

Green Climate Fund

Guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism

Climate Finance Decisions Booklet

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Decision 2/CP.30*(FCCC/CP/2025/12/Add.1)***Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund**

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision [3/CP.17](#), annex,

1. *Notes* the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties at its thirtieth session,¹ including the information therein on action taken by the Board of the Fund in response to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties, while noting that there is room for improvement;
2. *Welcomes*:
 - (a) The increase in the number of funding proposals approved, which brings the total amount approved by the Board to USD 19.3 billion to support the implementation of 336 adaptation and mitigation projects and programmes in 134 developing countries;
 - (b) The increase in the number of entities accredited by the Board, which brings the total number of accredited entities to 158, of which 106 are direct access entities;
 - (c) The increase in the approval of grants for readiness support for national adaptation plans and other adaptation planning processes, bringing the total number of grants approved for readiness support for national adaptation plans and other adaptation planning processes to 144;
 - (d) The number of approved projects focused on technology, representing 83 per cent of the project portfolio (261 projects in total), and that the Fund continues to progress in advancing efforts related to technology incubation and acceleration and in providing readiness support for technology and technology needs assessments;
 - (e) The approval by the Board of the Fund's revised accreditation framework,² emphasizing that its implementation should enhance access to the Fund's resources and improve the speed, predictability, efficiency, flexibility and transparency of processes;
3. *Urges* the Board to ensure that implementation of the revised accreditation framework continues to contribute to achieving the Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund 2024–2027³ goal of doubling the number of direct access entities with approved funding proposals, and to further enhance the efficient and timely delivery of resources by simplifying access modalities so as to reduce procedural burdens and ensure more timely, effective and balanced access to resources for developing country Parties, including by exploring ways to enhance the efficiency of Board meetings in line with the Governing Instrument for the Fund⁴ and the rules of procedure of the Board therein;
4. *Encourages* the Board to continue to promote the use of direct access modalities, including by enhancing efforts to support capacity-building for direct access entities and improving non-governmental direct access, including for Indigenous Peoples, in accordance with relevant policies;
5. *Also encourages* the Fund to continue to strengthen its partnerships with the private sector, including with small and medium-sized enterprises, in a manner that complements public finance and supports the implementation of country-driven priorities;
6. *Further encourages* the Board to consider measures to improve and strengthen its work with the Adaptation Fund and the Global Environment Facility on their fast-track accreditation programme,⁵ including through the potential mutual acceptance of their respective accreditation systems, as appropriate, subject to the limitations of their accreditation and the relevant decisions of the Adaptation Fund Board and the Council of the Global Environment Facility, with a view to dramatically simplifying access to funding under the Green Climate Fund;
7. *Recommends* that the Board encourage the submission of funding proposals from direct access entities, without limiting the number that each entity may submit at a meeting of the Board or limiting the

¹ [FCCC/CP/2025/7](#) and [Add.1](#).

² Contained in annex III to Green Climate Fund decision B.42/13.

³ Contained in annex III to Green Climate Fund decision B.36/13.

⁴ Decision [3/CP.17](#), annex.

⁵ See annex III to Green Climate Fund decision B.42/13.

number of projects that the Board may approve for each entity at each of its meetings, notwithstanding considerations on Board capacity;

8. *Invites* the Board to consider areas for improvement in the project approval cycle, including on the basis of lessons learned from the consideration of funding proposals;
9. *Notes* the progress of the Green Climate Fund in reducing project review times to nine months or less and *urges* the Board to take action to expedite disbursement of funding and enhance implementation efficiency;
10. *Encourages* the Fund to continue to improve complementarity, coherence and coordination with other multilateral climate funds as envisaged in the Strategic Plan for the Fund 2024–2027 in order to strive for greater impact in the delivery of climate finance;
11. *Reaffirms* that the Fund’s country-driven approach should be upheld in all policies, procedures and operational modalities of the Fund, in line with nationally determined priorities, nationally led programming and the central role of national designated authorities as focal points;
12. *Acknowledges* the establishment of regional presence of the Fund and *looks forward* to the operationalization of regional presence in line with Board decisions GCF/B.41/10 and GCF/B.42/14 on the basis of a thorough and fair review process in line with Board procedures;
13. *Encourages* the Board to continue to promote technology development and transfer in line with the Governing Instrument for and relevant policies of the Fund, including by strengthening synergies between the Fund and the Climate Technology Centre and Network;
14. *Also encourages* the Board to thoroughly enhance the review process for the adoption of the policies and guidelines necessary for strengthening the Fund secretariat’s financial management capabilities and available instruments, including through the adoption of a policy on foreign currency hedging and a policy on foreign exchange management and liquidity management;
15. *Highlights* the need to increase the commitment authority within the Fund and *requests* the Board to urgently consider ways to enhance the commitment authority of the Fund;
16. *Urges* the Board to adopt an updated gender action plan for the second replenishment of the Fund, noting the previous plan for 2020–2023,⁶ and to actively contribute to the implementation of activities under the Belém gender action plan for 2026–2034 adopted in decision [7/CP.30](#);
17. *Invites* Parties to submit views and recommendations on elements of guidance for the Fund via the submission portal⁷ no later than 12 weeks prior to the thirty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2026);
18. *Requests* the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph 17 above in preparing its draft guidance for the Fund for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirty-first session and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its eighth session (November 2026);
19. *Also requests* the Board 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;
20. *Takes note* of decision [6/CMA.7](#) and *decides* to transmit to the Fund the guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement contained in paragraphs 2–4 of that decision.⁸

*6th plenary meeting
22 November 2025*

⁶ Contained in annex XXIII to Green Climate Fund decision B.24/12.

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

⁸ In accordance with decision [1/CP.21](#), para. 61.

Decision 6/CMA.7

(FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/19/Add.1)

Guidance to the Green Climate Fund

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

1. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its thirtieth session transmit to the Green Climate Fund the guidance contained in paragraphs 2–4 below;¹
2. *Notes* the report of the Fund to the Conference of the Parties at its thirtieth session,² including the information therein on action taken by the Board of the Fund in response to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties;
3. *Recalls* decision [1/CMA.6](#) and *requests* the Board to take into account, as appropriate, relevant paragraphs therein in its upcoming and future related work;
4. *Encourages* the Board to continue to support adaptation action in a country-driven manner, including in the context of the global goal on adaptation.

*6th plenary meeting
22 November 2025*

¹ In accordance with decision [1/CP.21](#), para. 61.

² [FCCC/CP/2025/7](#) and [Add.1](#).

Decision 3/CP.29*(FCCC/CP/2024/11/Add.1)***Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund**

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision [3/CP.17](#), annex,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-ninth session,¹ including the information on action taken by the Board of the Green Climate Fund in response to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties, while noting that there is room for improvement;
2. *Also welcomes* the pledges and contributions to the second replenishment of the Green Climate Fund since the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties, *acknowledges* the efforts of those that have substantially increased their commitments and *acknowledges with appreciation* the role of the Government of the United Arab Emirates and the Presidency of the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties in achieving the highest pledges in the Fund's history, surpassing previous replenishments;
3. *Welcomes*:
 - (a) The increase in the number of funding proposals approved, which brings the total amount approved by the Board to USD 15.9 billion to support the implementation of 286 adaptation and mitigation projects and programmes in 133 developing countries;
 - (b) The increase in the number of entities accredited by the Board, which brings the total number of accredited entities to 139, of which 89 are direct access entities;
 - (c) The increase in the approval of grants for readiness support for national adaptation plans and other adaptation planning processes, bringing the total number of grants approved for readiness support for national adaptation plans and other adaptation planning processes to 115;
 - (d) The adoption by the Board of a policy for results-based payments for activities referred to in paragraph 70 of decision [1/CP.16](#);²
 - (e) The continued collaboration of the Board with the Climate Technology Centre and Network and the Technology Executive Committee;
 - (f) The USD 2.1 billion increase in commitments and addition of 34 new projects to the Green Climate Fund portfolio in 2023, of which USD 917.4 million was committed to 10 new private sector projects (representing 44 per cent of the 2023 programming volume), bringing the total commitments to the private sector portfolio to over USD 5 billion, which had been disbursed to 60 private sector projects and was expected to mobilize an additional USD 17.5 billion, of which USD 1.6 billion in private equity mobilizing five and a half times the Fund's capital at the fund level and at least an equal amount at the downstream portfolio investment level, with each Green Climate Fund dollar to the private sector in some mitigation sectors expected to mobilize six times the committed capital at the fund level;
 - (g) The Board's ongoing implementation of the Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund 2024–2027,³ which includes making efforts to enhance access to climate finance for developing countries and accelerating the provision of support to developing countries with a view to maximizing the impact;
 - (h) 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 below with a view to scaling up successful projects, maximizing their impact and strengthening coherence;
 - (i) The Board's focus on the accreditation of direct access entities, particularly national and regional entities in underserved countries and regions, in line with the Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund 2024–2027;
 - (j) The enhanced efficiency measures of the Green Climate Fund for the approval of readiness grants, including its support for the formulation of national adaptation plans and other adaptation planning processes;

¹ [FCCC/CP/2024/3](#) and [Add.1](#).

² Green Climate Fund Board document GCF/B.40/11.

³ Contained in annex III to Green Climate Fund document GCF/B.36/21.

- (k) The work of the Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group in enhancing support and inclusivity within Green Climate Fund operations, including through improved channels of engagement;
- (l) The progress of the Green Climate Fund in attracting and mobilizing private sector investment as a means of leveraging and enhancing the impact and reach of climate finance in developing countries;
- (m) The ongoing efforts of the Green Climate Fund to enhance its regional engagement, including by exploring regional presence in all developing country regions;
4. *Notes* the vision announced by the Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund for the Fund to be able to efficiently manage USD 50 billion in capital by 2030;
 5. *Invites* 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;
 6. *Requests* the Board to continue to streamline and simplify access to funding by reducing median times taken during the second replenishment of the Green Climate Fund to process accreditation, readiness, and standard proposal approval process and simplified approval process proposals from review to first disbursement, relative to the first replenishment, with an emphasis on reducing processing time for funding proposals in line with the Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund 2024–2027;
 7. *Also requests* the Board to continue considering ways to better serve different regions in a geographically balanced manner, including by exploring regional presence in all developing country regions in line with the Governing Instrument for the Green Climate Fund;⁴
 8. *Further requests* the Board to consider taking measures to ensure that the monitoring and accountability requirements for procedures after accreditation are fit for purpose and take into account the capacity constraints of direct access entities;
 9. *Invites* the Board to consider how to strengthen direct access, including through tailored approaches that address needs and priorities and are consistent with national institutional arrangements and address capacity gaps in consultation with nationally designated authorities;
 10. *Encourages* the Board to continue supporting adaptation action, including the implementation of national adaptation plans and the projects, policies and programmes identified therein, in line with the Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund 2024–2027;
 11. *Urges* the Board to continue strengthening efforts to maintain a balance between funding for mitigation and adaptation in the overall portfolio, as per its Governing Instrument;
 12. *Encourages* the Green Climate Fund to continue collaborating with the Climate Technology Centre and Network to enhance access to technology for developing countries, maximize impact and strengthen coherence;
 13. *Invites* the Board to consider areas for improvement in the context of the gender-responsiveness of the work of the Green Climate Fund, taking into account relevant insights, including from the report of the 2024 Standing Committee on Finance Forum on accelerating climate action and resilience through gender-responsive climate finance;⁵
 14. *Urges* the Board to adopt an updated gender action plan for the second replenishment of the Green Climate Fund, noting the previous plan for 2020–2023,⁶ and to actively contribute to the implementation of activities under the UNFCCC gender action plan once the gender action plan has been adopted;
 15. *Also urges* the Board to continue incorporating into its decision-making consideration of people and communities on the front line of climate change, including Indigenous Peoples and local communities, in line with the policies of the Green Climate Fund;
 16. *Encourages* the Board to support the increased use of alternative financial instruments and structures with a view to increasing public and private finance, in line with the Board’s risk appetite statement, for mitigation and adaptation projects in developing countries in line with the Board’s policy;
 17. *Reiterates* its request⁷ to the Board to strengthen monitoring and reporting of disbursements for, and impacts arising from, inter alia, multi-country activities on a per-country basis in a manner consistent with the integrated results management framework;⁸

⁴ Decision [3/CP.17](#), annex.

⁵ [FCCC/CP/2024/6/Add.5–FCCC/PA/CMA/2024/8/Add.5](#).

⁶ See Green Climate Fund Board decision B.24/12.

⁷ Decision [6/CP.28](#), para. 13.

⁸ See Green Climate Fund Board decision B.29/01.

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18. *Decides* to modify the arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and the Green Climate Fund,⁹ as outlined in the annex, for consideration and approval by the Board before the thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2025), thereby making the revised arrangements effective upon the Board'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 Green Climate Fund 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;
19. *Confirms* that guidance may be provided outside the biennial cycle referred to in the modified arrangements outlined in the annex, upon request by a Party, consistent with rules 9–13 of the draft rules of procedure¹⁰ being applied, as well as at each session preceding the final year of each replenishment of the Green Climate Fund;
20. *Invites* Parties to submit views and recommendations on elements of guidance for the Green Climate Fund via the submission portal¹¹ no later than 16 weeks prior to the thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties;
21. *Requests* the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph 20 above in preparing its draft guidance for the Green Climate Fund 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);
22. *Also requests* the Board of the Fund 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;
23. *Takes note* of decision [9/CMA.6](#) and *decides* to transmit to the Green Climate Fund the guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement contained in paragraphs 2–8 of that decision.¹²

⁹ Contained in decision [5/CP.19](#), annex.

¹⁰ [FCCC/CP/1996/2](#).

¹¹ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

¹² In accordance with decision [1/CP.21](#), para. 61.

Annex

Modifications to the arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and the Green Climate Fund¹

Paragraph 3

For the existing paragraph 3 *substitute*

3. The COP will communicate guidance to the GCF:
 - (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 Green Climate Fund;
 - (c) Where applicable, after any of its sessions not referred to in paragraph 3(a–b) above, should the COP decide to do so.

Paragraph 16

For the existing paragraph 16 *substitute*

16. The COP may request additional information from the Green Climate Fund via its guidance.

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23 November 2024*

¹ Contained in decision [5/CP.19](#), annex.

Decision 9/CMA.6

(FCCC/PA/CMA/2024/17/Add.1)

Guidance to the Green Climate Fund

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

1. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-ninth session transmit to the Green Climate Fund the guidance contained in paragraphs 2–8 below;¹
2. *Welcomes* the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-ninth session,² including the information on action taken by the Board of the Green Climate Fund in response to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties;
3. *Also welcomes* the adoption by the Board of a policy for results-based payments for activities referred to in paragraph 70 of decision [1/CP.16](#);³
4. *Encourages* the Board to support the increased use of alternative financial instruments and structures with a view to increasing public and private finance, in line with the Board's risk appetite statement,⁴ for mitigation and adaptation projects in developing countries in line with the Board's policy;
5. *Requests* the Board to continue to streamline and simplify access to funding by reducing median times taken during the second replenishment of the Green Climate Fund to process accreditation, readiness, and standard proposal approval process and simplified approval process proposals from review to first disbursement, relative to the first replenishment, with an emphasis on reducing processing time for funding proposals in line with the Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund 2024–2027⁵ and strengthening relationships with developing countries, especially those that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change and have significant capacity constraints, particularly the least developed countries and small island developing States;
6. *Welcomes* 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 *invites* 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;
7. *Notes* paragraphs 18–19 of decision [3/CP.29](#) regarding guidance to the Green Climate Fund;
8. *Confirms* that guidance may be provided, for transmission by the Conference of the Parties, in accordance with the modified arrangements outlined in the annex to decision [3/CP.29](#), upon request by a Party consistent with rules 9–13 of the draft rules of procedure⁶ being applied, 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 Green Climate Fund.

*11th plenary meeting
23 November 2024*

¹ In accordance with decision [1/CP.21](#), para. 61.

² [FCCC/CP/2024/3](#) and [Add.1](#).

³ See Green Climate Fund Board document GCF/B.40/11.

⁴ See Green Climate Fund Board decision B.40/17.

⁵ Contained in annex III to Green Climate Fund document GCF/B.36/21.

⁶ [FCCC/CP/1996/2](#).

Decision 6/CP.28

(FCCC/CP/2023/11/Add.1)

Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 3/CP.17, annex,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-eighth session and its addendum,¹ including the information on action taken by the Board of the Green Climate Fund in response to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties;
2. *Also welcomes:*
 - (a) The increase in the number of funding proposals approved, which brings the total amount approved by the Board to USD 13.5 billion to support the implementation of 243 adaptation and mitigation projects and programmes in 129 developing countries;
 - (b) The increase in the number of entities accredited by the Board, which brings the total number of accredited entities to 121, of which 77 are direct access entities;
 - (c) The increase in the approval of grants for readiness support for national adaptation plans and other adaptation planning processes, bringing the total number of grants approved for readiness support for national adaptation plans and other adaptation planning processes to 105;
 - (d) The adoption by the Board of the Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund 2024–2027² and its strategic programming directions, aimed at increasing the Fund's impact and enhancing support for developing countries;
 - (e) The appointment of a new Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund;
 - (f) The Board's efforts to comprehensively review the Green Climate Fund's current approach to privileges and immunities, in line with the Governing Instrument for the Green Climate Fund and as outlined in the Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund 2024–2027;³
 - (g) The adoption of the 2024–2027 strategy for the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme;⁴
 - (h) The Board's ongoing efforts to ensure the inclusion of Indigenous Peoples in the Green Climate Fund's activities, emphasizing their effective participation in processes, as outlined in the Fund's Indigenous Peoples policy;⁵
 - (i) The Board's efforts in enhancing project approval and disbursement processes;
 - (j) The Board's development of an approach for multilingualism that addresses challenges related to language and access to the Green Climate Fund for consideration by the Board no later than at its 39th meeting;
 - (k) The collaboration of the Board with the Climate Technology Centre and Network and the Technology Executive Committee;
3. *Further welcomes* the success of the second replenishment of the Green Climate Fund, consisting of pledges to date made by 31 contributors for a total amount of USD 12.833 billion;
4. *Encourages* further pledges and contributions to the second replenishment of the Green Climate Fund;⁶
5. *Also encourages* pledges to the Green Climate Fund to be confirmed in the form of fully executed contribution agreements or arrangements as soon as possible;

¹ FCCC/CP/2023/8 and Add.1.

² Contained in annex III to Green Climate Fund document GCF/B.36/21.

³ See para. 21(a)(v) of the Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund 2024–2027.

⁴ Adopted by Green Climate Fund Board decision B.37/21, para. (b), as set out in Green Climate Fund document GCF/B.37cp/2, annex X.

⁵ Adopted by Green Climate Fund Board decision B.19/11.

⁶ In accordance with Green Climate Fund Board decision B.37/19, para. (g).

6. *Recognizes* the Green Climate Fund's role in promoting the participation of private sector actors in developing countries, in particular local actors, including small and medium-sized enterprises and local financial intermediaries, and in supporting activities to enable private sector involvement in the least developed countries and small island developing States;
7. *Takes note* of the outcomes of the Green Climate Fund regional presence study⁷ and *urges* the Board to expedite the finalization of its consideration of options for establishing Green Climate Fund regional presence, as outlined in the Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund 2024–2027;⁸
8. *Encourages* the Board to continue to support the formulation of national adaptation plans and other adaptation planning processes in line with the 2024–2027 strategy for the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme;⁹
9. *Requests* the Board to continue its consideration, with a view to approving policy proposals, to support results-based payments for activities referred to in paragraph 70 of decision 1/CP.16, consistent with the provisions in paragraphs 35 and 55 of the Governing Instrument for the Green Climate Fund;
10. *Also requests* the Board to continue to enhance coherence and complementarity of the Green Climate Fund with other relevant bilateral, regional and global funding mechanisms and institutions, wherever feasible and to the extent possible, inter alia through joint programmes, outreach, and information-sharing, thereby improving access to climate finance and lowering transaction costs for developing countries;
11. *Urges* the Board to conclude the updating of the accreditation framework and to address the pending accreditation matters in line with Green Climate Fund decision B.34/19;¹⁰
12. *Requests* the Board to continue to accredit national and regional direct access entities, significantly increase direct access entity participation in Green Climate Fund programming and conclude its work on updating the accreditation framework;¹¹
13. *Also requests* the Board to strengthen monitoring and reporting of disbursements for, and impacts arising from, multi-country funded activities on a per country basis, where practical, in a manner consistent with the integrated results management framework;¹²
14. *Encourages* the Board to continue to implement the Green Climate Fund updated gender policy and gender action plan;¹³
15. *Requests* the Board to continue supporting activities relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage, consistent with the Green Climate Fund's existing investment, results framework and funding windows and structures and in line with the Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund 2024–2027, and *also requests* the Green Climate Fund to ensure coordination and complementarity in the context of the funding arrangements¹⁴ with the fund established in paragraph 3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4;
16. *Further requests* the Board to significantly speed up the deployment of the updated Simplified Approval Process, in line with the Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund 2024–2027;
17. *Encourages* the Board to fully and effectively implement the 2024–2027 strategy for the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme and the revised operational modalities of the Project Preparation Facility, ensuring that they provide adequate, timely and country-driven assistance for the development and implementation of projects and programmes;
18. *Requests* the Board to expedite consideration of a policy on programmatic approaches in line with paragraph 36 of the Governing Instrument for the Green Climate Fund;
19. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat views and recommendations on elements of guidance for the Green Climate Fund via the submission portal¹⁵ no later than 12 weeks prior to the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2024);
20. *Requests* the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph 19 above in preparing its draft guidance for the Green Climate Fund for consideration by the

⁷ See Green Climate Fund Board document GCF/B.37/INF.13, annex I.

⁸ See paras. 8 and 20(f)(i) of the Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund 2024–2027.

⁹ See Climate Fund Board document GCF/B.37/25, annex X, para. 23(c–d).

¹⁰ As contained in Green Climate Fund Board document GCF/B.34/28.

¹¹ See Green Climate Fund Board decisions B.34/19 para. (d) and B.37/18, para. (r).

¹² See Green Climate Fund Board decision B.29/01.

¹³ In accordance with Green Climate Fund Board decision B.24/12, para. (e) and (f) respectively.

¹⁴ See document FCCC/CP/2023/L.1–FCCC/PA/CMA/2023/L.1, annex II.

¹⁵ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

Conference of the Parties at its twenty-ninth session and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its sixth session (November 2024);

21. *Also requests* the Board 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;

22. *Takes note* of decision 10/CMA.5 and *decides* to transmit to the Green Climate Fund 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.¹⁶

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13 December 2023*

¹⁶ In accordance with decision 1/CP.21, para. 61.

Decision 10/CMA.5

(FCCC/PA/CMA/2023/16/Add.2)

Guidance to the Green Climate Fund

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

1. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-eighth session transmit to the Green Climate Fund the guidance contained in paragraphs 2–6 below;¹
2. *Welcomes* the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-eighth session and its addendum,² including the information on action taken by the Board of the Green Climate Fund in response to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties;
3. *Also welcomes* the programmatic priorities and targets in the Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund 2024–2027³ and *encourages* the Board to expedite their implementation;
4. *Requests* the Board to continue its consideration, with a view to approving policy proposals, to support results-based payments for activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, in accordance with Article 5, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement, consistently with the provisions in paragraphs 35 and 55 of the Governing Instrument for the Green Climate Fund;
5. *Also requests* the Board to take into consideration the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience referred to in decision 2/CMA.5 and explore ways to assist Parties in fully and effectively implementing the global goal on adaptation, in line with the existing investment, results framework and funding windows and structures of the Green Climate Fund;
6. *Urges* the Board to continue efforts to enhance access to climate finance in a predictable manner to address the needs and priorities of developing country Parties, in particular for the least developed countries and small island developing States, in the context of their national climate strategies and plans.

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

² FCCC/CP/2023/8 and Add.1.

³ Contained in annex III to Green Climate Fund document GCF/B.36/21.

Decision 16/CP.27

(FCCC/CP/2022/10/Add.2)

Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 3/CP.17, annex,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-seventh session and its addendum,¹ including the information on actions taken by the Board of the Green Climate Fund in response to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties;
2. *Also welcomes* the ongoing efforts of the Green Climate Fund to make a significant and ambitious contribution to the global efforts towards attaining the goals set by the international community to combat climate change and adapting to its impacts and contributing to the achievement of the objective of the Convention, while taking into account the needs of developing countries;
3. *Further welcomes* the progress under the Green Climate Fund in 2022, including in relation to actions taken by the Board in response to guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties:
 - (a) The increase in the number of funding proposals approved, which brings the total amount approved by the Board to USD 11.3 billion to support implementation of 209 adaptation and mitigation projects and programmes in 128 developing countries;
 - (b) The increase in the number of entities accredited by the Board, which brings the total number of accredited entities to 114, of which 72 are direct access entities;
 - (c) The increase in the approval of grants for readiness support for national adaptation plans and other adaptation planning processes, bringing the total number of grants approved to 87;
 - (d) The update of the Simplified Approval Process, including increasing the Green Climate Fund funding amount per proposal to USD 25 million and introducing further simplification;
 - (e) The adoption of the updated accreditation framework, which includes the implementation of the project-specific assessment approach as a complementary modality to the institutional accreditation process, and the adoption of an accreditation strategy;
 - (f) The adoption of decisions concerning guidance on the Green Climate Fund vision, approach and scope for providing support to enhance climate adaptation, and on principles for demonstrating the impact potential of mitigation and adaptation activities;
 - (g) The adoption of the Private Sector Strategy;
 - (h) The adoption of a policy for minimizing the effect of currency fluctuations;
 - (i) The operationalization of the integrated results management framework;
 - (j) The operationalization of the Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group;
 - (k) The continued collaboration of the Green Climate Fund with the Adaptation Committee, the Climate Technology Centre and Network, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and the Technology Executive Committee;
4. *Requests* the Board to ensure that the conditions it applies to projects are not inconsistent with approved policies and procedures;
5. *Welcomes* the Fund's ongoing work to develop the Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund for 2024–2027;
6. *Also welcomes* the launch of the second replenishment of the Green Climate Fund, for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2027, and *recalls* that the Fund will receive financial inputs from developed country Parties

¹ FCCC/CP/2022/4 and Add.1.

to the Convention and may receive financial inputs from a variety of other sources, public and private, including alternative sources;²

7. *Requests* the Board to continue to enhance coherence and complementarity of the Green Climate Fund with other relevant bilateral, regional and global funding mechanisms and institutions to better mobilize the full range of financial and technical capacities;
8. *Underscores* the importance of the Green Climate Fund's role in supporting the implementation of actions associated with developing countries' adaptation priorities and *urges* the Board to improve technical and capacity-building support for the development of projects and programmes based on national adaptation plans in line with the Board's approved guidance on support for adaptation;³
9. *Requests* the Board to continue to enhance support for the formulation and implementation of national adaptation plans to enable developing countries to take effective adaptation action;
10. *Welcomes* the continued support of the Board under the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme for enhancing support for technology development and transfer and capacity-building and *encourages* the Board to continue to support developing countries in this regard;
11. *Also encourages* the Board to continue work on the request for proposals to establish technology incubators and accelerators in developing countries;
12. *Requests* the Board to continue to accredit direct access entities, especially national and regional entities and institutions, in line with the updated accreditation framework and accreditation strategy, focusing on countries and regions with no or few accredited entities;
13. *Urges* the Board to maintain the balance it has approved between finance for adaptation and that for mitigation over time and to provide ambitious levels of adaptation support, emphasizing the need for adaptation as stated in decision 7/CP.20, paragraph 12;
14. *Requests* the Board to continue to address the needs of developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change;
15. *Invites* the Board to enhance support for the least developed countries, small island developing States and other developing countries in developing project pipelines and proposals, as well as for adaptation actions associated with the priorities in their national adaptation plans;
16. *Encourages* the Board to continue supporting results-based payments through policy approaches and incentives for enhancing the contributions of developing countries to global mitigation efforts through the implementation of activities relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, conserving forest carbon stocks, sustainably managing forests and enhancing forest carbon stocks;⁴
17. *Invites* the Board to support the comprehensive implementation of the Fund's Private Sector Strategy and in this context support the Fund's engagement with the private sector, in particular local private sector actors and micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises, to catalyse climate finance at scale, promote technical innovation and de-risk investments, including by providing early-stage and grant-based financing to the local private sector and start-ups in developing countries;
18. *Requests* the Board to consider enhancing ambition in the next version of its gender policy and *invites* the Board to take into account the implementation of the enhanced Lima work programme and its gender action plan within its existing guidance;
19. *Encourages* the Board to consider enhancing the provision of support through the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme for the development of national and subnational gender strategies, as they relate to climate, and consider further strengthening the gender programming of Green Climate Fund activities through supporting the implementation of the policies and projects therein;
20. *Urges* the Board to continue incorporating indigenous peoples' and local communities' interests, perspectives, knowledge and climate priorities into its decision-making, including through its indigenous peoples policy and the recommendations of the Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group as well as through continued engagement with, inter alia, the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform and the International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change;

² Governing Instrument for the Green Climate Fund, paras. 29–30.

³ In accordance with decision 1/CP.21, para. 46.

⁴ As referred to in decision 1/CP.16, para. 70, and decision 1/CP.13, para. 1(b)(iii).

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21. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat views and recommendations on elements of guidance for the Green Climate Fund via the submission portal⁵ no later than 10 weeks prior to the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties (November–December 2023);
22. *Requests* the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph 21 above in preparing its draft guidance for the Green Climate Fund for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-eighth session and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its fifth session (November–December 2023);
23. *Also requests* the Board 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;
24. *Takes note* of decision 16/CMA.4 and *decides* to transmit to the Green Climate Fund the guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement contained in paragraphs 2–7 of that decision.⁶

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⁵ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

⁶ In accordance with decision 1/CP.21, para. 61.

Decision 16/CMA.4
(FCCC/PA/CMA/2022/10/Add.3)

Guidance to the Green Climate Fund

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,

1. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-seventh session transmit to the Green Climate Fund the guidance contained in paragraphs 2–7 below;¹
2. *Welcomes* the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-seventh session and its addendum,² including the information on actions taken by the Board of the Green Climate Fund in response to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties;
3. *Also welcomes* the ongoing efforts of the Green Climate Fund to make a significant and ambitious contribution to global efforts towards achieving the ultimate objective of the Convention and the goals set by the Paris Agreement to combat climate change and adapting to its impacts while taking into account the needs of developing countries;
4. *Requests* the Board to increase its support to developing countries in order to guide and enable Green Climate Fund programming to promote a paradigm shift across both high-impact areas of mitigation potential and countries' adaptation and resilience needs, including by supporting a wider alignment of financial flows with countries' climate plans and strategies;
5. *Encourages* the Board to continue supporting results-based payments through policy approaches and positive incentives for enhancing the contributions of developing countries to global mitigation efforts through the implementation of activities relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, conserving forest carbon stocks, sustainably managing forests and enhancing forest carbon stocks, in accordance with Article 5 of the Paris Agreement;
6. *Invites* the Board to take further action in relation to the Fund's approach to financing alternative policy approaches to results-based payments, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, in accordance with decision 16/CP.21;
7. *Requests* the Board to consider how to enhance support for just transitions of developing countries across economic sectors and transition to resilient economies, and how to provide better access to climate finance and enablers of just transitions, to the extent that this is in line with the existing mandate, investment framework, results framework, and funding windows and structures of the Green Climate Fund.

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

² FCCC/CP/2022/4 and Add.1.

Decision 6/CP.26

(FCCC/CP/2021/12/Add.1)

Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 3/CP.17, annex,

1. *Welcomes* the reports of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-sixth session,¹ including the list of actions taken by the Board of the Green Climate Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Board) in response to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties;
2. *Also welcomes* the continued efforts of the Green Climate Fund to make a significant and ambitious contribution to the global effort to meet the goals set by the international community in relation to combating climate change;
3. *Further welcomes* the progress of the Green Climate Fund in 2020–2021, including in relation to guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties:
 - (a) The increase in the number of funding proposals approved, which brings the total amount approved by the Board to USD 10 billion to support implementation of 190 adaptation and mitigation projects and programmes in 127 developing countries;
 - (b) The increase in the number of entities accredited by the Board, which brings the total number of accredited entities to 112, of which 72 are direct access entities;
 - (c) The approval of its Updated Strategic Plan for 2020–2023,² Integrated Results Management Framework and a results tracking tool;
 - (d) The revision of its environmental and social policy to reaffirm its commitment to preventing sexual exploitation, sexual abuse and sexual harassment; administrative remedies and exclusions policy; and guidelines to facilitate consideration by the Board of Independent Redress Mechanism reports on requests for reconsideration, grievances and complaints;
 - (e) The approval of its evaluation policy;
 - (f) The continued collaboration between the Green Climate Fund, the Climate Technology Centre and Network and the Technology Executive Committee;
 - (g) The collaboration between the Green Climate Fund, the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group;
4. *Welcomes* the long-term vision on complementarity, coherence and collaboration between the Green Climate Fund and the Global Environment Facility³ and *requests* the Board to enhance coherence and complementarity with other climate finance delivery channels with a view to enhancing the impact and effectiveness of its work;
5. *Encourages* further collaboration and engagement between the Green Climate Fund, the Climate Technology Centre and Network and the Technology Executive Committee, through continued joint work, as well as collaboration on events, and taking into consideration elements related to gender mainstreaming and observer engagement;
6. *Reiterates* the request to the Board to continue efforts to maintain the balance in the allocation of resources between adaptation and mitigation;
7. *Encourages* the Board to further clarify the role of data and information from, inter alia, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and traditional, local and indigenous knowledge and practices in the assessment of concept notes, project preparation funding applications and funding proposals;

¹ FCCC/CP/2020/5 and FCCC/CP/2021/8.

² Contained in Green Climate Fund document GCF/B.27/21, annex II. Available at <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/gcf-b27-21>.

³ Contained in Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.60/08, annex I. Available at <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/long-term-vision-complementarity-coherence-and-collaboration-between-green>.

8. *Also encourages* the Board to strengthen country ownership and regional management by proactively engaging national designated authorities in all aspects of the project and programme cycle;
9. *Takes note* of the exceptional circumstances of the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic and its significant impact on the implementation of the Board's updated four-year workplan, *recognizes* the Board's efforts during that period and *encourages* the Board to continue to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of its work;
10. *Takes note* of the continued efforts of the Board to provide financial resources for activities relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in developing country Parties consistent with the existing investment, results framework and funding windows and structures of the Green Climate Fund, including through the Project Preparation Facility and the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme;
11. *Notes* the significant number of remaining policy gaps, including updating the accreditation framework to include approving the project-specific assessment approach, updating the simplified approval process, approving the policy on programmatic approaches, completing policies related to the investment framework, and addressing matters related to the Private Sector Facility and strategy, as well as outstanding matters from the rules of procedure of the Board,⁴ and *urges* the Board to prioritize closing the policy gaps as a matter of urgency and to explore diversifying its selection of financial instruments for addressing climate risk including parametric insurance for climatic events;
12. *Takes note* of the engagement of the President of the Conference of the Parties on the matter of granting privileges and immunities for the Green Climate Fund and its officials and *invites* the Board to continue efforts to ensure that the Fund enjoys privileges and immunities as are necessary;
13. *Urges* the Board to finalize in a timely manner its work related to the guidance and arrangements of the Conference of the Parties on financing for forests and alternative approaches as mandated by decision 7/CP.21, paragraphs 23–25;
14. *Encourages* the Board to continue the integration of gender considerations into its activities, including through its gender policy and by promoting gender balance across the structures of the Fund;
15. *Invites* the Board to consider ways of improving access to the Fund for local non-governmental and private sector organizations;
16. *Also invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat views and recommendations on elements of guidance for the Green Climate Fund via the submission portal⁵ no later than 10 weeks prior to the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2022);
17. *Requests* the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph 16 above when preparing its draft guidance for the Green Climate Fund for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-seventh session and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its fourth session (November 2022);
18. *Also requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund 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;
19. *Takes note* of decision 11/CMA.3 and *decides* to transmit to the Green Climate Fund the guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement contained in paragraphs 2–8 of that decision.⁶

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13 November 2021*

⁴ Available at <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/rules-procedure>.

⁵ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

⁶ In accordance with decision 1/CP.21, para. 61.

Decision 11/CMA.3

(FCCC/PA/CMA/2021/10/Add.3)

Guidance to the Green Climate Fund

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,

1. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-sixth session transmit to the Green Climate Fund the guidance contained in paragraphs 2–8 below;¹
2. *Welcomes* the reports of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-sixth session,² including the list of actions taken by the Board of the Green Climate Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Board) in response to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;
3. *Also welcomes* the continued efforts of the Green Climate Fund to make a significant and ambitious contribution to the global effort to meet the goals set by the international community in relation to combating climate change;
4. *Takes note* of the continued efforts of the Board to provide financial resources for activities relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in developing country Parties consistent with the existing investment, results framework and funding windows and structures of the Green Climate Fund, including through the Project Preparation Facility and the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme;
5. *Welcomes* the Updated Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund for 2020–2023,³ which is aimed at, inter alia, supporting the Board in guiding and enabling Green Climate Fund programming to promote paradigm shift across both high-impact areas of mitigation potential and countries' adaptation and resilience needs, including by supporting a wider alignment of financial flows with countries' climate plans and strategies consistent with a pathway towards low-emission and climate-resilient development;
6. *Requests* the Board to continue to enhance support for mitigation proposals, in line with the governing instrument and investment framework, that support countries in contributing to holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels;
7. *Takes note* of the exceptional circumstances of the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic and its significant impact on the implementation of the Board's updated four-year workplan, *recognizes* the Board's efforts during that period and *encourages* the Board to continue to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of its work;
8. *Requests* the Board to continue to enhance support for the implementation of adaptation projects and programmes, in line with the governing instrument, informed by national adaptation plans and other voluntary adaptation planning processes, and adaptation communications, including those submitted as components of nationally determined contributions, as applicable, with a view to contributing to the global goal on adaptation to enhance adaptive capacity, strengthen resilience and reduce vulnerability to climate change, and in line with the guiding principles and factors for determining terms of financial instruments.⁴

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13 November 2021*

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

² FCCC/CP/2020/5 and FCCC/CP/2021/8.

³ Contained in Green Climate Fund document GCF/B.27/21, annex II. Available at <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/gcf-b27-21>.

⁴ Available at <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/guiding-principles-and-factors-determining-terms-financial-instruments>.

Decision 12/CP.25

(FCCC/CP/2019/13/Add.2)

Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 3/CP.17, annex,

Also recalling decision 10/CP.22, paragraph 5,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session and its addendum,¹ including the list of actions taken by the Board of the Green Climate Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Board) in response to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties;
2. *Also welcomes* the progress of the Green Climate Fund in 2019 on the following, including in relation to guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties:
 - (a) The increase in the number of project proposals approved, which brings the total amount approved by the Board to USD 5.6 billion to support the implementation of 124 adaptation and mitigation projects and programmes in 105 developing countries;
 - (b) The increase in the number of entities accredited by the Board, which brings the total number of accredited entities to 95, of which 56 are direct access entities;
 - (c) The adoption of procedures for adopting decisions in the event that all efforts at reaching consensus have been exhausted, as specified in the Governing Instrument for the Green Climate Fund;
 - (d) The adoption of a revised strategy for the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme;
 - (e) The adoption of the policy on the restructuring and cancellation of projects and programmes;
 - (f) The adoption of the updated Gender Policy and Action Plan 2020–2023, in particular the support modality for national designated authorities and focal points to implement the policy and action plan, as well as support for direct access entities from the project preparation facility;²
 - (g) The adoption of the workplan of the Board for 2020–2023, which establishes a regular policy implementation, learning and review cycle;
 - (h) The adoption of the Green Climate Fund's policy on co-financing;
 - (i) The forward-looking performance review of the Green Climate Fund;
 - (j) The continued collaboration between the Green Climate Fund, the Climate Technology Centre and Network and the Technology Executive Committee;
 - (k) The collaboration between the Green Climate Fund, the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group;
 - (l) The steps agreed at the 24th meeting of the Board to finalize, at the 25th meeting of the Board, the draft Strategic Plan 2020–2023;
 - (m) Policies related to integrity, notably the policy on the protection from sexual exploitation, sexual abuse and sexual harassment and the standard on anti-money-laundering and countering the financing of terrorism;
3. *Further welcomes* the pledges made by 28 contributors and the successful conclusion of the first formal replenishment process of the Green Climate Fund, resulting in a nominal pledge of USD 9.66 billion and a notional credit of USD 118.47 million that may be earned in the event all contributors make early encashment;
4. *Encourages* further pledges and contributions towards the first formal replenishment period;³
5. *Also encourages* contributing countries to confirm their pledges to the Green Climate Fund in the form of fully executed contribution agreements or arrangements as soon as possible;

¹ FCCC/CP/2019/3 and Add.1.

² See Green Climate Fund Board document GCF/B.24/12, para. (d).

³ In accordance with Green Climate Fund Board document GCF/B.24/02.

6. *Reiterates* the request to the Green Climate Fund to accelerate the disbursement of funds for already approved projects, including for readiness support, and provide detailed information on disbursement levels and measures taken in this regard in its report to the Conference of the Parties;
7. *Welcomes* the approval of the Board's four-year workplan and *requests* the Board to complete its work on closing policy gaps, streamlining and simplifying approval processes, including for readiness support and national adaptation plans, and addressing the review of the accreditation framework as soon as possible so as not to disrupt the project and programme approval cycle during the first formal replenishment;
8. *Encourages* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to continue its efforts to ensure that the Green Climate Fund enjoys privileges and immunities;
9. *Takes note* of the engagement of the President of the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session with the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the matter of granting privileges and immunities for the Green Climate Fund and its officials through a possible institutional linkage between the United Nations and the Green Climate Fund, and *requests* the President to report on this engagement at its twenty-sixth session (November 2020);
10. *Decides* to continue its consideration of the matter in paragraph 9 above at its twenty-sixth session;
11. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat their views and recommendations on elements to be taken into account in developing guidance for the Board via the submission portal⁴ no later than 10 weeks prior to the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties;
12. *Requests* the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph 11 above when preparing its draft guidance to the Board for consideration by the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;
13. *Also requests* the Board 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;
14. *Takes note* of decision 6/CMA.2 and *decides* to transmit to the Green Climate Fund the guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement contained in paragraphs 15–21 below, in accordance with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 61;
15. *Welcomes* the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session and its addendum, including the list of actions taken by the Board in response to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;
16. *Also welcomes* the Board's decision⁵ confirming that the current Green Climate Fund modalities enable support for the preparation and implementation of nationally determined contributions and adaptation-related elements of the Paris Agreement;
17. *Recalls* Article 7, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement, in which Parties established a global goal on adaptation for enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change;
18. *Takes note* of the encouragement of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement⁶ for the Green Climate Fund, among others, to continue channelling support to developing country Parties for the implementation of their adaptation plans and actions in accordance with the priorities and needs outlined in their adaptation communication and/or nationally determined contributions;
19. *Encourages* the Green Climate Fund to continue to enhance its support for adaptation and requests the Green Climate Fund to:
 - (a) Swiftly conclude its work on guidance on the approach and scope for providing support to adaptation activities;⁷
 - (b) Continue to enhance its support for the implementation of national adaptation plans, in line with Board decisions on enhancing readiness programming;⁸
20. *Also encourages* the Green Climate Fund to continue to collaborate with the Climate Technology Centre and Network and the Technology Executive Committee with a view to both strengthening cooperative action on technology development and transfer at different stages of the technology cycle and achieving a balance between support for mitigation and support for adaptation;

⁴ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

⁵ Green Climate Fund Board decision GCF/B.13/10.

⁶ Decision 9/CMA.1, para. 21.

⁷ Pursuant to Green Climate Fund Board document GCF/B.17/10.

⁸ Green Climate Fund Board decisions GCF/B.22/10 and GCF/B.22/11.

21. *Invites* 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 of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts.⁹

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15 December 2019*

⁹ See document FCCC/SB/2017/1/Add.1, annex.

Decision 6/CMA.2
(FCCC/PA/CMA/2019/6/Add.1)

Guidance to the Green Climate Fund

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,

1. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session transmit to the Green Climate Fund the guidance contained in paragraphs 2–8 below, in accordance with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 61;
2. *Welcomes* the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session and its addendum,¹ including the list of actions taken by the Board of the Green Climate Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Board) in response to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;
3. *Also welcomes* the Board's decision² confirming that the current Green Climate Fund modalities enable support for the preparation and implementation of nationally determined contributions and adaptation-related elements of the Paris Agreement;
4. *Recalls* Article 7, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement, in which Parties established a global goal on adaptation for enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change;
5. *Takes note* of the encouragement of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement³ for the Green Climate Fund, among others, to continue channelling support to developing country Parties for the implementation of their adaptation plans and actions in accordance with the priorities and needs outlined in their adaptation communication and/or nationally determined contributions;
6. *Encourages* the Green Climate Fund to continue to enhance its support for adaptation and *requests* the Green Climate Fund to:
 - (a) Swiftly conclude its work on guidance on the approach and scope for providing support to adaptation activities;⁴
 - (b) Continue to enhance its support for the implementation of national adaptation plans, in line with Board decisions on enhancing readiness programming;⁵
7. *Also encourages* the Green Climate Fund to continue to collaborate with the Climate Technology Centre and Network and the Technology Executive Committee with a view to both strengthening cooperative action on technology development and transfer at different stages of the technology cycle and achieving a balance between support for mitigation and support for adaptation;
8. *Invites* 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 of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts.⁶

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¹ FCCC/CP/2019/3 and Add.1.

² Green Climate Fund Board decision GCF/B.13/10.

³ Decision 9/CMA.1, para. 21.

⁴ Pursuant to Green Climate Fund Board document GCF/B.17/10.

⁵ Green Climate Fund Board decisions GCF/B.22/10 and GCF/B.22/11.

⁶ See document FCCC/SB/2017/1/Add.1, annex.

Decision 5/CP.24

(FCCC/2018/10/Add.1)

Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund

The Conference of the Parties,

Noting the draft guidance to the Green Climate Fund prepared by the Standing Committee on Finance,¹

Recalling decision 10/CP.22, paragraph 5,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fourth session and its addendum,² including the list of actions taken by the Board of the Green Climate Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Board) in response to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties;
2. Also welcomes the progress of the Green Climate Fund in 2018, including:
3. That funding approved by the Board has reached USD 5.5 billion, including USD 4.6 billion in loans, grants, equities and guarantees in the past three years for the implementation of 93 funding proposals for adaptation and mitigation in 96 developing countries;
 - (a) The work to strengthen the Green Climate Fund's institutional capacity, standards and safeguards, transparency, inclusiveness, pipeline and role within the climate finance landscape;
 - (b) The decision of the Board³ to initiate a review of the performance of the Green Climate Fund to assess the progress of the Fund in delivering on its mandate as set out in its Governing Instrument;
 - (c) The decision of the Board⁴ concerning the selection process for the appointment of the Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund secretariat;
 - (d) The decision of the Board to select and appoint the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development as the trustee of the Green Climate Fund;
 - (e) Efforts made to improve access to the Green Climate Fund through the structured dialogues and the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme;
 - (f) The increase in the number of entities accredited by the Board, including direct access entities;
 - (g) The implementation of the simplified approvals process, including the approval of four projects worth USD 30.1 million in Green Climate Fund funding to date;
 - (h) The collaboration in 2018 between the Green Climate Fund and the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network;
 - (i) The decision of the Board⁵ on financial planning in 2019 and the allocation of up to USD 600 million to fund projects submitted in response to requests for proposals and pilot programmes, including the requests for "proposals on REDD-plus results-based payments", mobilizing funds at scale, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, enhanced direct access and the simplified approvals process;
 - (j) The first annual report on complementarity and coherence with the Green Climate Fund and other climate finance channels;
4. *Further welcomes* the report on the implementation of the 2018 workplan and the approval of the 2019 workplan of the Board, and urges the Board to address remaining policy gaps, including on, as specified in the Fund's Governing Instrument and its rules of procedure:
 - (a) Policies relating to:
 - (i) The approval of funding proposals, including project and programme eligibility and selection criteria, incremental costs, co-financing, concessionality, programmatic approach, restructuring and cancellation;

¹ FCCC/CP/2018/8, annex IV.

² FCCC/CP/2018/5 and Add.1.

³ Green Climate Fund Board decision B.21/17.

⁴ Green Climate Fund Board decision B.21/06.

⁵ Green Climate Fund Board decision B.21/14.

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- (ii) Prohibited practices as well as the implementation of the anti-money-laundering and countering the financing of terrorism policy;
- (a) Review of the accreditation framework;
 - (b) Pursuing privileges and immunities for the Green Climate Fund;
 - (c) Consideration of alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests;⁶
 - (d) The requests for proposals to support climate technology incubators and accelerators, in accordance with Board decision B.18/03;
5. *Urges* the Board to continue its consideration of procedures for adopting decisions in the event that all efforts at reaching consensus have been exhausted, as specified in the Fund's Governing Instrument;
6. *Welcomes* the launching of the first formal replenishment process and the Board's decisions on the inputs and processes related to the Fund's replenishment,⁷ which take into account the needs of developing countries;
7. *Stresses* the urgency to reach pledges for the first formal replenishment process aiming to conclude the process in October 2019;
8. *Takes note* of the independent evaluations of the readiness and preparatory support programme and encourages the Board to address the recommendations contained therein, in accordance with paragraph 59 of the Governing Instrument, with a view to improving access to the Green Climate Fund and increasing the Fund's efforts to support country ownership and country programming;
9. *Reaffirms* the necessity to focus on implementation and to speed up disbursement of funds to already approved projects as a key element of the Green Climate Fund's operations in line with agreed disbursement schedules;
10. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat via the submission portal,⁸ no later than 10 weeks prior to the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2019), their views and recommendations on elements to be taken into account in developing guidance for the Board;
11. *Requests* the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph above when preparing its draft guidance for the Board for consideration by the Conference of the Parties;
12. *Also* requests the Board to include in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties information on the steps that it has taken to implement the guidance provided in this decision;
13. *Decides*, in accordance with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 61, to transmit to the Green Climate Fund the guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement contained in the decisions referred to in decision 3/CMA.1,⁹ paragraph 4.

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⁶ Decision 16/CP.21, paragraph 6, and decision 7/CP.21, paragraph 25.

⁷ Green Climate Fund Board decision B.21/18.

⁸ https://unfccc.int/submissions_and_statements.

⁹ Decision adopted under agenda item 3 of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at the third part of its first session.

Decision 9/CP.23

(FCCC/CP/2017/11/Add.1)

Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund

The Conference of the Parties,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties,¹ including the list of actions taken by the Board of the Green Climate Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Board) in response to the guidance received from the Conference of the Parties;
2. *Notes with appreciation* the *significant* scaling-up of the operations of the Green Climate Fund in 2017, including:
 - (a) The expansion of its portfolio to include: (1) USD 41.8 million to support 130 requests in 92 countries through the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme, two thirds of which are in the least developed countries, small island developing States and African States; and (2) USD 2.65 billion to support 54 projects and programmes in 73 countries;
 - (b) Improvements to the initial project approval process, including ongoing mandates to address policy matters related to the approval of projects;
 - (c) An increase in the number of accredited entities, particularly direct access entities;
 - (d) The availability of additional financial resources for the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme, including for the formulation of national adaptation plans and/or other national adaptation planning processes;
 - (e) The decision of the Board to initiate an independent review of the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme;²
 - (f) The decision to allocate USD 500 million for a results-based payments pilot programme for activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70;³
 - (g) The decision of the Board to develop the terms of reference for a climate technology incubator and accelerator-focused request for proposals, and the request of the Board for continued collaboration with the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network;⁴
 - (h) The issuance of a request for proposals to the private sector for mobilizing funds at scale;
 - (i) The framework on complementarity and coherence and the organization of the first annual dialogue with climate finance delivery channels;
 - (j) The approval of the Board's workplan for 2018;
3. *Encourages* the Board to ensure that the post-approval process facilitates the timely disbursement of approved funding;
4. *Notes* that accreditation is pending for a significant number of entities;
5. *Welcomes* the Board's decision to trigger the review of the accreditation framework and its fit for purpose approach,⁵ and *urges* the Board to swiftly adopt and implement the revised framework with a view to simplifying and facilitating access to the Green Climate Fund, including for direct access entities and private sector actors;
6. *Notes with concern* the challenges in accessing financial resources for climate action in developing country Parties, especially in relation to funding for adaptation;
7. *Requests* the Board to ensure that all developing country Parties have access to all the financial instruments available through the Green Climate Fund, in line with the eligibility criteria referred to in the

¹ FCCC/CP/2017/5 and Add.1.

² Green Climate Fund Board decision B.15/04.

³ Green Climate Fund Board decision B.18/07.

⁴ Green Climate Fund Board decision B.18/03.

⁵ Green Climate Fund Board decision B.18/04.

governing instrument and relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties and to ensure application of the agreed policies of the Green Climate Fund;

8. *Confirms* that the Green Climate Fund will finance agreed full and agreed incremental costs to enable and support enhanced action by developing countries to tackle climate change in line with the relevant provisions in the governing instrument of the Green Climate Fund;
9. *Welcomes* the launch of the Simplified Approval Process Pilot Scheme and *urges* its implementation in line with Green Climate Fund Board decision B.18/06;
10. *Encourages* the Board to continue improving the process to review and approve readiness and preparatory support requests, including requests for support to prepare national adaptation plans and voluntary adaptation planning processes, including the timely disbursement for approved programmes;
11. *Invites* the Board to consider ways to improve the availability of information on accessing funding from the Green Climate Fund, as appropriate;
12. *Takes note* of the biennial report on the status of privileges and immunities⁶ and *expresses* concern with the low level of bilateral arrangements concluded between the Green Climate Fund and Parties;
13. *Encourages* Parties to enter into agreements to grant the privileges and immunities needed for the effective and efficient operationalization of the Green Climate Fund in accordance with national legislation and circumstances and Board decision B.10/12, as appropriate;
14. *Also encourages* the Board to intensify its efforts to ensure that the Green Climate Fund will enjoy such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the fulfilment of its purposes;
15. *Decides* to continue its consideration of the Board's request as reflected in Green Climate Fund Board decision B.08/24 and the procedure agreed in decision 7/CP.20;
16. *Urges* the Board to ensure the continuation of trustee services and to conclude its deliberations on the selection of a trustee, including the terms of reference for the trustee, in accordance with previous decisions of the Conference of the Parties and the Board;
17. *Encourages* the Board to launch the first replenishment process of the Green Climate Fund in accordance with previous decisions of the Conference of the Parties and the Board;
18. *Also encourages* the Board to include in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties information on projects approved by the Board that support the innovation and/or scaling-up of climate technologies with a view to informing the Technology Mechanism as it undertakes further work on climate technology innovation;
19. *Invites* Parties to submit their views and recommendations on elements to be taken into account in developing guidance for the Board of the Green Climate Fund⁷ no later than 10 weeks prior to the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties (December 2018);
20. *Requests* the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph 19 above when providing its draft guidance for the Board of the Green Climate Fund for consideration by the Conference of the Parties;
21. *Also requests* the Green Climate Fund to include in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties information on the steps that it has taken to implement the guidance provided in this decision.

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⁶ Annex III to the report of the Green Climate Fund, contained in the annex to document FCCC/CP/2017/5.

⁷ <http://www.unfccc.int/5900>.

Decision 10/CP.22

(FCCC/CP/2016/10/Add.1)

Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 7/CP.21,

Noting the draft decision on the guidance to the Green Climate Fund prepared by the Standing Committee on Finance,¹

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and its addendum,² and the information contained therein on the progress made by the Green Climate Fund, including the detailed and comprehensive list of actions taken by the Board of the Green Climate Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Board) in response to the guidance received from the Conference of the Parties;

2. *Also welcomes* the following actions taken by the Board in response to previous guidance from the Conference of the Parties as contained in decisions 3/CP.17, 6/CP.18, 4/CP.19, 7/CP.20 and 7/CP.21:

(a) The approval of USD 1.17 billion for 27 projects and programmes in 39 countries and the issuance of requests for proposals for modalities that enhanced direct access, worth up to USD 200 million, and the issuance of requests for proposals for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises worth up to USD 100 million;

(b) The accreditation of 41 entities to date, including 18 direct access entities, and the decision to prioritize in 2016 and 2017 the accreditation of national direct access entities, entities in the Asia-Pacific and Eastern European regions, private sector entities, in particular those in developing countries, and entities responding to requests for proposals issued by the Green Climate Fund;

(c) The adoption of the initial strategic plan for the Green Climate Fund;

(d) Decisions to initiate and conclude the review of the initial proposal approvals process and the simplified approvals procedure for certain small-scale activities in 2016;

(e) Progress made to date in the implementation of the readiness and preparatory support programme with the approval of readiness proposals in 57 countries totalling USD 16 million, including the decision of the Board to simplify the template and to mandate the Green Climate Fund secretariat to expedite the approval and disbursement of readiness and preparatory support resources;

(f) The approval of up to USD 3 million per country in funding for the preparation of national adaptation plans and/or other national adaptation planning processes through the readiness and preparatory support programme;

(g) The operationalization of the project preparation facility of the Green Climate Fund, including the development of operational modalities and approval of an initial allocation of USD 40 million;

(h) The approval of the information disclosure policy, including the webcasting of Board proceedings, thus increasing the transparency of the Board's decision-making;

(i) The acknowledgment that the Green Climate Fund's modalities enable support for the preparation and implementation of the nationally determined contributions and adaptation-related elements of the Paris Agreement;

(j) Responses to the operationalization of results-based payments for the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, consistent with decision 9/CP.19 and in accordance with Board decision B.08/08, as well as the recognition that the Green Climate Fund can support the development and implementation of national REDD-plus³ strategies or action plans and investment plans, including through the readiness and preparatory support programme;

¹ FCCC/CP/2016/8, annex V.

² FCCC/CP/2016/7 and Add.1.

³ In decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, the Conference of the Parties encouraged developing country Parties to contribute to mitigation actions in the forest sector by undertaking the following activities, as deemed appropriate by each Party and in accordance with their respective capabilities and national circumstances: reducing emissions from deforestation; reducing emissions from forest degradation; conservation of forest carbon stocks; sustainable management of forests; and enhancement of forest carbon stocks.

(k) The acknowledgment that the Green Climate Fund's operational modalities enabled support for technology development and transfer, including for facilitating access to environmentally sound technologies and for collaborative research and development;

(l) The appointment of the second Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund secretariat and the Heads of the Independent Redress Mechanism, the Independent Integrity Unit and the Independent Evaluation Unit;

(m) Decisions to increase the staffing of the Green Climate Fund secretariat, in particular by addressing the capacity limitations in the Mitigation and Adaptation Division and the Private Sector Facility Division, and the secretariat's risk management capacity;

(n) Decisions to develop an operational framework on complementarity and coherence with other financing institutions, and progress on the relationship with the thematic bodies of the Convention, including the hosting of the first annual event with these bodies, and engagement with the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network;

3. *Looks forward* to the ongoing and timely implementation by the Board of the above-mentioned decisions and guidance received from the Conference of the Parties, including the initial strategic plan, and the scaling up of investments in ambitious country-driven climate action;

4. *Urges* the Board to finalize in a timely manner its work related to the guidance of the Conference of the Parties on financing for forests as mandated by decision 7/CP.21, paragraphs 23–25;

5. *Also urges* Parties that made pledges under the initial resource mobilization process of the Green Climate Fund but have not yet confirmed them through fully executed contribution arrangements or agreements to do so as a matter of high priority;

6. *Requests* the Board to facilitate an increase in the amount of direct access proposals in the pipeline and to report to the Conference of the Parties on progress made in this regard;

7. *Also requests* the Board to take into account decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 64, to enhance the coordination and delivery of resources to support country-driven strategies through simplified and efficient application and approval procedures, and through continued readiness support to developing country Parties, including the least developed countries and small island developing States, as appropriate, and in accordance with Board decisions;

8. *Notes with concern* the lack of signed bilateral agreements related to privileges and immunities in order for the Green Climate Fund to undertake its activities;

9. *Looks forward* to the biennial report on the matter referred to in paragraph 8 above, in accordance with decision 7/CP.20, paragraph 20, and Board decision B.08/24;

10. *Requests* the Board to enhance the delivery of resources by addressing those measures that are delaying the implementation of projects that have been approved by the Board, including the conclusion of pending accreditation master agreements and funded activity agreements;

11. *Encourages* the Board to implement its decision B.04/08 to develop modalities to support activities enabling private sector involvement in the least developed countries and small island developing States, and to seek opportunities to engage with the private sector, including local actors, on adaptation action at the national, regional and international levels;

12. *Invites* national designated authorities and focal points to utilize the readiness and preparatory support programme, and to collaborate with accredited entities to use the project preparation facility, where appropriate, to prepare adaptation and mitigation proposals of increasing quality and impact potential;

13. *Reiterates its request*⁴ to the Board to agree on the arrangements for the first formal replenishment process of the Green Climate Fund;

14. *Invites* Parties to submit via the submission portal⁵ annually, no later than 10 weeks prior to each session of the Conference of the Parties, their views and recommendations on the elements to be taken into account in developing guidance to the Green Climate Fund;

15. *Requests* the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph 14 above when preparing draft guidance to the Green Climate Fund for consideration by the Conference of the Parties;

⁴ Decision 7/CP.21, paragraph 10.

⁵ <http://www.unfccc.int/5900>.

16. *Also requests* the Green Climate Fund, as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism, to include in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties information on the steps it has taken and the timeline for the implementation of the guidance provided in this decision.

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18 November 2016*

Decision 7/CP.21

(FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.2)

Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 7/CP.20,

Noting the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Finance contained in its report to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session with regard to the provision of draft guidance to the Green Climate Fund,¹

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session² and the information contained therein on the progress made by the Green Climate Fund towards its full operationalization;
2. *Notes with appreciation* the attainment of the effectiveness of the Green Climate Fund by achieving the 50 per cent threshold required for the Green Climate Fund to allocate its resources to projects and programmes;
3. *Also notes with appreciation* that the Board of the Green Climate Fund reached its aim of taking its first funding decisions by its third meeting of 2015, committing USD 168 million to eight public and private projects that will promote, in the context of sustainable development, the paradigm shift towards low-emission and climate-resilient development pathways, thereby making the Green Climate Fund fully operational;
4. *Welcomes with appreciation* pledges made to the Green Climate Fund since the twentieth session of the Conference of Parties;³
5. *Welcomes* the aspirations of the Board of the Green Climate Fund to approve proposals in 2016 to a value of USD 2.5 billion;
6. *Also welcomes* the establishment of a project preparation facility that will be targeted to small-scale activities and direct access entities, and requests the Board of the Green Climate Fund to consider lessons learned from other relevant facilities;
7. *Further welcomes* the allocation of up to USD 900 million for three pilot programmes on: enhancing direct access for recipient countries to the Green Climate Fund; supporting micro, small and medium-sized enterprises; and mobilizing resources at scale in order to address adaptation and mitigation;⁴
8. *Urges* Parties that made pledges under the initial resource mobilization process of the Green Climate Fund but have not yet confirmed them to the Green Climate Fund through fully executed contribution arrangements or agreements to do so as a matter of high priority;
9. *Reiterates* the invitation for financial inputs from a variety of sources, public and private, including alternative sources, throughout the initial resource mobilization process;
10. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to agree on the arrangements for the first formal replenishment process of the Green Climate Fund as soon as feasible;
11. *Welcomes* the decision of the Board of the Green Climate Fund to develop a strategic plan for the Green Climate Fund and to adopt it as soon as possible;
12. *Also welcomes* the decision of the Board of the Green Climate Fund to simplify the funding proposal template and concept note template in an expeditious manner;
13. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to ensure that the revised funding proposal template and concept note template are designed to facilitate the application process;
14. *Also requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to adopt a simplified process for approval of proposals for certain activities, in particular for small-scale activities, as soon as possible in 2016, to reduce complexities and costs involved in project proposal development;

¹ FCCC/CP/2015/8, annex IV.

² FCCC/CP/2015/3.

³ Pledges have been made by Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Portugal, Viet Nam, Brussels-Capital Region, Flemish Region, Walloon Region and the city of Paris.

⁴ FCCC/CP/2015/3.

15. *Welcomes* the decisions of the Board of the Green Climate Fund to approve the accreditation of 20 national, regional, international and private entities to the Green Climate Fund;⁵
16. *Urges* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to streamline the accreditation modalities and to seek a balance of diversity in accredited entities;
17. *Takes note* of the progress achieved to date in the implementation of the readiness and preparatory support programme of the Green Climate Fund and stresses the importance of improving the approval process and timely disbursement of readiness resources to facilitate readiness programme implementation pursuant to Green Climate Fund Board decision B.11/04;
18. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to prioritize the development of its initial risk management framework;
19. *Also requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to enhance transparency and stakeholder engagement;
20. *Urges* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to operationalize the Independent Evaluation Unit, Independent Redress Mechanism and Independent Integrity Unit as a matter of urgency and to make public the procedures Parties and affected individuals should follow when seeking redress until the Independent Redress Mechanism is operationalized.
21. *Invites* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to take into account in its programmatic priorities the Cancun Adaptation Framework, in particular the principles referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 12, and the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 14;
22. *Also invites* the Board of the Green Climate Fund, in line with paragraph 38 of the governing instrument of the Green Climate Fund,⁶ to consider ways to provide support, pursuant to the modalities of the Green Climate Fund, for facilitating access to environmentally sound technologies in developing country Parties, and for undertaking collaborative research and development for enabling developing country Parties to enhance their mitigation and adaptation action;
23. *Urges* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to operationalize results-based payments for activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, consistent with decision 9/CP.19, and in accordance with Green Climate Fund Board decision B.08/08;
24. *Encourages* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to consider the mobilization of private sector finance to progress the Green Climate Fund's forestry-related result areas;
25. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to take into account decision 16/CP.21, in particular paragraph 6, referring to support for alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, as appropriate, in its funding decisions;
26. *Encourages* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to improve complementarity and coherence with other institutions, per paragraphs 33 and 34 of the governing instrument of the Green Climate Fund,⁷ including by engaging with relevant bodies of the Convention, such as the Standing Committee on Finance;
27. *Urges* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to develop appropriate mechanisms to support the fund through appropriate expert and technical advice, including from thematic bodies, as appropriate;
28. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to report to the Conference of Parties on the steps it has taken to implement the guidance provided in this decision and other relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties;
29. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat annually, in writing and no later than 10 weeks prior to each session of the Conference of the Parties, their views and recommendations on the elements to be taken into account in developing guidance to the Green Climate Fund.

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13 December 2015*

⁵ Five national, three regional, nine international and three private entities.

⁶ Decision 3/CP.17, annex.

⁷ Decision 3/CP.17, annex.

Decision 7/CP.20

(FCCC/CP/2014/10/Add.21)

Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Articles 4 and 11 of the Convention,

Taking into account decision 11/CP.1,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.16, 3/CP.17, 1/CP.18, 6/CP.18, 7/CP.18, 4/CP.19 and 5/CP.19,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties,¹ in particular the detailed and comprehensive list of responses of the Green Climate Fund Board to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties;²
2. *Notes with appreciation* the progress made by the Green Climate Fund, and the information contained thereon in the report of the Green Climate Fund, in particular the decision on the confirmation of the completion of the essential requirements and the commencement of the initial resource mobilization process;
3. *Welcomes with appreciation* the successful and timely initial resource mobilization process of the Green Climate Fund that led to the mobilization of USD 10.2 billion to date by contributing Parties,³ enabling the Green Climate Fund to start its activities in supporting developing country Parties of the Convention, and making it the largest dedicated climate fund;
4. *Requests* the Green Climate Fund to ensure that the ongoing resource mobilization efforts are commensurate with the ambitions of the Fund, and *calls* for contributions by other developed country Parties,⁴ as well as *invites* financial inputs from a variety of other sources, public and private, including alternative sources,⁵ throughout the initial resource mobilization process;
5. *Urges* the Green Climate Fund, the Interim Trustee, and contributors to confirm the pledges in the form of fully executed contribution agreements/arrangements, taking note that the commitment authority of the Green Climate Fund will become effective when 50 per cent of the contributions pledged by the November 2014 pledging session are reflected in fully executed contribution agreements/arrangements received by the secretariat no later than 30 April 2015 as provided for in Green Climate Fund Board decision B.08/13, annex XIX, paragraph 1(c);
6. *Notes* Green Climate Fund Board decisions, including the decisions made at its 8th meeting, regarding the formal replenishment process for the Fund;
7. *Welcomes* Green Climate Fund Board decision B.08/07 to start taking decisions on the approval of projects and programmes no later than its 3rd meeting in 2015;
8. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to accelerate the operationalization of the adaptation and mitigation windows, and to ensure adequate resources for capacity-building and technology development and transfer, consistent with paragraph 38 of the Governing Instrument;⁶
9. *Also requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to accelerate the operationalization of the private sector facility by aiming to ensure that private sector entities and public entities with relevant experience in working with the private sector are accredited in 2015, expediting action to engage local private sector actors in developing country Parties, including small- and medium-sized enterprises in the least developed countries, small island developing States and African States, emphasizing a country-driven approach, expediting action to mobilize resources at scale, and developing a strategic approach to engaging with the private sector;
10. *Further requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund, in the implementation of its 2015 workplan, to complete its work related to policies and procedures to accept financial inputs from non-public and alternative

¹ As contained in document FCCC/CP/2014/8.

² As contained in sections II and III of document FCCC/CP/2014/8.

³ Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Peru, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America.

⁴ As per decision 4/CP.19, paragraph 13.

⁵ As per decision 4/CP.19, paragraph 15.

⁶ Annex to decision 3/CP.17.

sources, the investment and risk management frameworks of the Green Climate Fund, the impact analysis on its initial results areas, including options for determining Board level investment portfolios across the structure of the Fund,⁷ and the approval process of the Fund, including methodologies for selecting programmes and projects that best achieve the objectives of the Fund;⁸

11. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to consider ways by which to further increase the transparency of its proceedings;

12. *Also requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to accelerate the implementation of its work programme on readiness and preparatory support, ensuring that adequate resources are provided for its execution, including from the initial resource mobilization process, providing urgent support to developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, small island developing States and African States, led by their national designated authorities or focal points to build institutional capacities in accordance with Green Climate Fund Board decision B.08/11;

13. *Encourages* the timely implementation of the accreditation framework and requests the Board of the Green Climate Fund, in its implementation, to pay adequate attention to the priorities and needs of developing country Parties, including the least developed countries, small island developing States and African States, emphasizing the need to provide readiness support to those national and regional entities eligible for fast-tracking that request it;

14. *Invites* developing country Parties to expedite the nomination of their national designated authorities and focal points as soon as possible, as well as the selection of their national and subnational implementing entities, to facilitate their engagement with the Green Climate Fund;

15. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund, when deciding its policies and programme priorities, to consider the information and lessons learned through engagement with other relevant bodies under the Convention, and other relevant international institutions;

16. *Also requests* the Green Climate Fund to enhance its collaboration with existing funds under the Convention and other climate relevant funds in order to enhance the complementarity and coherence of policies and programming at the national level;

17. *Further requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to further enhance the participation of all stakeholders in accordance with paragraph 71 of the Governing Instrument and other relevant Board decisions;

18. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund:

(a) To develop a monitoring and accountability framework in accordance with Green Climate Fund Board decision B.08/02;

(b) To consider decisions relevant to REDD-plus,⁹ including decisions 1/CP.16, 2/CP.17, 12/CP.17 and decisions 9/CP.19, 10/CP.19, 11/CP.19, 12/CP.19, 13/CP.19, 14/CP.19 and 15/CP.19;

19. *Urges* the Green Climate Fund to ensure that staff selection is open, transparent and based on merit without discrimination, taking into account geographical and gender balance, in accordance with the administrative policies of the Green Climate Fund;¹⁰

20. *Takes note* of Green Climate Fund Board decision B.08/24 on the institutional linkage between the United Nations and the Green Climate Fund, and *requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to continue further deliberations on privileges and immunities, and to report on this matter to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session (November–December 2015);

21. *Urges* developing country Parties to enter into bilateral agreements with the Green Climate Fund based on the template to be approved by the Board of the Green Climate Fund, in order to provide privileges and immunities for the Fund, in accordance with Green Climate Fund Board decision B.08/24, paragraph (b);

22. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to report biennially to the Conference of the Parties on the status of existing privileges and immunities with regard to its operational activities, starting at the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties;

⁷ Green Climate Fund Board decision B.08/07, paragraph (l).

⁸ Green Climate Fund Board decision B.07/03, paragraph (b).

⁹ Policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries.

¹⁰ Green Climate Fund Board decision B.06/03, annex I.

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23. *Also requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to make available its annual report in a timely manner and no later than 12 weeks prior to a session of the Conference of the Parties in accordance with decision 6/CP.18, paragraph 15, for due consideration by Parties;
24. *Further requests* the Green Climate Fund to include in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties the recommendations of its independent redress mechanism, if any, and any actions taken by the Board in response to those recommendations;¹¹
25. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to report to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session on progress made in the implementation of this decision, as well as the elements and provisions of the guidance contained in decisions 3/CP.17, 6/CP.18, 4/CP.19 and 5/CP.19;
26. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat annually, and no later than 10 weeks prior to the subsequent session of the Conference of the Parties, their views and recommendations in writing on the elements to be taken into account in developing guidance to the Green Climate Fund;
27. *Requests* the secretariat to compile the submissions referred to in paragraph 26 above into a miscellaneous document for consideration by Parties in developing guidance through the Standing Committee on Finance to the Green Climate Fund.

¹¹ In accordance with the annex to decision 5/CP.19, paragraph 9.

Decision 4/CP.19

(FCCC/CP/2013/10/Add.1)

Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Articles 4 and 11 of the Convention,

Taking into account decision 11/CP.1,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.16, 3/CP.17, 1/CP.18, 6/CP.18 and 7/CP.18,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the second annual report of the Board of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties as contained in document FCCC/CP/2013/6;
2. *Welcomes* the Board's decisions to establish the independent secretariat and the selection of Ms. H la Cheikhrouhou as the Executive Director of the independent secretariat of the Green Climate Fund;
3. *Further welcomes* the conclusion and entry into force of the Headquarters Agreement between the Green Climate Fund and the Government of the Republic of Korea;
4. *Takes note* of the termination of the interim arrangements for the operation of the interim secretariat and expresses its *appreciation* to the UNFCCC and GEF secretariats for supporting the interim secretariat;
5. *Welcomes* the adoption of the third administrative budget of the Green Climate Fund, which will enable the establishment of the *independent* secretariat in Songdo, Incheon City, Republic of Korea;
6. *Notes* the progress made by the Board to ensure the *operationalization* of the Green Climate Fund, including the adoption of its 2014 workplan and the resource mobilization process;

A. Initial guidance to the Green Climate Fund

7. *Confirms* that the provisions contained in Article 11 of the Convention, and decisions 11/CP.1, 1/CP.16 and 3/CP.17, and the governing instrument for the Green Climate Fund, *and* decision 6/CP.18, together with 5/CP.19, constitute the initial guidance for the Green Climate Fund;
8. *Decides* to adopt the following initial guidance on policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria for the Green Climate Fund, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention;
9. *Requests* the Green Climate Fund:
 - (a) To balance the allocation of resources between adaptation and mitigation change;
 - (b) To pursue a country-driven approach;
 - (c) In allocating resources for adaptation, the Green Climate Fund will take into account the urgent and immediate needs of developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change;
10. *Confirms* that all developing country Parties to the Convention are eligible to receive resources from the Green Climate Fund;

B. Additional guidance to the Green Climate Fund

11. *Stresses* the need to achieve full operationalization of the Green Climate Fund, and in this regard urges the Board to an expeditious implementation of its 2014 workplan, including elements of decision 6/CP.18;
12. *Urges* the Board to finalize as soon as possible the essential requirements to receive, manage, programme and disburse financial resources in line with the approved workplan of the Board so that the Green Climate Fund can commence its initial resource mobilization process as soon as possible and transition subsequently to a formal replenishment process;
13. *Calls* for ambitious and timely contributions by developed countries to enable an effective operationalization, including for readiness and preparatory support of the Green Climate Fund that reflects the needs and challenges of developing countries in addressing climate change in the context of preparing, by the

twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties (December 2014), the initial resource mobilization process described in paragraph 12 above;

14. *Underlines* that initial resource mobilization should reach a very significant scale that reflects the needs and challenges of developing countries in addressing climate change;

15. *Invites* financial inputs from a variety of other sources, public and private, including alternative sources, for the Board's initial resource mobilization process;

16. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund:

(a) To consider important lessons learned on country-driven processes from other existing funds;

(b) To ensure that in its consideration and finalization of the Green Climate Fund's access modalities, the Board takes into account the institutions already accredited by relevant institutions covered by the Board's agreement on the best practice fiduciary standards and principles and environmental and social standards;

(c) To report to the Conference of Parties at its twentieth session on progress made in the implementation of this decision, as well as the implementation of decision 6/CP.18;

17. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat annually, and no later than 10 weeks prior to the subsequent session of the Conference of the Parties, their views and recommendations in writing on the elements to be taken into account in developing guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention.

Decision 5/CP.19

(FCCC/CP/2013/10/Add.1)

Arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and the Green Climate Fund

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 11 of the Convention,

Also recalling decisions 1/CP.16 and 3/CP.17, which, inter alia, designated the Green Climate Fund as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention and requested the Conference of the Parties to conclude arrangements with the Green Climate Fund Board to ensure that it is accountable to and functions under the guidance of the Conference of the Parties to support projects, programmes, policies and other activities in developing country Parties using thematic funding windows,

Further recalling decision 7/CP.18, which requested the Standing Committee on Finance and the Green Climate Fund Board to develop arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and the Green Climate Fund in accordance with the governing instrument for the Green Climate Fund, as contained in the annex to decision 3/CP.17, and Article 11, paragraph 3, of the Convention for agreement by the Board and subsequent agreement by the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth session,

Recalling paragraph 6 of the governing instrument for the Green Climate Fund,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Standing Committee on Finance,¹ which contains the draft arrangements that were presented to the Board of the Green Climate Fund;
2. *Confirms* that the arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and the Green Climate Fund shall be in conformity with the governing instrument for the Green Climate Fund, as contained in decision 3/CP.17, and Article 11, paragraph 3, of the Convention;
3. *Notes* that the Board of the Green Climate Fund has approved the arrangements, as transmitted by the Standing Committee on Finance, contained in annex XXI to the report on the 5th meeting of the Green Climate Fund Board, as contained in the report of the Green Climate Fund;²
4. *Agrees* to the arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and the Green Climate Fund contained in the annex, thereby bringing the arrangements into force;
5. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to report on the implementation of the arrangements referred to in paragraph 4 above in its annual reports to the Conference of the Parties, starting at the twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties (December 2014).

*10th plenary meeting
22 November 2013*

¹ FCCC/CP/2013/8.

² FCCC/CP/2013/6.

Annex

Arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and the Green Climate Fund

Preamble

Recalling Conference of the Parties (COP) decisions 1/CP.16, paragraph 102, and 3/CP.17, paragraphs 3–5, as well as the governing instrument for the Green Climate Fund (GCF), paragraphs 3–6.

Recognizing that the provisions contained in Article 11, paragraph 3, of the Convention, decision 3/CP.17 and the governing instrument for the GCF contained in the annex to 3/CP.17 form the basis for arrangements between the COP and the GCF.

The Conference of the Parties (hereinafter referred to as “the COP”) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”) and the Green Climate Fund (hereinafter referred to as the “GCF”) hereby reach the following arrangements:

Purpose of these arrangements

1. The purpose of these arrangements is to set out the working relationship between the COP and the GCF to ensure that the GCF is accountable to and functions under the guidance of the COP to support projects, programmes, policies and other activities in developing country Parties.

Determination and communication of guidance from the Conference of the Parties

2. The GCF shall receive guidance from the COP, including on matters related to policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria.

3. The COP will, after each of its sessions, communicate guidance to the GCF.

4. The COP will provide guidance based, inter alia, upon a thorough consideration of the annual reports of the GCF.

Conformity with guidance of the Conference of the Parties

5. The GCF will take appropriate actions in response to the guidance received and will report on such actions taken.

Reconsideration of funding decisions

6. These arrangements reaffirm that the Board of the GCF has full responsibility for funding decisions.

7. The Board of the GCF has been mandated by paragraph 69 of the governing instrument to establish an independent redress mechanism that will report to the Board.

8. The independent redress mechanism will be open, transparent and easily accessible and will address, inter alia, the reconsideration of funding decisions.

9. The GCF will include in its annual reports to the COP the recommendations of its independent redress mechanism, and any action taken by the Board of the GCF in response to those recommendations. The COP may provide additional guidance to clarify policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria as they impact funding decisions.

10. Further modalities for the reconsideration of funding decisions as per Article 11, paragraph 3(b), will be developed appropriately once the independent redress mechanism is operational.

Reports from the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties

11. The GCF is to submit annual reports to the COP for its consideration. Such annual reports shall include information on the implementation of policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria provided by the COP, including information on the extent to which COP guidance has been adhered to by the Board of the GCF.

12. The GCF will include in its reports a synthesis of the different activities under implementation and a listing of the activities approved, as well as a financial report.

13. The GCF will also include in its reports information on all activities financed by the GCF.

14. The GCF will indicate in its reports actions it has undertaken to balance the allocation of resources between adaptation and mitigation activities under the Fund.

15. The GCF will also include information on the development and implementation of mechanisms to draw on appropriate expert and technical advice, including from the relevant thematic bodies established under the Convention, as appropriate.

16. The COP may request additional information from the GCF via its annual guidance.

Determination and periodic review of funding necessary and available

17. In accordance with Article 11, paragraph 3(d), of the Convention, which calls for arrangements to determine in a predictable and identifiable manner the amount of funding necessary and available for the implementation of the Convention, and the conditions under which that amount shall be periodically reviewed:

(a) The COP will make assessments of the amount of funds that are necessary to assist developing countries in implementing the Convention, in order to help inform resource mobilization by the GCF; and

(b) The GCF is to provide information on resource mobilization and the available financial resources, including any replenishment processes, in its annual reports to the COP.

Cooperation between secretariats and representation in meetings of the governing bodies

18. The secretariat of the GCF and the secretariat of the Convention may, as necessary and subject to the direction of the Board of the GCF and the COP, respectively, cooperate and exchange views on matters relevant to the operation of the financial mechanism of the Convention, including implementation of these arrangements between the COP and the GCF, coordination with other international financing channels and participation of representatives at relevant meetings of the bodies.

19. The participation of representatives of the secretariat of the Convention in the meetings of the GCF, and of the secretariat of the GCF in the sessions of the COP, is to be governed by the rules of procedure of the GCF and the COP, respectively.

Review and evaluation of the financial mechanism

20. The reports of the GCF should include any reports of the independent evaluation unit, including for the purposes of the periodic reviews of the financial mechanism of the Convention.

21. The COP may commission an independent assessment of the overall performance of the GCF, including of the performance of the Board of the GCF, to coincide with periodic reviews of the financial mechanism.

22. The COP will invite feedback from the GCF in advance of making any conclusions or findings from the review or evaluation of the financial mechanism.

Review of these arrangements

23. These arrangements can only be modified in writing by agreement between the COP and the GCF.

24. These arrangements shall come into force upon agreement by the GCF and subsequent agreement by the COP.

25. These arrangements may only be terminated in writing by agreement between the COP and the GCF.

*10th plenary meeting
22 November 2013*

Decision 6/CP.18

(FCCC/CP/2012/8/Add.1)

Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 11 of the *Convention*,

Also recalling decision 1/CP.16, *paragraph* 102, and decision 3/CP.17, paragraphs 2–6, 12 and 13,

Reaffirming that a significant share of new *multilateral* funding for adaptation should flow through the Green Climate Fund,

Reiterating the request to the Board of the Green *Climate* Fund to balance the allocation of the Green Climate Fund resources between adaptation and mitigation activities,

Taking into account the initial guidance to the *operating* entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention contained in decision 11/CP.1,

Taking note of the ongoing efforts to operationalize the Green Climate Fund,

Welcoming the nomination of the Board of the Green Climate Fund,

Emphasizing the important role of the Green *Climate* Fund in the climate finance architecture,

Noting with appreciation the progress of the Board of the Green Climate Fund in operationalizing the Green Climate Fund, the prompt set-up of the interim secretariat of the Fund by the UNFCCC and Global Environment Facility and the establishment of the Financial Intermediary Fund for the Green Climate Fund by the World Bank serving as interim trustee of the Fund,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the first annual report of the Board of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties;¹¹
2. *Expresses* its gratitude to Germany, Mexico, Namibia, Poland, Republic of Korea and Switzerland for *submitting* their offers to host the Green Climate Fund;
3. *Welcomes and endorses* the consensus decision of the Board of the Green Climate Fund to select Songdo, Incheon, Republic of Korea as the host of the Green Climate Fund, on the basis of an open and transparent process;
4. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund and the Republic of Korea to conclude, in accordance with decision 3/CP.17, annex, paragraphs 7 and 8, the legal and administrative arrangements for hosting the Green Climate Fund, and to ensure *that* juridical personality and legal capacity are conferred to the Green Climate Fund, and the necessary privileges and immunities are granted to the Green Climate Fund and its officials in an expedited manner;
5. *Notes* the progress made by the Board of the Green Climate Fund and calls on the Board to ensure that the Green Climate Fund expeditiously implements its workplan and develops the policies, eligibility criteria and programmes of the Green Climate Fund, taking into account the guidance of the Conference of the Parties with a view to making the Green Climate Fund operational as soon as possible;
6. *Decides* to provide initial guidance to *the* Green Climate Fund at its nineteenth session;
7. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate *Fund*, in its report to the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth session, to report on the implementation of decision 3/CP.17 in which *inter alia* requested the Board:
 - (a) To develop a transparent no-objection procedure to be conducted through national designated authorities referred to in paragraph 46 of the governing instrument,²² in order to ensure consistency with national climate strategies and plans and a country-driven approach and to provide for effective direct and indirect public and private-sector financing by the Green Climate Fund, and to determine this procedure prior to approval of funding proposals by the Fund;
 - (b) To balance the allocation of the resources of the Green Climate Fund between adaptation and mitigation activities;

¹ FCCC/CP/2012/5.

² Decision 3/CP.17, annex.

(c) To secure funding for the Green Climate Fund, taking into account paragraphs 29 and 30 of the governing instrument, to facilitate its expeditious operationalization, and to establish the necessary policies and procedures to enable an early and adequate replenishment process;

(d) To establish the independent secretariat of the Green Climate Fund in the host country in an expedited manner as soon as possible, in accordance with paragraph 19 of the governing instrument;

(e) To select the trustee of the Green Climate Fund through an open, transparent and competitive bidding process in a timely manner to ensure that there is no discontinuity in trustee services;

(f) To initiate a process to collaborate with the Adaptation Committee and the Technology Executive Committee, as well as other relevant thematic bodies under the Convention, to define linkages between the Fund and these bodies, as appropriate;

8. *Looks forward* to the appointment of *the* Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund in accordance with decision 3/CP.17.

9. *Reaffirms* its decision that the interim *arrangements*³³ should terminate no later than the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties.

10. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to continue to include in its report to the Conference of the Parties the specific steps that it has undertaken to implement the request contained in paragraphs 5 and 7 above, as well as information on the status of financial *contributions* for the administrative budget of the Green Climate Fund, including the administrative costs of the Board of the Green Climate Fund and its interim secretariat;

11. *Expresses its appreciation* for the cumulative contributions of USD 4.298 million as at 4 December 2012 from the Governments of Australia, Finland, Netherlands, Republic of Korea and Sweden for the administrative budget of the Green Climate Fund to the Green Climate Fund Trust Fund established by the interim trustee of the Fund;

12. *Also expresses its appreciation* to the Governments of Denmark, Germany, Norway, Spain, Switzerland and United States of America for approving the total amount of approximately USD 1.32 million carried over from contributions made to the Transitional Committee for further use in 2012 by the interim secretariat of the Green Climate Fund;

13. *Welcomes* the cumulative pledges of USD 4.554 million for the administrative budget of the Green Climate Fund made by the Governments of Denmark, France, Germany, Japan, Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as at 29 November 2012 and expects their *early* fulfilment;

14. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to expeditiously implement its 2013 workplan, with a view to making the Green Climate Fund operational as soon as possible, *which* will enable an early and adequate replenishment process;

15. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to make available its annual reports to the Conference of the Parties as early as possible, and no later than 12 weeks prior to a session of the Conference of the Parties, for consideration by Parties;

16. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat annually, and no later than 10 weeks prior to the subsequent *session* of the Conference of the Parties, their views and recommendations in writing on the elements to be taken into account in developing guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention;

17. *Requests* the secretariat to compile the submissions referred to in paragraph 16 above *into* a miscellaneous document for consideration by Parties in developing guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention.

*9th plenary meeting
7 December 2012*

³ Decision 3/CP.17 paragraph 19.

Decision 7/CP.18*(FCCC/CP/2012/8/Add.1)***Arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and the Green Climate Fund**

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 11, in particular its paragraph 3;

Also recalling decisions 1/CP.16 and 3/CP.17, which, inter alia, designated the Green Climate Fund as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention;

1. *Recognizes* that the provisions contained in Article 11, paragraph 3, and decision 3/CP.17 and the governing instrument of the Green Climate Fund contained in the annex to 3/CP.17 form the basis for arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and the Green Climate Fund to ensure that the Green Climate Fund is accountable to and functions under the guidance of the Conference of the Parties to support projects, programmes, policies and other activities in developing country Parties;
2. *Requests* the Standing Committee and the Board of the Green Climate Fund to develop arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and the Green Climate Fund in accordance with the governing instrument of the Green Climate Fund and Article 11, paragraph 3, for agreement by the Board and subsequent agreement by the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth session.

9th plenary meeting
7 December 2012

Decision 3/CP.17

(FCCC/CP/2011/9/Add.1)

Launching the Green Climate Fund

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 1/CP.16,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Transitional Committee (FCCC/CP/2011/6 and Add.1), taking note with appreciation of the work of the Transitional Committee in responding to its mandate given in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 109;
2. *Approves* the governing instrument for the Green Climate Fund annexed to this decision;
3. *Decides* to designate the Green Climate Fund as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, in accordance with Article 11 of the Convention, with arrangements to be concluded between the Conference of the Parties and the Fund at the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to ensure that it is accountable to and functions under the guidance of the Conference of the Parties to support projects, programmes, policies and other activities in developing country Parties;
4. *Notes* that the Green Climate Fund will be guided by the principles and provisions of the Convention;
5. *Decides* to provide guidance to the Board of the Green Climate Fund, including on matters related to policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria and matters related thereto, taking into account the Board's annual reports to the Conference of the Parties on its activities;
6. *Requests* the Board to operationalize the Fund in an expedited manner;
7. *Also requests* the Board to develop a transparent no-objection procedure to be conducted through national designated authorities referred to in paragraph 46 of the governing instrument annexed to this decision, in order to ensure consistency with national climate strategies and plans and a country driven approach and to provide for effective direct and indirect public and private sector financing by the Green Climate Fund. Further requests the Board to determine this procedure prior to approval of funding proposals by the Fund;
8. *Requests* the Board to balance the allocation of the Green Climate Fund resources between adaptation and mitigation activities;
9. *Stresses* the need to secure funding for the Green Climate Fund, taking into account paragraphs 29 and 30 of the governing instrument, to facilitate its expeditious operationalization, and requests the Board to establish the necessary policies and procedures, which will enable an early and adequate replenishment process;
10. *Invites* Parties, through their regional groupings and constituencies, to submit their nominations for the members of the Board to the interim secretariat by 31 March 2012, in accordance with paragraph 11 of the governing instrument for the Green Climate Fund, with the 12 seats for developing country Parties to be distributed as follows:
 - (a) Three members and alternate members from the Asia-Pacific States;
 - (b) Three members and alternate members from the African States;
 - (c) Three members and alternate members from the Latin American and the Caribbean States;
 - (d) One member and alternate member from small island developing States;
 - (e) One member and alternate member from least developed country Parties;
 - (f) One member from developing country Parties not included in the regional groups and constituencies above and one alternate member to rotate between developing country Parties included in the groups and constituencies listed above;
11. *Decides* that the Green Climate Fund be conferred juridical personality and legal capacity and shall enjoy such privileges and immunities related to the discharge and fulfilment of its functions, in accordance with paragraphs 7 and 8 of the governing instrument;
12. *Invites* Parties, in line with the objectives set forth in paragraph 12 above, to submit to the Board expressions of interest for hosting the Green Climate Fund by 15 April 2012, based on the following criteria:
 - (a) The ability to confer and/or recognize juridical personality and legal capacity to the Fund for the protection of its interests and the exercise of its functions, to give effect to paragraphs 7 and 8 of the governing

- instrument, including but not limited to the ability to contract, acquire and dispose of immovable and movable property, and to institute legal proceedings;
- (b) The ability to provide privileges and immunities to the Fund as are necessary for the fulfilment of its purposes, and to the officials of the Fund as are necessary for the independent exercise of their official functions in connection with the Fund;
 - (c) Financial arrangements, administrative and logistical support to the Fund;
 - (d) Any other information that the host country wishes to provide;
13. *Requests* the Board, following the receipt of expressions of interest, to conduct an open and transparent process for the selection of the host country, and to decide on a host country for endorsement by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth session, in accordance with paragraph 22 of the governing instrument;
 14. *Also requests* the Board and the host country of the Green Climate Fund to develop, in accordance with paragraphs 7 and 8 of the governing instrument, the legal and administrative arrangements for hosting the Fund, and to ensure that juridical personality and legal capacity are conferred to the Fund, and privileges and immunities as are necessary are granted to the Fund and its officials in an expeditious manner;
 15. *Further requests* the Board to establish the independent secretariat of the Green Climate Fund in the host country in an expedited manner as soon as possible, in accordance with paragraph 19 of the governing instrument;
 16. *Invites* the Board to select the trustee of the Green Climate Fund through an open, transparent and competitive bidding process in a timely manner to ensure that there is no discontinuity in trustee services;
 17. *Requests* the Board to initiate a process to collaborate with the Adaptation Committee and the Technology Executive Committee, as well as other relevant thematic bodies under the Convention, to define linkages between the Fund and these bodies, as appropriate;
 18. *Recognizes* the need to facilitate the immediate functioning of the Green Climate Fund and ensure its independence, requests the UNFCCC secretariat jointly with the Global Environment Facility secretariat to take the necessary administrative steps to set up the interim secretariat of the Green Climate Fund as an autonomous unit within the UNFCCC secretariat premises without undue delay after the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties so that the interim secretariat can provide technical, administrative and logistical support to the Board until the independent secretariat of the Green Climate Fund is established;
 19. *Decides* that the interim arrangements should terminate no later than the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties;
 20. *Also decides* that the interim secretariat shall be fully accountable to the Board and shall function under its guidance and authority, and that its head shall report to the Board;
 21. *Urges* the Board to move promptly to appoint the head of the interim secretariat;
 22. *Decides* that the criteria for the selection of the head of the interim secretariat shall include, inter alia, expertise in the design or management of funds, relevant administrative and management experience, experience in or working with developing countries, and policy expertise;
 23. *Requests* the interim secretariat to make arrangements for convening the first Board meeting by 30 April 2012;
 24. *Welcomes* the offers made by Switzerland and the Republic of Korea to host the first and second meetings of the Board respectively, and invites Parties to host subsequent meetings;
 25. *Invites* Parties to make financial contributions for the start-up of the Green Climate Fund, including administrative costs of the Board and its interim secretariat;
 26. *Welcomes* the generous offers of the Republic of Korea, Germany and Denmark to contribute to the start-up cost of the Green Climate Fund.

*10th plenary meeting
11 December 2011*

Annex

Governing instrument for the Green Climate Fund

The Green Climate Fund (hereinafter the “Fund”) is hereby established and will operate in accordance with the following provisions:

I. Objectives and guiding principles

1. Given the urgency and seriousness of climate change, the purpose of the Fund is to make a significant and ambitious contribution to the global efforts towards attaining the goals set by the international community to combat climate change.
2. The Fund will contribute to the achievement of the ultimate objective of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). In the context of sustainable development, the Fund will promote the paradigm shift towards low-emission and climate-resilient development pathways by providing support to developing countries to limit or reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to the impacts of climate change, taking into account the needs of those developing countries particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.
3. The Fund will be guided by the principles and provisions of the Convention. The Fund will operate in a transparent and accountable manner guided by efficiency and effectiveness. The Fund will play a key role in channeling new, additional, adequate and predictable financial resources to developing countries and will catalyse climate finance, both public and private, and at the international and national levels. The Fund will pursue a country-driven approach and promote and strengthen engagement at the country level through effective involvement of relevant institutions and stakeholders. The Fund will be scalable and flexible and will be a continuously learning institution guided by processes for monitoring and evaluation. The Fund will strive to maximize the impact of its funding for adaptation and mitigation, and seek a balance between the two, while promoting environmental, social, economic and development co-benefits and taking a gender-sensitive approach.

II. Governance and institutional arrangements

A. Relationship to the Conference of the Parties

4. The Fund will be designated as an operating entity of the financial mechanism under Article 11 of the Convention and will be accountable to and function under the guidance of the Conference of the Parties (COP).
5. The Fund will be governed and supervised by a Board that will have full responsibility for funding decisions.
6. Arrangements will be concluded between the COP and the Fund, consistent with Article 11 of the Convention, to ensure that the Fund is accountable to and functions under the guidance of the COP. In order to ensure accountability to the COP, pursuant to Article 11, paragraph 3, the Board will:
 - (a) Receive guidance from the COP, including on matters related to policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria, and matters related thereto;
 - (b) Take appropriate action in response to the guidance received;
 - (c) Submit annual reports to the COP for its consideration and receive further guidance.

B. Legal status

7. In order to operate effectively internationally, the Fund will possess juridical personality and will have such legal capacity as is necessary for the exercise of its functions and the protection of its interests.
8. The Fund will enjoy such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the fulfilment of its purposes. The officials of the Fund will similarly enjoy such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the independent exercise of their official functions in connection with the Fund.

C. Rules of procedure of the Board

1. Composition

9. The Board will have 24 members, composed of an equal number of members from developing and developed country Parties. Representation from developing country Parties will include representatives of relevant United Nations regional groupings and representatives from small island developing States (SIDS) and least developed countries (LDCs).

10. Each Board member will have an alternate member, with alternate members entitled to participate in the meetings of the Board only through the principal member, without the right to vote, unless they are serving as the member. During the absence of the member from all or part of a meeting of the Board, his or her alternate will serve as the member.

2. Selection of Board members

11. The members of the Board and their alternates will be selected by their respective constituency or regional group within a constituency. Members of the Board will have the necessary experience and skills, notably in the areas of climate change and development finance, with due consideration given to gender balance.

3. Term of membership

12. Members and alternate members will serve for a term of three years and be eligible to serve additional terms as determined by their constituency.

4. Chairmanship

13. Two co-chairs of the Board will be elected by the Board members from within their membership to serve for a period of one year, with one being a member from a developed country Party and the other being a member from a developing country Party.

5. Decision-making

14. Decisions of the Board will be taken by consensus of the Board members. The Board will develop procedures for adopting decisions in the event that all efforts at reaching consensus have been exhausted.

6. Quorum

15. A two-thirds majority of Board members must be present at a meeting to constitute a quorum.

7. Observers

16. The Board will make arrangements, including developing and operating accreditation processes, to allow for effective participation by accredited observers in its meetings. The Board will invite, to participate as active observers: two civil society representatives, one each from developing and developed countries, and two private sector representatives, one each from developing and developed countries.

8. Additional rules of procedure

17. Additional rules of procedures will be developed by the Board.

D. Role and functions of the Board

18. The Board of the Fund will:

- (a) Oversee the operation of all relevant components of the Fund;
- (b) Approve operational modalities, access modalities and funding structures;
- (c) Approve specific operational policies and guidelines, including for programming, project cycle, administration, and financial management;
- (d) Approve funding in line with the Fund's principles, criteria, modalities, policies and programmes;
- (e) Develop environmental and social safeguards and fiduciary principles and standards that are internationally accepted;
- (f) Develop criteria and application processes for the accreditation of implementing entities of the Fund and accredit implementing entities and withdraw such accreditation;
- (g) Establish subcommittees and panels and define their terms of reference, as appropriate;
- (h) Establish additional thematic windows and/or substructures to address specific activities, as appropriate;
- (i) Establish a framework for the monitoring and evaluation of performance and the financial accountability of activities supported by the Fund and any necessary external audits;
- (j) Review and approve the administrative budget of the Fund and arrange for performance reviews and audits;
- (k) Appoint the Executive Director of the secretariat;

- (l) Appoint the head of the evaluation unit and the heads of all accountability units;
- (m) Receive guidance and take action in response to any guidance from the COP and prepare annual reports to the COP on its activities;
- (n) Develop working and coordination arrangements with other relevant bodies under the Convention and other relevant international institutions;
- (o) Select, appoint and enter into legal and administrative arrangements with the trustee;
- (p) Exercise such other functions as may be appropriate to fulfil the objectives of the Fund.

E. Secretariat

1. Establishment of the secretariat

19. The Fund will establish a secretariat, which will be fully independent. The secretariat will service and be accountable to the Board. It will have effective management capabilities to execute the day-to-day operations of the Fund.
20. The secretariat will be headed by an Executive Director with the necessary experiences and skills, who will be appointed by and be accountable to the Board. The Board will approve the job description and qualifications for the Executive Director. The Executive Director will be selected through a merit-based, open and transparent process.
21. The secretariat will be staffed with professional staff with relevant experience. The staff selection will be managed by the Executive Director and will be open, transparent and based on merit, taking into account geographical and gender balance.
22. The selection of the host country of the Fund will be an open and transparent process. The selection of the host country will be endorsed by the COP.

2. Functions

23. The secretariat will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Fund, providing administrative, legal and financial expertise. In particular, the secretariat will:
- (a) Organize and execute all administrative duties;
 - (b) Report information on the Fund's activities;
 - (c) Liaise with members, implementing entities, and cooperating bilateral and multilateral institutions and agencies;
 - (d) Prepare performance reports on the implementation of activities under the Fund;
 - (e) (Develop the work programme and annual administrative budget of the secretariat and trustee and submit them for approval by the Board;
 - (f) Operationalize the project and programme cycle processes;
 - (g) Prepare financial agreements related to the specific financing instrument to be concluded with an implementing entity;
 - (h) Monitor the financial risks of the outstanding portfolio;
 - (i) Work with the trustee to support the Board to enable it to carry out its responsibilities;
 - (j) Carry out monitoring and evaluation functions;
 - (k) Support the Board in arranging replenishment processes;
 - (l) Establish and run effective knowledge management practices;
 - (m) Perform any other functions assigned by the Board.

F. Trustee

24. The Fund will have a trustee with administrative competence to manage the financial assets of the Fund. The trustee will maintain appropriate financial records and will prepare financial statements and other reports required by the Board, in accordance with internationally accepted fiduciary standards.
25. The trustee will administer the assets of the Fund only for the purpose of, and in accordance with, the relevant decisions of the Board. The trustee will hold the assets of the Fund separate and apart from the assets of the trustee, but may commingle them for administrative and investment purposes with other assets maintained

by the trustee. The trustee will establish and maintain separate records and accounts in order to identify the assets of the Fund.

26. The World Bank will serve as interim trustee for the Fund, subject to a review three years after the operationalization of the Fund.

27. The trustee will be accountable to the Board for the performance of its responsibilities as trustee for the Fund.

III. Administrative costs

28. The Fund will finance the operating costs of the Board, secretariat and trustee.

IV. Financial inputs

29. The Fund will receive financial inputs from developed country Parties to the Convention.

30. The Fund may also receive financial inputs from a variety of other sources, public and private, including alternative sources.

V. Operational modalities

31. The Fund will provide simplified and improved access to funding, including direct access, basing its activities on a country-driven approach and will encourage the involvement of relevant stakeholders, including vulnerable groups and addressing gender aspects.

32. The Board will steer the Fund's operations so that they evolve with the Fund's scale and maturity and will exercise flexibility to allow the Fund to evolve over time and become the main global fund for climate change finance.

A. Complementarity and coherence

33. The Fund shall operate in the context of appropriate arrangements between itself and other existing funds under the Convention, and between itself and other funds, entities, and channels of climate change financing outside the Fund.

34. The Board will develop methods to enhance complementarity between the activities of the Fund and the activities of other relevant bilateral, regional and global funding mechanisms and institutions, to better mobilize the full range of financial and technical capacities. The Fund will promote coherence in programming at the national level through appropriate mechanisms. The Fund will also initiate discussions on coherence in climate finance delivery with other relevant multilateral entities.

B. Eligibility

35. All developing country Parties to the Convention are eligible to receive resources from the Fund. The Fund will finance agreed full and agreed incremental costs for activities to enable and support enhanced action on adaptation, mitigation (including REDD-plus),¹¹ technology development and transfer (including carbon capture and storage), capacity-building and the preparation of national reports by developing countries.

36. The Fund will support developing countries in pursuing project-based and programmatic approaches in accordance with climate change strategies and plans, such as low-emission development strategies or plans, nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMAs), national adaptation plans of action (NAPAs), national adaptation plans (NAPs) and other related activities.

C. Funding windows and fund structure

37. The Fund will have thematic funding windows. Initially, the Fund will have windows for adaptation and mitigation. An integrated approach to funding mitigation and adaptation will be used to allow for cross-cutting projects and programmes.

38. The Board shall also ensure adequate resources for capacity-building and technology development and transfer. The Fund will also provide resources for innovative and replicable approaches.

39. The Board will consider the need for additional windows. The Board will have the authority to add, modify and remove additional windows and substructures or facilities as appropriate.

¹¹ Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries.

1. Readiness and preparatory support

40. The Fund will provide resources for readiness and preparatory activities and technical assistance, such as the preparation or strengthening of low-emission development strategies or plans, NAMAs, NAPs, NAPAs and for in-country institutional strengthening, including the strengthening of capacities for country coordination and to meet fiduciary principles and standards and environmental and social safeguards, in order to enable countries to directly access the Fund.

2. Private sector

41. The Fund will have a private sector facility that enables it to directly and indirectly finance private sector mitigation and adaptation activities at the national, regional and international levels.

42. The operation of the facility will be consistent with a country-driven approach.

43. The facility will promote the participation of private sector actors in developing countries, in particular local actors, including small- and medium-sized enterprises and local financial intermediaries. The facility will also support activities to enable private sector involvement in SIDS and LDCs.

44. The Board will develop the necessary arrangements, including access modalities, to operationalize the facility.

D. Access modalities and accreditation

45. Access to Fund resources will be through national, regional and international implementing entities accredited by the Board. Recipient countries will determine the mode of access and both modalities can be used simultaneously.

46. Recipient countries may designate a national authority. This national designated authority will recommend to the Board funding proposals in the context of national climate strategies and plans, including through consultation processes. The national designated authorities will be consulted on other funding proposals for consideration prior to submission to the Fund, to ensure consistency with national climate strategies and plans.

1. Direct access

47. Recipient countries will nominate competent subnational, national and regional implementing entities for accreditation to receive funding. The Board will consider additional modalities that further enhance direct access, including through funding entities with a view to enhancing country ownership of projects and programmes.

2. International access

48. Recipient countries will also be able to access the Fund through accredited international entities, including United Nations agencies, multilateral development banks, international financial institutions and regional institutions.

3. Accreditation

49. The Board will develop, manage and oversee an accreditation process for all implementing entities based on specific accreditation criteria that reflect the Fund's fiduciary principles and standards and environmental and social safeguards.

E. Allocation

50. The Board will balance the allocation of resources between adaptation and mitigation activities under the Fund and ensure appropriate allocation of resources for other activities.

51. A results-based approach will be an important criterion for allocating resources.

52. In allocating resources for adaptation, the Board will take into account the urgent and immediate needs of developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, including LDCs, SIDS and African States, using minimum allocation floors for these countries as appropriate. The Board will aim for appropriate geographical balance.

F. Programming and approval processes

53. The Fund will have a streamlined programming and approval process to enable timely disbursement. The Board will develop simplified processes for the approval of proposals for certain activities, in particular small-scale activities.

VI. Financial instruments

54. The Fund will provide financing in the form of grants and concessional lending, and through other modalities, instruments or facilities as may be approved by the Board. Financing will be tailored to cover the identifiable additional costs of the investment necessary to make the project viable. The Fund will seek to catalyse additional public and private finance through its activities at the national and international levels.

55. The Fund may employ results-based financing approaches, including, in particular for incentivizing mitigation actions, payment for verified results, where appropriate.

56. Financial management practices and financing agreements will be in keeping with the Fund's fiduciary principles and standards and environmental and social safeguards to be adopted by the Board. The Board will develop an appropriate risk management policy for funding and financial instruments.

VII. Monitoring

57. The programmes and projects, as well as other activities, funded by the Fund will be regularly monitored for impact, efficiency and effectiveness in line with rules and procedures established by the Board. The use of participatory monitoring involving stakeholders will be encouraged.

58. A results measurement framework with guidelines and appropriate performance indicators will be approved by the Board. Performance against these indicators will be reviewed periodically in order to support the continuous improvement of the Fund's impact, effectiveness and operational performance.

VIII. Evaluation

59. There will be periodic independent evaluations of the performance of the Fund in order to provide an objective assessment of the results of the Fund, including its funded activities and its effectiveness and efficiency. The purpose of these independent evaluations is to inform decision-making by the Board and to identify and disseminate lessons learned. The results of the periodic evaluations will be published.

60. To this end, the Board will establish an operationally independent evaluation unit as part of the core structure of the Fund. The head of the unit will be selected by, and will report to, the Board. The frequency and types of evaluation to be conducted will be specified by the unit in agreement with the Board.

61. Reports of the Fund's independent evaluation unit will be provided to the COP for purposes of periodic reviews of the financial mechanism of the Convention.

62. The COP may commission an independent assessment of the overall performance of the Fund, including Board performance.

IX. Fiduciary standards

63. The Board will agree on, adopt, and ensure the application of best practice fiduciary principles and standards to the Fund's entities, the trustee's function related to the Fund, and to all operations, projects and programmes financed by the Fund, including the implementing entities.

64. The Fund will support the strengthening of capacities in recipient countries, where needed, to be able to meet the Fund's fiduciary principles and standards, based on modalities that will be established by the Board.

X. Environmental and social safeguards

65. The Board will agree on and adopt best practice environmental and social safeguards, which shall be applied to all programmes and projects financed using the resources of the Fund.

66. The Fund will support the strengthening of capacities in recipient countries, where needed, to enable them to meet the Fund's environmental and social safeguards, based on modalities that shall be developed by the Board.

XI. Accountability mechanisms

67. The Fund's operations will be subject to an information disclosure policy that will be developed by the Board.

68. The Board will establish an independent integrity unit, to work with the secretariat and report to the Board, to investigate allegations of fraud and corruption in coordination with relevant counterpart authorities.

69. The Board will establish an independent redress mechanism that will report to the Board. The mechanism will receive complaints related to the operation of the Fund and will evaluate and make recommendations.

XII. Expert and technical advice

70. In carrying out its functions the Board will develop mechanisms to draw on appropriate expert and technical advice, including from the relevant thematic bodies established under the Convention, as appropriate.

XIII. Stakeholder input and participation

71. The Board will develop mechanisms to promote the input and participation of stakeholders, including private-sector actors, civil society organizations, vulnerable groups, women and indigenous peoples, in the design, development and implementation of the strategies and activities to be financed by the Fund.

XIV. Termination of the Fund

72. Termination of the Fund will be approved by the COP based on a recommendation of the Board.

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Guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism – the Green Climate Fund and the Global Environment Facility – and on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund

1. *Confirms* that the Standing Committee on Finance shall serve the Paris Agreement;
2. *Also confirms* that the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund shall serve the Paris Agreement;
3. Requests the Standing Committee on Finance to prepare draft guidance for the entities entrusted with the operation of the Financial Mechanism, and on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund, for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its second session (December 2019);
4. Confirms that it shall provide guidance to the entities entrusted with the operation of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention on the policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria related to the Paris Agreement for transmission by the Conference of the Parties;
5. Recommends that, in accordance with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 61, the Conference of the Parties transmit to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism the guidance contained in the decisions referred to in paragraph 4 above;

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15 December 2018*