

**Guidelines in providing the inputs:**

- "Elements": Should be one of: Policies, Programme Priorities, Eligibility Criteria, or Other
- "Sub-elements": Describe the specific area of the proposed input (e.g. Policies relating to access, gender, environment & social safeguards, etc.);
- "Proposed inputs": Propose the inputs in draft decision text format;
- "To be considered by": Choose whether the proposed inputs need to be considered: (1) Commonly by the COP and the CMA or; (2) specifically by the CMA;
- "Rationale for the inputs": Annotate the reason for proposing the inputs, so that the rationale can be clearly understood;
- "Source of information / reference": Provide reference to the annual reports of the operating entities or decision(s) of the GEF Council / GCF Board.

**Annotated inputs for the draft guidance to the Green Climate Fund (GCF)**

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Policies	Gender Policy and Gender Action Plan	<p><b>Urges</b> the Board to request the Secretariat to urgently conduct a thorough review of the implementation of the Gender Action Plan 2020-2023 and to submit an updated Gender Action Plan for the second replenishment period for the consideration and approval by the Board.</p> <p><b>Encourages</b> the Board instruct the GCF Secretariat to work with the UNFCCC Secretariat to support the review and development of a renewed work program on gender and climate change under the UNFCCC.</p>	(1)	<p>Canada welcomes the work of the GCF to support the implementation of the Gender Policy and the Gender Action Plan 2020-23 and ensure that all funded project/programme actions are gender-sensitive and responsive to gender needs. Noting that the current Gender Action Plan came to an end at the end of 2023, we urge the Board to request the Secretariat to urgently conduct a thorough review of its implementation and to develop an updated Gender Action Plan for 2024-2027.</p> <p>Canada would welcome the efforts of the GCF to support the final review of the Enhanced Lima Work Program on Gender and its Gender Action Plan, and the renewal of a revised work program on gender in 2024.</p>	13 <sup>th</sup> Report of the GCF to the COP; Gender Policy of the GCF; Gender Action Plan of the GCF 2020-2023; UNFCCC COP Decision 15/CP.28
Policies	Environment and Social Safeguards	<p><b>Urges</b> the Board to prioritize the consideration and adoption of the GCF's Environmental and Social Safeguards Standards.</p>	(1)	<p>In decision B.07/02 paragraph (d) the Board resolved that GCF should develop a set of ESS standards that are tailored to GCF as a climate change fund, based on the interim standards adopted in the same decision. While the initial development process has taken place, with the GCF Secretariat indicating that the finalized ESS</p>	Decision B.07/02, paragraph (d); 13 <sup>th</sup> Report of the GCF to the COP;

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				standards are ready for Board consideration, the Board has yet to adopt the GCF ESS Standards.	
Policies	Coherence and Complementarity	<b>Welcomes</b> the development of the Multilateral Climate Funds Action Plan on Complementarity and Coherence and <b>requests</b> the Board to review and implement, where appropriate, the conclusions and recommendations in the Joint Action Plan.	(1)	Canada recognizes the importance of increased coherence and complimentary with other sources of climate finance to speed up and streamline access to funding for climate projects in line with decision 6/CP.26, paragraphs 4, and paragraphs 33 and 34 of the Governing Instrument. Additionally, in line with decision B.39/15, we welcome the efforts made by Funds to date to coordinate and develop the Joint Action Plan and look forward to its implementation.	13 <sup>th</sup> Report of the GCF to the COP; Governing Instrument (para. 33 and 34); Joint MCF Action Plan on Complementarity and Coherence
Policies	Indigenous Peoples	<b>Welcomes</b> the work of the Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group (IPAG) to enhance the support and inclusion of Indigenous Peoples within GCF operations, including through improved channels of engagement, and <b>urges</b> the Board to ensure that Indigenous Peoples are included in GCF activities in a way that respects their rights, perspectives, and climate priorities, in particular their right to free prior and informed consent (FPIC) with respect to all GCF-funded activities, including by funding activities that are tailored to meet the needs and priorities of indigenous peoples, as outlined in the Indigenous Peoples Policy.	(1)	Canada encourages further integration of outcomes related to inclusivity, including by strengthening the participation of Indigenous Peoples, promoting and safeguarding the rights of Indigenous Peoples, and giving consideration to activities proposed for GCF financing that are tailored to meet the needs and priorities of Indigenous Peoples and to support their initiatives and efforts for climate change mitigation and adaptation actions in line with the Indigenous Peoples Policy. Such inclusion, in addition to investigating the possibilities for increased direct 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 for the people and communities on the frontlines of climate change	13 <sup>th</sup> Report of the GCF to the COP; Indigenous Peoples Policy, Paras 96-100.

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Programming Priorities	NAPs/Adaptation Support	<b>Welcomes</b> the enhanced efficiency measures for the approval for readiness grants, including support for the formulation of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and other adaptation planning processes and <b>Encourages</b> the GCF to continue its support for adaptation, in line with the allocation framework, including the implementation of NAPs and for the subsequent implementation of projects, policies, and programmes identified by them, as outlined in the Strategic Plan for the GCF 2024-2027.	(1)	Canada supports the work of the GCF to support developing countries adapt to the growing impacts of climate change, including through the development and implementation of NAPs, with a view to achieving the global goal on adaptation in line with the targets in the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience, and Canada views the GCF and other global funds as having a key role to help Parties meet the targets outlined in the UAE Framework.	13 <sup>th</sup> Report of the GCF to the COP; Decision B.36/13 Annex III; Strategic Plan for the GCF 2024-2027
Policies	Access to Finance	<b>Encourages</b> the Board to make efforts to streamline and simplify access, including direct access, to climate finance, while streamlining readiness activities, in line with the Strategic Plan for the GCF 2024-2027, including through the adoption of a revised accreditation framework, and by expediting consideration of the GCF's approach to local currency financing, regional presence, and multilingualism.	(1)	Canada encourages the Board to consider and adopt approaches that will significantly simplify and streamline direct access to GCF resources, including in support of locally-led climate action and to directly benefit frontline communities, and adopt policies that will support improved ease of use for recipients.	Decision B.37/18, 13 <sup>th</sup> Report of the GCF to the COP
Policies	Risk Management	<b>Encourages</b> the Board to enhance its ability to identify, assess, prioritize, and manage risks including through the updating of its risk appetite statement and adoption of a strengthened GCF Risk Management Framework.	(1)	Canada supports the ongoing review of the GCF's risk management framework in light of the substantial evolution of its portfolio and changes in the GCF operating context since 2017, when the current framework was approved.	13 <sup>th</sup> Report of the GCF to the COP;
Policies	Loss and Damage	<b>Invites</b> the GCF to work with the Fund for responding to loss and damage and other funding arrangements to increase the coherence of and coordination across the loss and damage finance architecture, avoid the duplication of effort, maximize and leverage comparative advantages, share best practices and promote synergies.	(2)	Canada welcomes the GCF's collaboration with the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage through its support for the Interim Secretariat. Going forward, Canada encourages the GCF to continue collaborate with the Fund as well as other mechanisms responding to loss and damage to foster greater coordination and coherence through the financial architecture while avoiding duplication of efforts and supporting communities on the frontlines of climate change, including Indigenous Peoples. Canada	Decisions 1/CP.28 and 5/CMA.5, Annex I, paras 51-53, Annex II paras 4-6, paras 19 – 20, 13 <sup>th</sup> report to the COP.

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				acknowledges the GCF already provides financial resources for activities relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage and its engagement in UNFCCC processes related to loss and damage.	
Programme Priorities	Technology	<b>Encourages</b> the Board to collaborate with the TEC and CTCN in a manner that maximizes technology benefits for recipient countries. Also encourages greater collaboration on readiness and preparatory support following the improvements made to the operational modalities for the Readiness program.	(1)	Canada supports continued and strengthened collaboration in areas that would enhance and accelerate developing country access to funds for climate technology needs.	UNFCCC COP decisions 2/CP.17 para 139 and 14/CP.18

**Annotated inputs for the draft guidance to the Global Environment Facility (GEF)**

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Other	7 <sup>th</sup> Assembly	<b>Welcomes</b> with appreciation the references to the Inclusive GEF Assembly Challenge Program launched during Canada's hosting of the 7 <sup>th</sup> GEF Assembly.	(1)	This initiative was a key priority for Canada during its hosting of the 7 <sup>th</sup> GEF Assembly in Vancouver as inclusive programming is a key determinant of the GEF's mandate to deliver global environmental benefits.	Report of the GEF to the COP 2024
Policies	Gender Equality	<b>Welcomes</b> the work of the GEF to ensure the substantive reflection of gender perspectives in all GEF-funded programs and <b>encourages</b> the GEF Gender Partnership (GGP) to continue to work with the UNFCCC Secretariat to support the review and development of a renewed work program on gender and climate change under the UNFCCC.	(1)	Canada is supportive of continuing to increase the gender responsiveness of GEF programming. Canada would welcome the efforts of the GEF to support the final review of the Enhanced Lima Work Program on Gender and its Gender Action Plan, and the renewal of a revised work program on gender in 2024.	UNFCCC COP Decision 15/CP.28
Processes	Streamlining	<b>Welcomes</b> the efforts to streamline and harmonize processes and the project cycle across the funds and looks forward to the outcomes of the Working Group on exploring additional streamlining measures to be presented at the 68 <sup>th</sup> Council meeting in December 2024.	(1)	Canada is supportive of the ongoing work to streamline and improve access to finance.	Report of the GEF to the COP 2024
Policies	Coherence	<b>Welcomes</b> the development of the Multilateral Climate Funds Action Plan on Complementarity and Coherence and <b>requests</b> the Council to review and implement, where appropriate, the conclusions and recommendations in the Joint Action Plan.	(1)	Canada recognizes the importance of increased coherence and complimentary with other sources of climate finance to speed up and streamline access to funding for development projects.	Report of the GEF to the COP 2024; Joint MCF Action Plan on Complementarity and Coherence

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Policies	Inclusion	<p><b>Invites</b> the GEF to, in line with the Guidelines for Engagement with Indigenous Peoples, enhance the inclusion of Indigenous Peoples, ensure safeguards for the rights of Indigenous Peoples, in particular free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) for funded actions and to incorporate Indigenous perspectives and diverse knowledge systems into the GEF’s decision making.</p> <p><b>Encourages</b> the GEF to clearly outline in the Work Program how Indigenous Peoples are involved in the design and delivery of projects.</p>	(1)	Canada encourages further engagement with Indigenous Peoples to ensure that Indigenous contributions to sustainable development and environmental protection and their rights, in particular free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) for funded actions, 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.	Principles and Guidelines for Engagement with Indigenous Peoples, Para 30
Programme Priorities	Integration	<b>Welcomes</b> the GEF’s efforts to deliver the Integrated Programs and <b>encourage</b> the GEF to continue to examine the links with nature to help mitigate and adapt to climate change	(1)	Canada recognizes that restoring natural spaces, both on land (e.g., forests and peatlands) and in ocean habitats (e.g., seagrasses, coral reefs, and mangroves), is essential for limiting carbon emissions and adapting to a changing climate.	Report of the GEF to the COP 2024
Policies	Innovation	<b>Welcomes</b> the GEF’s efforts to effectively engage and mobilize the private sector for innovative blended finance	(1)	Canada recognizes the importance of resource mobilization from all sectors including the private and philanthropic sector	Report of the GEF to the COP 2024

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		solutions in GEF-8 and <b>Encourage</b> the GEF to continue strong co-financing of projects to further facilitate the expansion of supported initiatives as the GEF reaches the halfway point of the GEF-8 replenishment.		to help close the collective climate and biodiversity finance gap.	
Policies	Loss and Damage	<b>Invites</b> the GEF to work with the Fund for responding to loss and damage and other funding arrangements to increase the coherence of and coordination across the loss and damage finance architecture, avoid the duplication of effort, maximize and leverage comparative advantages, share best practices and promote synergies.	(2)	Canada acknowledges the GEF's support in helping vulnerable countries avert, minimise and address loss and damage. Canada also recognizes that the most effective way to respond to loss and damage is by increasing the coherence and complementarity with the wider architecture, while avoiding duplication of efforts and supporting the people and communities on the frontlines of climate change, including Indigenous Peoples.	Decisions 1/CP.28 and 5/CMA.5, Annex I, paras 51-53, Annex II paras 4-6, paras 19 – 20.
Programme Priorities	Technology	Welcomes continued efforts by the GEF to support the development of TNAs and encourages the GEF to continue explore ways to provide support.	(1)	The GEF has provided support to the Global TNA project for many years and the GEF can play an important role in facilitating the next step towards implementation of TNA and TAPs results.	Report of the GEF to the COP 2024
Programme Priorities	Capacity-building for Transparency	Welcomes the action taken by the GEF to provide support since February 2021 to developing country Parties for preparing their biennial transparency reports and building their institutional and technical capacity for implementing the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement;	(2)	With Parties' first biennial transparency reports (BTRs) due by December 31, 2024, this is an important year for operationalizing the Paris Agreement's enhanced transparency framework for collective individual progress on NDCs. Canada thanks the GEF for the essential capacity-building resources made available to developing country parties since 2021 to enable broad engagement in the reporting and review process under Paris.	Report by the GEF to the 60 <sup>th</sup> session of the SBI

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Programme Priorities	Capacity-building for Transparency	Welcomes the update from the GEF that as of June 30, 2024, the GEF has approved BTR support to 102 countries for 144 BTRs, and three additional countries have submitted requests for GEF financial support for BTR preparation.	(2)	Noting the support available for BTRs from the GEF and other sources, Canada looks forward to the submission of first BTRs from the Parties where funding has been approved by the GEF.	Report of the GEF to the COP 2024