

JOINT SUBMISSION AILAC AND ABU ON GUIDANCE TO THE GEF
DECEMBER 7, 2019, 11.35 hrs.

1. Expresses concern regarding the changes made to the GEF eligibility criteria without the consent of the UNFCCC COP, in particular the changes made to the eligibility of the STAR allocation following the GEF-6 replenishment and the update to the STAR allocation following the GEF-7 replenishment process.
2. Confirms that in accordance with the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured GEF, in particular paragraph 9 (a) which states “GEF grants are made available within the framework of the financial mechanisms of the conventions shall be in conformity with the eligibility criteria decided by the Conference of the Parties of each convention”;
3. Confirms that the COP has not consented to the changes made to the eligibility criteria via the GEF-6 or GEF-7 STAR allocation of the GEF;
4. Requests the GEF to immediately cease the application of the updated eligibility criteria that stipulates that a Party has to have “had at least one national project approved within the ten years preceding the start of the relevant Replenishment Period, excluding enabling activities to support Convention-related reporting obligations”;
5. Highlights that co-financing depends on developing country Parties capabilities and should not be used as a criteria for project proposals appraisal.
6. Requests GEF Secretariat to avoid the inclusion of criteria outside the scope of the Conventions on 8th GEF Replenishment discussions, including Programming Directions and Resource Allocation documents; and
7. Reiterates the specific needs and special circumstances of developing country Parties, especially those that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, as provided for in the Convention.