

The Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

Annotated inputs for the draft guidance to the Green Climate Fund (GCF)

<i>Elements</i>	<i>Sub-elements</i>	<i>Proposed inputs</i>	<i>To be considered: (1) Commonly by the COP and the CMA or; (2) Specifically by the CMA.</i>	<i>, Rationale for the inputs</i>	<i>Source of information / reference</i>
Policies		Requests the Green Climate Fund to facilitate efficient access for activities relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in developing country Parties, to the extent consistent with the existing investment, results framework and funding windows and structures of the Green Climate Fund, and provide information thereon in their annual report. ¹		As per decisions 12/CP.25, para 21 and 6/CMA.2 para 8. While the word ‘facilitate’ is used in both of the quoted paras, the repetition of this request is intended to emphasize the urgency of the need of developing countries for access to funding for activities to avert, minimize and address loss and damage. Note, the 2020, 2021 and 2022 annual reports do not address this issue in detail.	
Programme priorities		Request the Green Climate Fund to: a) Continue, and strengthen efforts, to support developing countries through the readiness and preparatory support program, in line with existing modalities and frameworks, to implement activities relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage to improve enabling conditions at national level, including impact and vulnerability studies (to inform policy), data collection and		It is up to the country applying under the readiness programme to determine what needs it has for strengthening institutional capacities, governance mechanisms, and planning and programming frameworks. So, if a country isn't including loss and damage in its readiness applications, it may be that the national government lacks the awareness, capacity or information with respect to its needs for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage. It could be useful to help increase awareness and build capacity for the operating entities to analyse what readiness support is being used for and	9th GCF report, para 52; 10th GCF report, para 38; 11th GCF report, para 29.

¹ Decision 2/CMA.2: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma2_auv_6_WIM.pdf 38. “Takes note of decision -/CMA.2,6 paragraph 8, whereby the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement invited the Board of the Green Climate Fund to continue providing financial resources for activities relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in developing country Parties, to the extent consistent with the existing investment, results framework and funding windows and structures of the Green Climate Fund, and to facilitate efficient access in this regard, and in this context to take into account the strategic workstreams of the five year rolling workplan of the Executive Committee”.

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		analysis, development or amendment of policy and regulatory documents, capacity development of key institutions and strengthening social safety programmes. ² b) Encourage Parties to enhance use of the program referenced in a).		determine what aspects of the five-year rolling workplan's thematic areas are being/are not being funded and to request the GCF to make recommendations based on that analysis.	
		Requests the Green Climate Fund to consider how to most effectively support activities relevant to averting minimizing and addressing loss and damage with the aim of expediting support for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage, including through using the readiness programme, project preparation facility, and the 'request for proposals' modality, to the extent consistent with the existing investment, results framework and funding windows and structures of the Green Climate Fund, and to report on its progress thereon in its annual report to the COP, starting from 2023.		This recommendation is intended to push the idea that the GCF needs to do more, faster without specifying a particular modality, avoiding micro-managing or being prescriptive. There are strong arguments for each of these approaches which we hope the GCF will consider, as appropriate.	
Eligibility criteria					
Others		Requests the Green Climate Fund, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism, to commence, to continue, and to explore potential ways of, as appropriate, enhancing the collaboration with the Executive Committee, including through relevant activities of its Expert Group of Action and Support to clarify how developing country Parties may access funding from the Green Climate Fund for the development of funding proposals related to the strategic		As per decision 2/CMA.2, para 39 and noted by 2/CP.25 the Executive Committee was tasked to carry out this work in collaboration with the GCF. This is a counterpart guidance that requests the GCF to participate in this collaboration	

² See paragraph 52 in the Ninth Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2020_05E.pdf and paragraph 38 in the Tenth Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/gcf-b29-03.pdf#page=18>

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		workstreams of the five-year rolling workplan to the extent consistent with the existing investment, results framework and funding windows and structures of the Green Climate Fund. ³			
		Encourages the Board of the Green Climate Fund to invite the Chairs of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for loss and damage to future meetings of the Board of the Green Climate Fund on issues of averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage and on common issues in order to strengthen the existing linkages between the Warsaw International Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism		As per decisions 2/CMA.2, 2/CP.26, 19/CMA.3, 17/CP.26, there have been decisions to strengthen collaboration between the Executive Committee and GCF. This additional guidance will be a concrete way to take it forward.	

³ Decision 2/CMA.2: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma2_auv_6_WIM.pdf 38. “Takes note of decision -/CMA.2,6 paragraph 8, whereby the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement invited the Board of the Green Climate Fund to continue providing financial resources for activities relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in developing country Parties, to the extent consistent with the existing investment, results framework and funding windows and structures of the Green Climate Fund, and to facilitate efficient access in this regard, and in this context to take into account the strategic workstreams of the five year rolling workplan of the Executive Committee”. 39. “Requests the Executive Committee, in collaboration with the Green Climate Fund, as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism, to clarify how developing country Parties may access funding from the Green Climate Fund for the development of funding proposals related to the strategic workstreams of the five-year rolling workplan of the Executive Committee, consistently with paragraph 38 above, and to include information thereon in its annual reports”.

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

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Policies		Request the Global Environment Facility, ⁴ in its initiative to integrate the co-benefits of Nature-based Solutions (NbS) across Global Environment Facility programming, to include consideration of how NbS is relevant to the strategic workstreams of the five-year rolling workplan of the Executive Committee		There are NbS that are relevant to averting, minimising and addressing loss and damage, such as the planting of mangroves in coastal areas, which not only protect coastal areas from erosion due to rising seas, increased tidal impacts and tropical cyclones, but also serve to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and restore habitats on which coastal communities depend for their livelihoods. A case can be made that this single example covers each of the five workstreams in the Executive Committee’s five-year rolling workplan, i.e., slow onset events, non-economic losses, comprehensive risk management, human mobility, and action and support. NB: NbS is a stated focus of the work of the LDCF.	
Programme priorities		Request the LDCF/SCCF council to consider including programming related to activities relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in developing country Parties across the strategic workstreams of the five-year rolling work plan of the Executive Committee, to the extent consistent with existing funding mandates and structures.		LDCF/SCCF priority areas include agriculture, food security and health; Integrated water resource management to address water security, droughts and flooding; nature-based solutions (NbS) that support resilient communities; and early warning and climate information systems, each of which is relevant to avert, minimizing and addressing loss and damage.	
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⁴ References to the GEF or GCF here do not prejudice whether this guidance is directed to the board/council or the secretariat.

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Others		Request the Global Environment Facility to analyze and include information in its report to the COP on programming under its existing funding mandates and structures, including the use of the Country support Programme and the Small Grants Programme, that is relevant to the strategic workstreams of the five-year rolling workplan of the Executive Committee with the aim of informing the work of the Executive Committee and its Action and Support Expert Group.		It would be useful to help increase awareness and build capacity in developing countries as to what funding is available to them under the GEF to avert, minimize and address loss and damage. Therefore, this request to the GEF to analyse what funding is available under its existing mandates and structures, including Country-support and Small Grants programme funding is being used to fund relevant priorities under the Executive Committee's five-year rolling workplan would serve as a first step toward building the awareness and capacity of developing countries to access this funding within the Executive Committee's work.	
		Request that the Global Environment Facility to commence, to continue, and to explore potential ways of, as appropriate, enhancing the collaboration with the Executive Committee, considering the workstreams of the five-year rolling workplan of the Executive Committee, to the extent consistent with programming under its existing funding mandates and structures.		As per decision 19/CMA.3, para 12, the Executive Committee was tasked with enhancing cooperation with operating entities. This is a counterpart guidance to request the GEF to participate in this collaboration.	