AFRICAN GROUP OF NEGOTIATORS
ON CLIMATE CHANGE

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THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
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Dear Mr. Simon Stiell,

REQUESTS BY THE AFRICAN GROUP FOR THE INCLUSION OF ITEMS IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDAS OF COP 31, CMA 8 AND THE SIXTY-FIFTH SESSIONS OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODIES

The Republic of Ghana, in its capacity as Chair of the African Group of Negotiators, requests the inclusion of three items in the agendas of the sessions to be held in Antalya, Türkiye, from 9 to 20 November 2026.

1. Requested agenda items and applicable rules

(a) CMA 8, under rule 12 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, as a supplementary item: "Tripling of adaptation finance: implementation of paragraph 53 of decision 1/CMA.7".
(b) COP 31, under rule 12, as a supplementary item: "Determination and periodic review of funding necessary and available for the Green Climate Fund, in accordance with paragraph 17(a) of the arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and the Green Climate Fund".
(c) SBI 65, SBSTA 65 and CMA 8, under rule 10(b), as an item the inclusion of which has been decided at a previous session: "Trade and Climate Change Dialogue".

2. Rationale

Adaptation. In paragraph 53 of decision 1/CMA.7, the CMA called for efforts to at least triple adaptation finance by 2035 and urged developed country Parties to increase the trajectory of their collective provision of adaptation finance. No agenda item exists under which the CMA can take this forward, as SB 64 made clear when Parties could not agree how or where to address it. With 2035 approaching and current adaptation finance trends a cause of serious concern, a dedicated item is needed.

Green Climate Fund. Paragraph 17(a) of the arrangements in decision 5/CP.19, which give effect to Article 11, paragraph 3(d), of the Convention, requires the COP to assess the funds necessary to assist developing countries, in order to inform GCF resource mobilisation. The COP has not done so since 2013, and GCF replenishments have proceeded without that input, at a time of declining official development assistance and pressure on multilateral climate funds.

Climate Change and Trade. Paragraphs 56 and, in particular, 57 of decision 1/CMA.7 provide a sufficient basis for the item, enabling the CMA to consider the mandate it gave its Subsidiary Bodies. Respecting previous decisions of the governing bodies is an inalienable basis for trust in the process.

3. Relationship to existing agenda items

The adaptation item is without prejudice to, and complementarity with, the items on the Global Goal on Adaptation, the Baku Adaptation Roadmap and the Belém Adaptation Vision.

The GCF item is without prejudice to the item on the report of, and guidance to, the GCF, which addresses sections III to VI of the arrangements; the proposed item addresses the distinct function in section VII.

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The trade item is without prejudice to the agreement under decision 1/CMA.7 on the consideration of trade and climate change as an agenda item starting in 2028 against paragraphs, which it neither reopens nor anticipates.

I should be grateful if the secretariat, in agreement with the President of COP 30 where required, would include these items in the respective agendas and publish this letter on the UNFCCC website.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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