GFORSS | GLOBAL FOOD REGULATORY SCIENCE SOCIETY

# Board of Director Meeting

25 Sept 2026

07:00 AM Quebec City

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## PARTICIPANTS

| Name | Present | Regrets |
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| Mr. Kaushik Banerjee | ☒ | ☐ |
| Ms. Pamela Byrne | ☒ | ☐ |
| Mr. Junshi Chen | ☒ | ☐ |
| Ms. Zeineb El Bouchikhi | ☒ | ☐ |
| Mr. Hadi El-Alem | ☒ | ☐ |
| Mr. Samuel Godefroy | ☒ | ☐ |
| Ms. Ruba Goussous | ☒ | ☐ |
| Ms. Wiem Guissouma | ☒ | ☐ |
| Ms. Nuri Gras | ☐ | ☒ |
| Ms. Joyce Haddad | ☐ | ☐ |
| Mr. Shrinivas Joshi | ☒ | ☐ |

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| Mr. Hakim Mufumbiro | ☒ | ☐ |
| Mr. Greg Paoli | ☐ | ☒ |
| Mr. Pingfan Rao | ☐ | ☐ |
| Mr. Christopher Worrell | ☒ | ☐ |

## PROPOSED AGENDA

| Item | *Participants* |
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| A. **A. Review and Adoption of the Agenda** | *All* |
| B. **B. Quorum and Opening Remarks** | *Prof. S. Godefroy* |
| C. **C. Review of July 2026 Records of Decisions and Financial Outlook**<br>**a. July 2026 Records of Decisions**<br>**b. Financial Outlook and Sustainability** | *All* |
| D. **D. Organization of the 2026 GFoRSS General Assembly**<br>a. **Review of Bylaws: Membership Status – Introduction of an Industry Member / Observer Status (Discussion Paper Attached)**<br>b. **Organization of the AFRAF Members Meeting – October 2026**<br>c. **Diversification of Sources of Funding** | *S. Godefroy – All* |
| d. **E. Adjournment** | *S. Godefroy - All* |

**MEETING DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS**

### A- Review and Adoption of the Agenda

The proposed agenda was reviewed and adopted following a motion by Ms. Pamela Byrne, seconded by Ms. Zeineb El Bouchikhi.

### B- Opening Remarks and Quorum

The Chair welcomed Board members and confirmed that quorum had been achieved. He indicated that the meeting would review GFoRSS activities based on the report previously circulated and focus primarily on arrangements for the 2026 GFoRSS General Assembly.

## C- Review of Previous Records of Decisions and Financial Outlook

### a. Records of Decisions of the July 2026 Board Meeting

The Chair reviewed the Records of Decisions of the July 2026 meeting. He acknowledged that their late circulation may not have provided sufficient time for members to review them. Following a verbal review, it was agreed that the records would be recirculated. In the absence of comments or objections received by 2 October 2026, the records would be considered approved by tacit consent.

### b. Financial Outlook and Sustainability

In the Treasurer's absence, the Chair presented a written financial briefing outlining GFoRSS's available cash position and anticipated revenues. The Board discussed the sustainability of the current operating model and acknowledged the cash-flow and operational support provided by the Food Regulatory Science Group. Members noted that this support and its financial implications should be more clearly reflected in GFoRSS's operating arrangements and future agreements with the Group. Several members emphasized the need for a dedicated strategic discussion on financial sustainability in the coming months, as a priority for the Society's governance.

## D- Organization of the 2026 GFoRSS General Assembly

The Chair, supported by Dr. Mustafa Sultan, presented the proposed arrangements for the General Assembly, initially scheduled for 17 November 2026 on the margins of the Dubai International Food Safety Conference. Some Board members could be invited by the conference organizers as speakers, providing an opportunity for in-person participation alongside virtual attendance. A motion to approve the holding of the 2026 General Assembly was proposed by Ms. Pamela Byrne and seconded by Mr. Hakim Mufumbiro.

The General Assembly was subsequently rescheduled for 18 November 2026 for operational reasons, at 9:00 a.m. Québec time (6:00 p.m. Dubai time).

## E- Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned following a motion by Ms. Pamela Byrne, seconded by Ms. Ruba Goussous.