

Annotated inputs for the draft guidance to the Green Climate Fund (GCF)

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Programme priorities	Loss and damage	Encourages the Board to explore ways to scale up support for activities and programs related to addressing loss and damage.	(2)	Canada is committed to exploring solutions to address gaps identified for loss and damage funding, including during the Glasgow Dialogue, such as support for non-economic losses, slow-onset events and longer-term financing post-humanitarian assistance.	1/CMA.3 par 64 urges the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism to provide enhanced and additional support for activities addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change;
Policies	Inclusion	Invites the Board to continue the integration of gender considerations into GCF activities, including through its gender policy, gender action plan, and by promoting gender balance across the governance structures of the Fund;	(1)	Canada encourages further integration of outcomes related to inclusivity, including by strengthening gender considerations, across all of the GCF's policies and projects in line with decision B.15/03 where GCF decided to include, where feasible, gender considerations in all the activities of GCF as well as decision B.24/12, the GCF's updated Gender Policy and Gender Action Plan 2020–2023. This should include greater gender representation on the Board and its committees.	Eleventh Report of the GCF to the COP; GCF Governing Instrument, paragraph 11; Gender Policy of the GCF; Gender Action Plan of the GCF 2020–2023;

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Policies	Inclusion	Urges the Board to continue incorporating Indigenous Peoples rights, perspectives, and climate priorities into GCF decision-making, including through its Indigenous Peoples Policy, Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Group, and through continued engagement with the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform and the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (Indigenous Caucus);	(1)	Canada encourages further integration of outcomes related to inclusivity, including by strengthening the inclusion of Indigenous Peoples, rights, and perspectives, across all of the GCF's policies and projects in line with the Indigenous Peoples Policy. Such inclusion, in addition to fair and equitable access to funding and meaningful support, could bolster the GCF's ability to address the disproportionate and worsening impacts of climate change and environmental degradation on people living in vulnerable situations	Eleventh Report of the GCF to the COP; Indigenous Peoples Policy
Programme priorities	Program Innovation	Encourages the Board to continue work to catalyse private climate finance for adaptation, resilience, and nature, in a manner fully aligned with a country-driven approach, including through the Fund's Private Sector Strategy;	(1)	Canada encourages the GCF to consider an ambitious approach to catalysing additional private finance for adaptation and resilience in line with paragraph 54 of the Governing Instrument as well as the GCF's Private Sector Strategy adopted through decision B.32/06 and its strategic priorities of catalysing private sector finance at scale and focusing on adaptation.	Governing Instrument (para. 54); GCF Private Sector Strategy; Eleventh Report of the GCF to the COP;
Eligibility criteria	Access	Invites the Board to continue the implementation of efforts to reduce the time and effort needed in the preparation, review, approval and disbursement procedures of certain activities, including through the simplified approval process and improve transparency of the approval process by regularly communicating the state of the project proposals to the applicant;	(1)	Canada notes that many developing countries face challenges navigating the climate finance programs. Specific consideration should therefore be given to direct access to climate finance, especially for SIDS and LDCs in line with paragraph 31 of the Governing Instrument and decisions B.13/20, B.13/21 and B.14/07, where the Board requested the Secretariat to facilitate and enhance access to the resources of GCF by Direct Access Entities (DAEs). This will require a continuous evolution of the Simplified Approval Process in order to effectively address key challenges faced by developing countries, including domestic private sector engagement.	Governing Instrument (para. 31); Eleventh Report of the GCF to the COP; GCF Board decisions B.13/20, B.13/21 and B.14/07

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Others	Coherence	Requests the Board to continue its work on coherence and complementarity with other climate finance delivery channels with a view to enhancing the impact and effectiveness of its work;	(1)	Canada recognizes the importance of increased coherence and complimentary on regional programming and projects in order to speed up and streamline access to funding for development projects in line with decision 6/CP.26, para. 4 and paragraphs 33 and 34 of the Governing Instrument. This could also include work to harmonize application processes across Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and climate funds.	Eleventh Report of the GCF to the COP; Governing Instrument (para. 33 and 34);
Others	Governance	Welcomes the Board's continued work to strengthen its policy framework over the reporting period but notes the significant number of remaining policy gaps, and urges the Board to prioritize closing the policy gaps	(1)	Canada welcomes the work of the Board to close existing policy gaps and would like to highlight the importance of continuing this work as noted in UNFCCC decision 6/CP.26 para 11 and the updated workplan of the Board for 2020 – 2023.	Eleventh Report of the GCF to the COP;
Program Priorities	Technology	Welcomes the Board's continued efforts to strengthen the collaboration with the Technology Mechanism, particularly with respect to engaging with the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) on Readiness funding and Incubators and Accelerators, and encourages extending this collaboration to the Project Preparation Facility, as per Decision 15/CMA.3 para 17	(2)	Canada supports the Board's efforts with the CTCN in particular, and recognizes the concerns raised by the GCF. Canada further encourages collaboration and engagement between the Green Climate Fund, the Climate Technology Centre and Network and the Technology Executive Committee in line with decisions 6/CP.26, para. 5 and 15/CMA.3 para 17.	Eleventh Report of the GCF to the COP

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Policies	Inclusion	<p>Encourages the Council to continue the integration of gender considerations into GEF activities, including through its Gender Policy, Gender Action Plan and by promoting gender balance across the governance structures of the Facility.</p>	(1)	<p>Canada encourages further integration of outcomes related to inclusivity, including by strengthening gender considerations, across all of the GEF's policies and projects in line with the GEF's Policy on Gender Equality and through the implementation the Guidelines on Gender Equality. This will strengthen the GEF's ability to address the disproportionate and worsening impacts of climate change and environmental degradation on people living in vulnerable situations.</p>	<p>GEF Policy on Gender Equality (GEF/C.53/04), Gender Equality Action Plan (GEF/C.47/09), Policy on Gender Mainstreaming (POLICY: SD/PL/02)</p>
Policies	Inclusion	<p>Invites the GEF to continue to strengthen the operationalization of existing GEF Policies and Guidelines, including the Guidelines for Engagement with Indigenous Peoples, to enhance inclusion of Indigenous Peoples, including their rights and perspectives, into the GEF's decision making.</p>	(1)	<p>Canada encourages further collaboration with Indigenous Peoples to ensure that their contributions to sustainable development and environmental protection continue to be recognized, promoted and supported through a number of mechanisms, such as funding, to help address the worsening impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss.</p>	<p>GEF Document: Principles and Guidelines for Engagement with Indigenous Peoples, GEF/C.39/10, Enhancing the Engagement of Civil Society Organizations in the Operation of the GEF, GEF/C.41/Rev.1, GEF Policy on Agency Minimum Standards on</p>

					Environmental and Social Safeguards
Programme priorities	Transparency	<i>Requests</i> the Council to provide timely support to developing countries to prepare their required transparency reports under the Paris Agreement, which are due by December 2024.	(2)	Capacity support for transparency to developing countries is time sensitive, with the December 31, 2024 deadline for submitting the first national Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs) under the Paris Agreement. In order to build mutual trust and confidence, it is essential to promote transparency, accuracy, completeness, consistency and comparability of progress on NDC implementation. Canada wishes to ensure that all Parties are well-positioned to effectively implement the Paris Agreement's enhanced transparency framework (ETF) from its first reporting period. Simply put, we need reporting under Paris to start off on the right foot.	
Programme priorities	Technology	<i>Welcomes</i> the inclusion in GEF-8 of dedicated funding for Technology Needs Assessments (TNAs) for the SIDS and LDCs for those that have not yet undertaken one, and <i>encourages</i> the GEF to promote the availability of System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR) allocations as a source of funds for updating existing TNAs.	(1)	Parties have been clear on the need to ensure LDCs and SIDS continue to have the necessary support for developing their first TNA. It is also important that countries continue to update TNAs to reflect current circumstances and are aware of opportunity to utilise STAR allocations to do so. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the efforts of the GEF to include in the fourth phase of the global TNA project the LDCs and SIDS that have never undertaken a TNA at SBI56 (13(C))	
Others	Coherence	<i>Encourages</i> the Council to continue its work on coherence and complementarity with other climate finance delivery channels with a view to enhancing the impact and effectiveness of its work;	(1)	Canada welcomes further engagement to increase coherence and complimentary on regional programming and projects in order to speed up and streamline access to funding for development projects in line with the long-term vision on complementarity, coherence and collaboration between the Green Climate Fund and the Global Environment Facility. This could include work to harmonize application processes across Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and climate funds.	

Others	Replenishment	Welcomes with appreciation the pledges to the robust 8 th Replenishment of the Global Environment Facility.	(1)	Canada welcomes the 8 th Replenishment of the GEF, which increased by 30% from GEF-7 levels and represents the largest replenishment in GEF history.
Others	Replenishment	Welcomes the increase in financing in resource allocation across all focal areas, including climate change mitigation, and the full suite of integrated programmes, which will increase Global Environment Benefits, including for climate change mitigation through Greenhouse Gas Emissions Mitigated.	(1)	The GEF-8 allocation for the climate change focal area is US\$852M, representing a 6% resource allocation increase from GEF-7 levels. Interventions financed in GEF-8 are expected to contribute to mitigating or avoiding GHG emissions cumulatively amounting to 1.85 billion t CO ₂ eq. ¹³ This represents a 24% increase in the expected GHG emission reduction benefits compared to the GEF-7 target.
Others	Replenishment	Requests the GEF to continue to ensure adequate distribution of resources across developing countries with an increased focus on the most vulnerable and with a view to further increasing the global environmental benefits, including through application of the vulnerability index in the calculation of the initial allocation of the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources.	(1)	GEF-8 did not establish a vulnerability index. The GEF Secretariat was requested to continue work on options for a vulnerability index for consideration in subsequent replenishments.