

Decision -/CP.9

Further guidance for the operation of the Least Developed Countries Fund

The Conference of the Parties

Recalling its decisions 5/CP.7, 7/CP.7, 27/CP.7, 28/CP.7 and 8/CP.8,

Noting that the Least Developed Countries Fund supports the implementation of the Convention, contributes to the achievement of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and the Millennium Development Goals, and contributes to the integration of climate change considerations into development activities,

Noting also that the Least Developed Countries Fund will contribute to the enhancement of adaptive capacity to address the adverse effects of climate change, including, as appropriate, in the context of national strategies for sustainable development,

Noting also with appreciation efforts by the Global Environment Facility in developing expedited procedures for funding the preparation of national adaptation programmes of action and for its efforts to mobilize resources for the Least Developed Countries Fund,

1. *Decides* to adopt the further guidance to an entity entrusted with the operation of the financial mechanism of the Convention, for the operation of the Least Developed Countries Fund, as set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 below;

2. *Requests* the entity to support the implementation of national adaptation programmes of action as soon as possible after their completion;

3. *Requests* the entity to take into account, inter alia, the following elements when developing operational guidelines for funding of the implementation of national adaptation programmes of action:

(a) Ensuring a country-driven approach, in line with national priorities, which ensures cost-effectiveness and complementarity with other funding sources;

(b) Equitable access by least developed country Parties to funding for the implementation of national adaptation programmes of action;

(c) Criteria for supporting activities on an agreed full-cost basis, taking account of the level of funds available;

(d) Guidelines for expedited support;

(e) Urgency and immediacy of adapting to the adverse effects of climate change;

(f) Prioritization of activities;

4. *Requests* Parties to make completed national adaptation programmes of action available to the Global Environment Facility and to the secretariat for further dissemination to the Parties;

5. *Requests* the entity to include in its report to the Conference of the Parties information on the specific steps it has undertaken to implement this decision as well as the preparation of national adaptation programmes of action;

6. *Decides* to assess progress in the implementation of this decision and consider the adoption of further guidance at its tenth session.
