

Compilation of decisions relevant to the Global Environment Facility that emanated from the UN Climate Change Conference held in Baku, Azerbaijan

This document contains the decisions from the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties and the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement that may be relevant to the work of the Global Environment Facility.

The decisions and conclusions relate to the following agenda items:

The twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties

- Agenda item 2(f): Poznan strategic programme on technology transfer;
- Agenda Item 8(b): Matters relating to the Standing Committee on Finance;
- Agenda item 8(c): Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund;
- Agenda item 8(d): Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility;
- Agenda item 10: Terms of reference for the fifth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention;
- Agenda item 10: Annual technical progress report of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for 2024;
- Agenda item 14: Gender and climate change.

The sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement

- Agenda item 8: Provision of financial and technical support to developing country Parties for reporting and capacity-building;
- Agenda item 11(a): New collective quantified goal on climate finance;
- Agenda item: 11(c) Guidance to the Green Climate Fund;
- Agenda item 11(d): Guidance to the Global Environment Facility;
- Agenda item 11(h): Sharm el-Sheikh dialogue on the scope of Article 2, paragraph 1(c), of the Paris Agreement and its complementarity with Article 9 of the Paris Agreement;
- Agenda item 13: Annual technical progress report of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for 2024;
- Agenda item 15(c): Work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3.

Twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties

Agenda item 2(f): Poznan strategic programme on technology transfer

In its decision on *Poznan strategic programme on technology transfer*, the Conference of the Parties:

- Welcomed the financial support provided by the Global Environment Facility under the Poznan strategic programme on technology transfer, including for undertaking technology needs assessments, supporting the regional climate technology transfer and finance centres and piloting priority technology projects aimed at scaling up the level of investment in technology transfer;
- Requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Technology Executive Committee and in consultation with the Global Environment Facility, to prepare a report, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its sixty-fourth session (June 2026), on the evaluation of the Poznan strategic programme, to take stock of progress, challenges, and successes in and lessons learned from implementing the Poznan strategic programme.

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Agenda item 8(b): Matters relating to the Standing Committee on Finance

In its decision on *Matters relating to the Standing Committee on Finance* the Conference of the Parties recalled concerns about the working modalities of the Standing Committee on Finance for preparing the draft guidance for the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism in accordance with its mandate, and the request to Parties and other constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement to provide elements for the draft guidance well in advance of future sessions of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to enable the Committee to fulfil its mandate in this regard.¹

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Agenda item 8(c): Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund

In its decision on *Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund*, the Conference of the Parties welcomed the ongoing efforts of the Green Climate Fund, in collaboration with the Global Environment Facility, the Adaptation Fund and the Climate Investment Funds, to enhance access to climate finance in line with paragraph 5 of this decision with a view to scaling up successful projects, maximizing their impact and strengthening coherence.

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Agenda item 8(d): Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility

In its decision on the *Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility*, the Conference of the Parties:

¹ See decisions 14/CP.27, para. 13, and 5/CP.28, para. 13.

- Noted the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-ninth session,² including the responses of the Global Environment Facility to previous guidance received from the Conference of the Parties, and welcomed the approval by the Council of the Global Environment Facility of several work programmes;
- Invited the Global Environment Facility, in the context of programming for the climate change focal area under its ninth replenishment, to consider, inter alia:
 - Working with developing countries on ways of incorporating just transition elements into national climate plans and programmes;
 - Working with developing countries on establishing nationally determined mechanisms to facilitate coordination of support received;
 - Ways of increasing the contribution of the Global Environment Facility project portfolio to adaptation, as appropriate, in line with its mandate;
 - Supporting the development of pipelines of projects in line with national plans and strategies;
 - Ways of supporting developing countries in their efforts to strengthen institutional capacity and/or arrangements, as appropriate, for climate action, in line with needs and priorities of developing country Parties;
 - Consulting with the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network on technology-related elements of the programming;
 - Continuing to provide technical support for developing country Parties for their preparation of national communications, recognizing that such support is based on technical considerations and should enhance the technical capacity of countries;
- Welcomed the ongoing efforts undertaken by the Global Environment Facility, in collaboration with the Green Climate Fund, the Adaptation Fund and the Climate Investment Funds, with a view to enhancing developing countries' access to climate finance, scaling up successful projects, maximizing the impact of climate finance and strengthening coherence and invited the Global Environment Facility to ensure that efforts to enhance coherence and complementarity among climate funds do not restrict the access of developing countries to resources or reduce the finance available to them;
- Requested the Global Environment Facility, in administering the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund, to contribute to improving the coherence of and coordination across the funding arrangements for responding to loss and damage in line with decisions 1/CP.28 and 5/CMA.5;
- Also requested the Global Environment Facility to continue ensuring that its efforts to enhance coherence and complementarity with other climate funds do not result in restricted access to resources by developing countries or reduced availability of finance for them;
- Urged the Global Environment Facility to ensure that a broad range of implementing agencies are engaged in its programming in order to reduce concentration of projects among few implementing agencies and also urged the Global Environment Facility, in the context of its review of the Global Environment Facility partnership, to consider national and regional entities in developing countries in all regions, with a focus on underserved regions, when expanding the number of implementing agencies;
- Further urged the Global Environment Facility to consider ways of strengthening local capacities and country ownership in its provision of support;

² FCCC/CP/2024/8 and Add.1.

- Noted with concern the absence of a pledging session for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund at this session of the Conference of the Parties owing to the small number of pledges, highlighting the importance of increased support for both Funds, and recalling paragraph 8 of decision 17/CP.27, while acknowledging approval of the largest ever Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund work programme in fiscal year 2024, with USD 382.32 million allocated to 31 projects and programmes under the Least Developed Countries Fund and USD 24.87 million to five projects under the Special Climate Change Fund, totaling USD 407.19 million across 36 projects and programmes;
- Requested the Global Environment Facility to further streamline the processes of the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund to simplify access for eligible countries, as appropriate;
- Welcomed the ongoing collaboration of the Global Environment Facility with the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network and encouraged the Global Environment Facility to consider opportunities for scaling up programmes focused on technology and innovation;
- Invited the Global Environment Facility to consider areas for improvement in the context of the gender-responsiveness of its work, taking into account relevant insights, including the summary report of the 2024 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance on accelerating climate action and resilience through gender-responsive finance;³
- Encouraged the Global Environment Facility to work to ensure that all its implementing agencies fully comply with its policy on gender equality⁴ in implementing climate projects funded by the Global Environment Facility in order to help ensure equal opportunities for women and men in terms of participating in, contributing to and benefiting from activities financed by the Global Environment Facility;
- Also encouraged the Global Environment Facility to clearly outline in its work programmes how Indigenous Peoples as well as local communities can meaningfully engage in the development of Global Environment Facility programmes and projects and benefit therefrom;
- Requested the Global Environment Facility, in administering the Least Developed Countries Fund, to continue facilitating the smooth transition of developing countries graduating from least developed country status by continuing to provide approved funding through the Fund until the completion of projects approved by the Least Developed Countries Fund Council prior to those countries' graduation from least developed country status and also requested the Global Environment Facility to consider developing further measures to help ensure this smooth transition for recently graduated least developed countries;
- Further requested the Global Environment Facility to continue to support the strengthening of institutional arrangements and the building of capacity in developing countries with a view to facilitating improved access to and use of Global Environment Facility resources, facilitating knowledge-sharing and South–South learning on Global Environment Facility projects and exploring areas for further collaboration;
- Decided to modify the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Global Environment Facility,⁵ as outlined in the annex, for

³ FCCC/CP/2024/6/Add.5–FCCC/PA/CMA/2024/8/Add.5.

⁴ Global Environment Facility document SD/PL/02.

⁵ Contained in decision 12/CP.2, annex.

consideration and approval by the Council of the Global Environment Facility before the thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2025), thereby making the revised memorandum of understanding effective upon the Council's approval, and ensuring that the subsequent guidance from the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement is provided to the Global Environment Facility annually until their thirty-first (November 2026) and eighth (November 2026) sessions respectively, and biennially thereafter, and also at sessions held in the year immediately preceding the initiation of discussions on new replenishments;

- Confirmed that guidance may be provided outside the biennial cycle referred to in the modification to the memorandum of understanding as outlined in the annex upon request by a Party consistent with rules 9–13 of the draft rules of procedure⁶ being applied, as well as at each session preceding the final year of each replenishment of the Global Environment Facility;
- Invited Parties to submit views and recommendations on elements of guidance for the Global Environment Facility via the submission portal⁷ no later than 16 weeks prior to the thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties;
- Requested the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph 18 of this decision in preparing its draft guidance for the Global Environment Facility for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirtieth session and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its seventh session (November 2025);
- Also requested the Global Environment Facility to include in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties information on the steps it has taken to implement the guidance provided in this decision;
- Took note of decision -/CMA.6⁸ and decided to transmit to the Global Environment Facility the guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement contained in paragraphs 2–6 of that decision.⁹

In the Annex, modifications to the arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and the Global Environment Facility of its decision on the *Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility*, the Conference of the Parties decided:

For the existing paragraph 3 substitute:

3. The Conference of the Parties will communicate to the Council of the Global Environment Facility any policy guidance approved by the Conference of the Parties concerning the Financial Mechanism:
 - a) Annually after each of its sessions, until the end of 2026, and biennially thereafter, after every other session;
 - b) After each of its sessions immediately preceding the final year of each replenishment of the Global Environment Facility;
 - c) Where applicable, after any session not referred to in paragraph 3(a–b) above, should the Conference of the Parties decide to do so.

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⁶ FCCC/CP/1996/2.

⁷ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

⁸ Draft decision entitled “Guidance to the Global Environment Facility” proposed under agenda subitem 11(d) of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its sixth session.

⁹ In accordance with decision 1/CP.21, para. 61.

Agenda item 10: Terms of reference for the fifth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention

In its decision on *Terms of reference for the fifth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention*, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties, constituted bodies under the Convention, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, representatives of relevant processes under the Convention and other non-Party stakeholders to submit via the submission portal¹⁰ by 28 February 2025 views on the fifth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries based on the terms of reference contained in the annex.

In the Annex of its decision under the information sources section: Information sources that could be drawn on in the fifth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention are, inter alia - Annual reports of the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism.

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Agenda item 10: Annual technical progress report of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for 2024

In its decision on *Annual technical progress report of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for 2024*, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties, as appropriate, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the constituted bodies under the Convention, United Nations organizations, observers and other stakeholders to consider the recommendations referred to in paragraph 1 of this decision and to take any necessary action, as appropriate and in accordance with their mandates.

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Agenda item 14: Gender and climate change

In its decision on *Gender and Climate Change*, the Conference of the Parties:

- Invited relevant public and private entities to increase the gender-responsiveness of climate finance with a view to strengthening the capacity of women;
- Encouraged Parties and relevant public and private entities to strengthen the gender responsiveness of climate finance with a view to further building the capacity of women and for implementation work under the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and any subsequent gender action plan, and in order to facilitate simplified access to climate finance for grass-roots women's organizations as well as for Indigenous Peoples, especially women, and local communities.

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https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/COP29_auv_agenda_item_14_gender.pdf.

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¹⁰ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

Agenda item 8: Provision of financial and technical support to developing country Parties for reporting and capacity-building

In its decision on *Provision of financial and technical support to developing country Parties for reporting and capacity-building*, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement:

- Acknowledged the existing financial, technical and capacity-building support for developing country Parties to address challenges in implementing the enhanced transparency framework that is available through bilateral, multilateral and other channels;
- Welcomed, in particular, the support provided by the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies for the implementation of the enhanced transparency framework, including through the joint programme of the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency and the Global Support Programme;
- Also welcomed the information provided by the Global Environment Facility in its report to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-ninth session and its addendum¹ on financial support requested, approved and provided for the preparation of biennial transparency reports by developing country Parties;
- Acknowledged the progress of the Global Environment Facility in streamlining the process that enables Parties to access resources for preparing the biennial transparency reports, including by enabling them to access two biennial transparency reports and/or one national communication as part of the same enabling activity and raising the threshold for expedited approvals;
- Underscored the importance of the financial, technical and capacity-building support available through bilateral, multilateral and other channels for enhancing the capacity of developing country Parties to address the challenges and needs identified in the summary report referred to in paragraph 10 of this decision and in the technical paper prepared by the Consultative Group of Experts,¹¹ for sustainable implementation of the enhanced transparency framework, including by establishing national reporting systems;
- Requested the secretariat to organize a workshop in consultation with the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies, as applicable, to be held at the sixty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (June 2025), to facilitate the sharing of experiences of developing country Parties in preparing their first biennial transparency reports, including in accessing the funds received and their adequacy for the sustainability of the implementation of the enhanced transparency framework.

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Agenda item 11(a): New collective quantified goal on climate finance

In its decision on the *New collective quantified goal on climate finance*, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement:

- Reiterated the importance of reforming the multilateral financial architecture¹² and underscores the need to remove barriers and address disenablers faced by developing country Parties in financing climate action, including high costs of capital, limited

¹¹ FCCC/TP/2024/6.

¹² Decision 1/CMA.5, para. 95.

fiscal space, unsustainable debt levels, high transaction costs and conditionalities for accessing climate finance;

- Recognized that multilateral climate funds, including the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the Adaptation Fund, the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund, are key in supporting developing country Parties and encouraged Parties to work through the governing bodies on which they serve to continue enhancing climate finance, including with respect to coherence, complementarity and access;
- Decided that a significant increase of public resources should be provided through the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the Adaptation Fund, the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund and also decided to pursue efforts to at least triple annual outflows from those Funds from 2022 levels by 2030 at the latest with a view to significantly scaling up the share of finance delivered through them in delivering on the goal contained in paragraph 8 of this decision;
- Called on multilateral climate funds, including the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the Adaptation Fund, the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund, to strengthen their efforts to enhance access and promote effectiveness, including by, as appropriate:
 - Scaling up and prioritizing direct access;
 - Simplifying and harmonizing application pre-approval and post-approval requirements and disbursement processes;
 - Establishing flexible information requirements;
 - Promoting programmatic approaches;
 - Streamlining reporting requirements.

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Agenda item: 11(c) Guidance to the Green Climate Fund

In its decision on *Guidance to the Green Climate Fund*, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement welcomed the ongoing efforts of the Green Climate Fund, in collaboration with the Global Environment Facility, the Adaptation Fund and the Climate Investment Funds, to enhance access to climate finance with a view to scaling up successful projects, maximizing impact and strengthening coherence and invited the Board to ensure that efforts to enhance coherence and complementarity do not restrict the access of developing countries to resources or reduce the finance available to them.

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Agenda item 11(d): Guidance to the Global Environment Facility

In its decision *Guidance to the Global Environment Facility*, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement:

- Recommended that the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-ninth session transmit to the Global Environment Facility the guidance contained in paragraphs 2–6 of this decision;¹³
- Requested the Global Environment Facility to include further information in its annual report for 2025 regarding how funds are used to ensure that enabling activities

¹³ In accordance with decision 1/CP.21, para. 61.

support the sustainability of national reporting systems and enhance institutional capacity in developing country Parties;

- Also requested the Global Environment Facility to consider how it can improve the delivery of support for the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency and enabling activities to avoid gaps between the project cycles, provide support that is timely, and enhance the sustainability of national reporting systems and workflows necessary for developing country Parties to meet their requirements under the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement on a continuous basis;
- Encouraged the Global Environment Facility, in the context of its ninth replenishment, to consider:
 - Information submitted by developing country Parties in their first biennial transparency reports pursuant to paragraphs 143–145 of the annex to decision 18/CMA.1;
 - Information submitted by Parties pursuant to paragraph 17 of decision 18/CMA.5;
 - The synthesis report referred to in paragraph 18 of decision 18/CMA.5;
 - The use of transparency support funds available through the transparency allocation under its eighth replenishment;
- Noted paragraphs 16–17 of decision -/CP.29 regarding guidance to the Global Environment Facility;¹⁴
- Confirmed that guidance may be provided, for transmission by the Conference of the Parties, in accordance with the modification to the memorandum of understanding as outlined in the annex to decision -/CP.29,¹⁵ upon request by a Party consistent with rules 9–13 of the draft rules of procedure being applied,¹⁶ as well as at each session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement preceding the final year of each replenishment of the Global Environment Facility.

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Agenda item 11(h): Sharm el-Sheikh dialogue on the scope of Article 2, paragraph 1(c) of the Paris Agreement and its complementarity with Article 9 of the Paris Agreement

In its decision *Sharm el-Sheikh dialogue on the scope of Article 2, paragraph 1(c) of the Paris Agreement and its complementarity with Article 9 of the Paris Agreement*, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement invited Parties, the constituted bodies, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, climate finance institutions, observers and observer organizations, and other stakeholders, particularly from the private sector, to submit via the submission portal¹⁷ by 1 March 2025 views on the issues to be addressed during the workshops to be held in 2025.

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https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/CMA%2011%28h%29_SeS_Art2.1.pdf.

¹⁴ Draft decision entitled “Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility” proposed under agenda sub-item 8(d) of the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-ninth session.

¹⁵ As footnote 11 above.

¹⁶ FCCC/CP/1996/2.

¹⁷ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

Agenda item 13: Annual technical progress report of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for 2024.

In its decision on *Annual technical progress report of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for 2024*, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement invited Parties, as appropriate, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the constituted bodies under the Paris Agreement, United Nations organizations, observers and other stakeholders to consider the recommendations referred to in paragraph 1 of this decision and to take any necessary action, as appropriate and in accordance with their mandates.

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Agenda item 15(c): Work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3

In its decision on the *Work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3*, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement:

- Encouraged, with regard to spin-off groups: Broader participation, including of public and private sector stakeholders such as technical experts, businesses, civil society organizations and financial institutions;
- Reiterated its invitation¹⁸ to interested Parties, relevant bodies and representatives of institutional arrangements and processes under the Convention and the Paris Agreement related to, inter alia, mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building, including United Nations bodies, multilateral, bilateral and other public donors, and private and non-governmental organizations, to provide information on financial, technology and capacity-building support available or provided for identifying, developing or implementing non-market approaches for recording on the Non-Market Approaches Platform.

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https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Art6.8_CMA_15c.pdf.

¹⁸ Decision 8/CMA.4, para. 8.