

for FY14 compact funding. In these cases, the Board considered how the countries were evaluated by supplemental sources like Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index, the Global Integrity Report, Open Government Partnership status, and the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative, as applicable. The Board also took into consideration recent actions by each government to address corruption. After accounting for this supplemental information, the Board directed MCC to continue a more limited engagement on compact development with both Benin and Sierra Leone and support their continued efforts to address corruption. The Board discussed the seriousness with which it take the scorecard's hard hurdles and indicated that it expects both countries to pass the Control of Corruption indicator before it would approve a compact with them.

The Board asked all four countries that do not meet the scorecard criteria to work to improve their policy performance over the coming year.

#### **Countries Newly Selected for Threshold Program Eligibility**

For FY14, the Board did not select any new countries as eligible for threshold assistance.

#### **Countries Reselected To Continue Developing Threshold Programs**

Two countries selected as eligible for threshold assistance in FY14 were previously selected as eligible. Reselection allows them to access funding from FY2014. These countries are Guatemala and Nepal.

The Board reselected these countries based on their continued performance since their prior selection. The Board determined that since their initial selection, there has been no material change in their performance that would indicate a serious decline in policy performance.

#### **Ongoing Review of Partner Countries' Policy Performance**

The Board also reviewed the policy performance of countries that are implementing compacts. These countries do not need to be reselected each year in order to continue implementation. Once MCC makes a commitment to a country through a compact, MCC does not consider the country for reselection on an annual basis during the term of its compact. The Board emphasized the need for all partner countries to maintain or improve their policy performance. If it is determined that a country has demonstrated a significant policy

reversal, MCC can hold it accountable by applying MCC's Suspension and Termination Policy.

#### **Selection To Initiate the Compact Process**

The Board also authorized MCC to invite Lesotho to submit a proposal for a compact, as described in section 609 of the Act (22 U.S.C. 7708).

Submission of a proposal is not a guarantee that MCC will finalize a compact with an eligible country. Any MCA assistance provided under section 605 of the Act (22 U.S.C. 7704) will be contingent on the successful negotiation of a mutually agreeable compact between the eligible country and MCC, approval of the compact by the Board, and the availability of funds.

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### **NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES**

#### **Arts Advisory Panel Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Endowment for the Arts, National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that six meetings of the Arts Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20506 (unless otherwise noted) as follows (all meetings are Eastern time and ending times are approximate):

*Folk & Traditional Arts* (application review): This meeting will be closed.

*Dates:* January 9, 2014. 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in room 716.

*Music* (review of nominations): This meeting will be closed.

*Dates:* January 14, 2014. 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. The meeting will be held at Jazz at Lincoln Center, Ella & Louis Room, 3 Columbus Circle, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10019.

*Music* (application review): This meeting will be virtual and will be closed.

*Dates:* January 14, 2014. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

*State & Regional* (review of State Partnership Agreements): This meeting will be open.

*Dates:* January 15-16, 2014. From 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on January 15th and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on January 16th, in Room 716.

*State & Regional* (review of Regional Partnership Agreements): This meeting will be open.

*Dates:* January 23, 2014. 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Research* (application review): This meeting will be virtual and will be closed.

*Dates:* January 29, 2014. 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Further information with reference to these meetings can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506; [plowitzk@arts.gov](mailto:plowitzk@arts.gov), or call 202/682-5691.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The closed portions of meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of February 15, 2012, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Dated: December 13, 2013.

**Kathy Plowitz-Worden,**

*Panel Coordinator, National Endowment for the Arts.*

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### **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

#### **Notice of Request for a Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the National Science Foundation's intention to request a revision to and an extension of approval of an information collection associated with qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback on service delivery by the National Science Foundation.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by February 18, 2014 to be assured of consideration.

Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the information collection and