

leverage public and private resources in support of development.

This was the third year the Board considered the eligibility of countries for concurrent compacts. In addition to the considerations for compact eligibility detailed above, the Board considered whether a country being considered for a concurrent compact is making considerable and demonstrable progress in implementing the terms of its existing compact.

This was the twelfth year the Board considered the eligibility of countries for subsequent compacts, as permitted under section 609(l) of the Act. MCC's engagement with partner countries is not open-ended, and the Board is deliberate when selecting countries for follow-on partnerships, particularly regarding the higher bar applicable to subsequent compact countries. In making these selection decisions, the Board considered—in addition to the criteria outlined above—the country's performance implementing its first compact, including the nature of the country's partnership with MCC, the degree to which the country has demonstrated a commitment and capacity to achieve program results, and the degree to which the country has implemented the compact in accordance with MCC's core policies and standards. To the greatest extent possible, these factors were assessed using pre-existing monitoring and evaluation targets and regular quarterly reporting. This information was supplemented with direct surveys and consultation with MCC staff responsible for compact implementation, monitoring, and evaluation. MCC published a Guide to Supplemental Information<sup>2</sup> and a related web page<sup>3</sup> regarding how MCC assesses performance on the Access to Credit, Business Start-Up, and Land Rights and Access indicators on the scorecard, in order to increase transparency about the type of supplemental information the Board uses to assess a country's policy performance. The Board also considered a country's commitment to further sector reform, as well as evidence of improved scorecard policy performance.

In addition, this is the fifth year where the Board considered an explicit higher bar for those countries close to the upper end of the candidate pool, looking closely in such cases at a country's access to development financing, the nature of poverty in the country, and its policy performance.

#### Countries Newly Selected for Compact Assistance

Using the criteria described above, one candidate country under section 606(a) of the Act (22 U.S.C. 7705(a)) was newly selected for assistance under section 607 of the Act (22 U.S.C. 7706): Sierra Leone. In accordance with section 609(k) of the Act, no candidate countries were newly selected to explore development of a concurrent compact program under section 607 of the Act (22 U.S.C. 7706).

*Sierra Leone:* Sierra Leone has been an engaged and committed partner in the threshold program, consistently demonstrating a willingness to adopt challenging reforms. It is also a remarkable example of the "MCC Effect", having strengthened its scorecard performance substantially through sustained reform efforts spanning two administrations. Sierra Leone passes the scorecard for the second year in a row in FY 2021, passing 13 indicators overall with strong performance on both the Democratic Rights and Control of Corruption "hard hurdles." The country also took steps to strengthen its investment climate this year, including acceding to the New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards. By selecting Sierra Leone for a compact, MCC will support the government's efforts to strengthen economic growth to reduce poverty.

#### Countries Selected to Continue Compact Development

Eight of the countries selected for compact assistance for FY 2021 were previously selected for FY 2020. Malawi, Mozambique, Timor-Leste, and Tunisia were selected to continue developing bilateral compacts. Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, and Niger were selected to continue developing concurrent compacts for the purpose of regional integration. Selection of these countries for FY 2021 was based on their continued or improved policy performance since their prior selection.

#### Countries Selected To Receive Threshold Program Assistance

The Board selected Kiribati to receive threshold program assistance.

*Kiribati:* Kiribati offers MCC the opportunity to engage with a country that faces significant challenges to economic growth. Kiribati is a strong scorecard performer, having consistently met the scorecard criteria, and passes 13 of 20 indicators in FY 2021. It passes the Control of Corruption hard hurdle and demonstrates some of the highest democratic rights scores of

any MCC candidate country. Kiribati has been an important United States partner in the central Pacific since a treaty of friendship was signed in 1979, and this threshold program will build upon that relationship.

#### Countries Selected To Continue Developing Threshold Programs

The Board selected Ethiopia, The Gambia, and Kenya to continue developing threshold programs. Selection of these countries for FY 2021 was based on their continued performance since their prior selection.

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

The Board emphasized the need for all partner countries to maintain or improve their policy performance. If it is determined during compact implementation that a country has demonstrated a significant policy reversal, MCC can hold it accountable by applying MCC's Suspension and Termination Policy.<sup>4</sup>

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (20-101)]

**NASA Advisory Council; Technology, Innovation and Engineering Committee Meeting AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.**

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Technology, Innovation and Engineering Committee of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC). This Committee reports to the NAC.

**DATES:** Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** Meeting will be virtual only. See dial-in and Webex information below under "Supplementary Information."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Mike Green, Designated Federal Officer, Space Technology Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, via email at [g.m.green@nasa.gov](mailto:g.m.green@nasa.gov) or 202-358-4710

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As noted above, this meeting will be available telephonically or Webex only. If dialing

<sup>2</sup> Available at <https://www.mcc.gov/resources/doc/guide-to-supplemental-information>.

<sup>3</sup> Available at <https://www.mcc.gov/who-we-select/indicators/doing-business-indicators-fy21>.

<sup>4</sup> Available at <https://www.mcc.gov/who-we-select/suspension-or-termination>.

in via toll number, you must use a touch-tone phone to participate in this meeting. Any interested person may join via Webex at <https://nasaenterprise.webex.com>, the meeting number is 199 288 6288, and the password is n@CTIE012721. The toll number to listen by phone is 1-415-527-5035. To avoid using the toll number, after joining the Webex meeting, select the audio connection option that says, "Call Me" and enter your phone number. If using the desktop or web app, check the "Connect to audio without pressing 1 on my phone" box to connect directly to the meeting.

*Note:* If dialing in, please "mute" your telephone. The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

- Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD) Update
- Lunar Surface Innovation Initiative Update
- Office of the Chief Technologist Update
- Office of the Chief Engineer Update

It is imperative that this meeting be held on this day to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants.

**Patricia Rausch,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,  
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Administration.*

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (20-100)]

### NASA Advisory Council; Human Exploration and Operations Committee Meeting, Including Joint Meeting With Science Committee

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC) Human Exploration and Operations Committee. This meeting will include a joint meeting with the NAC Science Committee. These committees report to the NAC.

**DATES:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Eastern Time; and Thursday, January 14, 2021, 1:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** Meeting will be virtual only. See dial-in and Webex information

below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Bette Siegel, Designated Federal Officer, Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, via email at [bette.siegel@nasa.gov](mailto:bette.siegel@nasa.gov) or 202-358-2245.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As noted above, this meeting will be open to the public telephonically and by Webex. Webex connectivity information is provided below. For audio, when joining the Webex event, you may use your computer or provide your phone number to receive a call back, otherwise, call the U.S. toll conference number listed. The Webex event address for January 13, 2021, is <https://nasaenterprise.webex.com/nasaenterprise/onstage/g.php?MTID=ef268da6a9daa9bd59ba35b80dd54bd65>. The event number is 199 568 2184, and the event password is 7mP6pAJvW@7. If needed, the U.S. toll conference number is 1-415-527-5035, the global call-in number is <https://nasaenterprise.webex.com/nasaenterprise/globalcallin.php?MTID=e2674fb32caeca0bff43bda0b1cae7208>, and the access code is 199 568 2184.

The Webex event address for January 14, 2021, is <https://nasaenterprise.webex.com/nasaenterprise/onstage/g.php?MTID=e6a0f7dd70d769cb581af3a729d8e4e85>. The event number is 199 200 6220 and the event password is YmpNdfH\*926.

If needed, the U.S. toll conference number is 1-415-527-5035, the global call-in number is <https://nasaenterprise.webex.com/nasaenterprise/globalcallin.php?MTID=ef59221cc82e122a9c22f81ced9fc9b9>, and the access code is 199 200 6220.

The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

- Artemis Overview
- International Space Station
- Commercial Space
- Space Communications and Navigation
- Artemis Lunar Exploration and Science Planning by NASA's Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate (HEOMD) and Science Mission Directorate (SMD)

It is imperative that this meeting be held on this day to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants

**Patricia Rausch,**

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Administration.*

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## NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

### Overhead Transfer Rate Methodology and Operating Fee Schedule Methodology

**AGENCY:** National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In July 2020, the NCUA Board (Board) invited comment on the methodology used to determine the Overhead Transfer Rate (OTR). The Board also requested comment on proposed changes to the methodology it uses to determine how it apportions operating fees charged to federal credit unions (FCUs). The Board also proposed: clarifying the treatment of capital project budgets when calculating the operating fees; clarifying the treatment of miscellaneous revenues when calculating the operating fees; and modifying the approach for calculating the annual inflationary adjustments to the thresholds for the operating fee rate tiers. This final notice adopts those proposals and responds to comments on these topics as well as other subjects on which the Board sought comment in the notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Holm, Supervisory Budget Analyst, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, at (703) 518-6570, Amy Ward or Julie Decker, Risk Officers, Office of Examination and Insurance at (703) 819-1770 or (703) 518-6384.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In July 2020, the Board issued a notice and request for comment on the OTR and operating fee methodologies.<sup>1</sup> In the notice, the Board detailed the legal background and historical and current practice for both methodologies. The notice also described how each process works within the Board's annual budget process.

The Board applies the OTR to the NCUA's operating budget to determine the portion of the budget that will be funded from the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (Share Insurance Fund). The Board described and sought comment on the current OTR methodology.

The Board also described and requested comment on three proposed changes to the methodology it uses to determine how it apportions operating fees charged to federal credit unions (FCUs). The Board uses operating fees to fund part of the NCUA's annual budget.

<sup>1</sup> Request for Comment Regarding National Credit Union Administration Overhead Transfer Rate Methodology and Operating Fee Schedule 85 FR 53854 (Aug. 31, 2020).