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Submission by Solomon Islands on Agenda COP (8c) and CMA (7b) relating to Guidance to the Green Climate Fund

- 1). Solomon Islands aligns its support for submissions made by Malawi on behalf of LDCs, Antigua & Barbuda on behalf of AOSIS, and Palestine on behalf of G77 Plus China.
- 2). Recalling paragraph 50 of the GCF Governing Instrument (balance allocation between adaptation and mitigation), Solomon Islands reiterates the need for COP and CMA to direct the GCF Board to operationalise Article 9.4 of the Paris Agreement relating to ‘achieving a balance between adaptation and mitigation’.
 - Solomon Islands is concerned to note that the current allocation breakdown is the worst over the past 3 years – 37% for adaptation vs 63% for mitigation (nominal value). The allocation is off-track by 13% from the ambition envisaged in the Governing Instrument and the Paris Agreement, and 13% is substantial. Solomon Islands note the breakdown in the 7th GCF Report to COP24 was 42% for adaptation vs 58% for mitigation and 40% for adaptation vs 60% for mitigation in the 6th GCF Report to COP23. As an LDC and SIDS, adaptation is Solomon Islands key priority.
- 3). Recalling paragraph 52 of the GCF Governing Instrument related to ‘appropriate geographical balance’, Solomon Islands is concerned with the geographical imbalance with accessing the Private Sector Facility (PSF). The Pacific Island Countries have found it difficult to access the PSF. COP and CMA are invited to issue further guidance to the Board to ensure ease of access to the PSF commensurate with the unique circumstances facing each region. Also, in line with the need to ensure ‘appropriate geographical balance’, Solomon Islands is proposing that a portion of funds within a replenishment cycle (4 years) should be allocated to countries similar to the GEF STAR allocation. At present, it is an open competition with no guarantee of a proposal being successful.
- 4). Solomon Islands also values the importance of the Regional GCF Structured Dialogue as a means to further facilitate improved engagement and access to the Fund. Regional structured dialogues have been convened in the Pacific annually since 2015. Solomon Islands is concerned that the Board has decided unilaterally to discontinue the Regional Structured Dialogue in 2019. Solomon Islands urges COP and CMA to request the Board to support the continuation of Regional GCF Structured Dialogues as part of the GCF’s strategic plan for 2020 to 2023.