoring & Evaluation & Economics Director (MEED)
- Mr. Ernest Appiah, Human Resource & Administration Manager
- Ms. Yvonne Fiadjoe, Board Secretary, MiDA
- Mr. Frank Kofi Boadi, Communication and Outreach Officer
- Mrs. Naa Aduley Ploutos-Clotey, Legal Officer, MiDA

### 2. HR UPDATE

The Board directed Management to provide MCC with the Staffing Plan which will be incorporated into the Compact Closure Plan by September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### **3. 2020/2021 AUDIT PLAN**

The IAD presented the Proposed 2020/2021 (Quarter 1) Internal Audit Plan. Following deliberations, the Board requested that the Audit Plan is revised to include the entire period from September 2020 to the Compact End Date and to indicate which activities will be implemented in each Quarter.

### **4. UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MiDA'S COMMUNICATION STRATEGY**

The Communication and Outreach Officer provided an update on the three (3) strategic areas under which the MiDA Communication Strategy had been implemented in the previous Quarter. The Board took note of these updates and encouraged the MiDA Communications Team to organize Site Visits with the Media.

### **5. UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPACT PROJECTS**

The TC provided a detailed update on the Compact Projects, covering information on the Project status, percentage of work completed and the projected completion date. The Board took note of the update.

### **6. PROGRESS UPDATE OF MiDA MILESTONE TARGETS AND PROJECT WORK PLANS**

The PMC reported on Projects with end dates in the year 2021 classified as Priority 1, while Projects with end dates in 2020 are classified as Priority 2. He provided updates on the Portfolio View Reports on the twelve (12) Contracts in execution for the Priority 1 Projects and the fifteen (15) Contracts in execution under the Priority 2 Projects, critical path tasks not completed and Project level risk. Following deliberations, the Board took note of the update.

### **7. CONTRACT MODIFICATION FOR DESIGN BUILD OF BSP INTERCONNECTING CIRCUITS FOR DIVERSION OF WATER PIPELINES**

The CEO explained the justification for the Contract modification, the urgency of the matter, and its possible impact on Project timelines. Following extensive deliberations, the Board approved the request to modify the Pokuase BSP and Interconnecting Circuits Contract to cover the relocation of the GWCL water pipelines at the Kanda PSS Site and along the Obasanjo Highway.

### **8. UPDATE TO THE MONITORING AND EVALUATION PLAN**

The MEED provided a status of the M&E related Projects. On the M&E Plan update, he explained that the revision was to reflect the change to the Compact Logic and the scope of the Program due to the de-obligation of Tranche II Funds. He further explained how COVID-19 had affected the collection of the baseline data. Thereafter the Board approved the M&E Plan Modification (September 2020) and directed the CEO and Management to liaise with the relevant Organizations to implement the Plan as modified.

### **9. UPDATE ON COURT CASES**

The Board Secretary reported on the Cases. The Board took note that, whereas the BXC Case is currently dormant, the trial in the Zenith Bank Case has been concluded and the matter adjourned for Judgment. Additionally, the trial records have been adopted by the new Trial Judge in the Akosa Case and the matter is also awaiting Judgment.

### **10. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Board directed the Board Secretary to circulate the Disclosure of Conflict of Interest Forms to Board Members.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board urged Management to ensure that Meetings are held in September and October, 2020 since November 2020 would be a very busy month for most Board Members.