

Global Environment Facility

Guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism Climate Finance Decisions Booklet

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Decision 3/CP.30

(FCCC/CP/2025/12/Add.1)

Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Notes* the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties at its thirtieth session,¹ including the responses of the Global Environment Facility to previous guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties;
2. *Welcomes* the achievement by the Global Environment Facility of its climate change target of exceeding 1.85 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide emission reductions under the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility by June 2025, as reported at the 69th meeting of its Council;
3. *Also welcomes* the policy adjustments and streamlining of policy requirements proposed by the Global Environment Facility aimed at increasing the accessibility of its funding;
4. *Further welcomes* recent developments related to the simplification of processes and programmes of the Global Environment Facility, as well as the ongoing efforts of the Facility in enhancing its strategic collaboration with the Green Climate Fund, the Adaptation Fund and the Climate Investment Funds aimed at enhancing coherence and complementarity of work and the timely access of developing countries to resources;
5. *Welcomes* the ongoing reform concerning expansion to three additional implementing agencies for the Global Environment Facility and *encourages* the expansion of the cohort of implementing agencies of the Global Environment Facility in developing countries in all regions, with a focus on underserved regions, with a view to enhancing access to resources of the Facility in those regions;
6. *Underscores* the importance of the modalities and procedures of the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies for enabling activities being flexible and adaptable to the national contexts of developing country Parties in order to prevent funding gaps between reporting cycles, ensure timely approval of projects and ensure continuity of staff in national technical teams;
7. *Expresses concern* regarding the possible decrease in the financial resources to be allocated to the climate focal area under the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility and *emphasizes* that the ninth replenishment should continue to channel financial resources for climate action in developing countries;
8. *Encourages* ambitious pledges to the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility;
9. *Also encourages* the Global Environment Facility to ensure that programming for the climate change focal area under its ninth replenishment remains country-driven and takes into account, as appropriate, nationally determined priorities;
10. *Notes with concern* the absence of a pledging session for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund at this session of the Conference of the Parties;
11. *Encourages* scaled-up contributions to the Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund;
12. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, in administering the Least Developed Countries Fund, to continue facilitating the smooth transition of developing countries graduating from least developed country status by continuing to provide approved funding through the Fund until the completion of projects approved by the Least Developed Countries Fund Council prior to those countries' graduation from least developed country status and *also requests* the Global Environment Facility to consider developing further measures to help ensure this smooth transition for recently graduated least developed countries;
13. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to continue its efforts to enhance coherence and complementarity with other climate funds and ensure that those efforts do not result in restricted access to resources by developing countries or reduced availability of finance for them;
14. *Also invites* the Global Environment Facility to ensure full implementation of the streamlining measures approved by the Council of the Global Environment Facility at its 69th meeting² and to report in

¹ [FCCC/CP/2025/8](#) and [Add.1](#).

² Contained in Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.69/12.

its next annual report to the Conference of the Parties on the reduction in the time taken between project identification and endorsement by the Chief Executive Officer of the Global Environment Facility;

15. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to further simplify and operationalize the preparation, review and approval processes with a view to enhancing predictability of, reducing delays in and providing more responsive support to developing country Parties, including, as appropriate, through a simplified grant application procedure;

16. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility, in its consideration of partnerships, to build national and local capacity with a view to ensuring that projects are not only designed locally but also implemented and managed locally, thereby enhancing their effectiveness and country-ownership;

17. *Invites* the participants in the development of the Global Environment Facility Programming Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change for the Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund and Operational Improvements: July 2026 to June 2030³ for the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility to consider the Program-based Implementation Approach proposed as part thereof, targeted at achieving a set maximum of entities accredited to the Green Climate Fund and the Adaptation Fund across developing countries;

18. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to continue providing support for technology deployment and innovation in line with its mandate and countries' technology needs assessments;

19. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to ensure safeguards for the rights of Indigenous Peoples and to consider Indigenous Peoples' perspectives and diverse knowledge systems in its decision-making, in line with the Principles and Guidelines for Engagement with Indigenous Peoples;⁴

20. *Also invites* the Global Environment Facility to ensure the effective and meaningful integration of gender considerations into all programmes funded by the Global Environment Facility and *encourages* the Global Environment Facility, under its Gender Partnership, to continue its efforts to deliver strong results for gender equality;

21. *Invites* Parties to submit views and recommendations on elements of guidance for the Global Environment Facility via the submission portal⁵ no later than 12 weeks prior to the thirty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2026);

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 Global Environment Facility 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);

23. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility to include in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties information on the steps it has taken to implement the guidance provided in this decision;

24. *Takes note* of decision [7/CMA.7](#) and *decides* to transmit to the Global Environment Facility the guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement contained in paragraphs 2–8 of that decision.⁶

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22 November 2025*

³ Contained in Global Environment Facility document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.37/04.

⁴ Contained in Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.42/Inf.03/Rev.1.

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

⁶ In accordance with decision [1/CP.21](#), para. 61.

Decision 7/CMA.7
(FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/19/Add.1)

Guidance to the Global Environment Facility

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 Global Environment Facility the guidance contained in paragraphs 2–8 below;
2. *Recalls* decision [1/CMA.6](#) and *requests* the Global Environment Facility to take into account, as appropriate, relevant paragraphs therein in its upcoming and future related work;
3. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to continue strengthening its collaboration, coordination and harmonization with the other operating entities of the Financial Mechanism in order to ensure enhanced effectiveness, coherence, complementarity and impact in the delivery of climate finance, as well as enhanced access to it, as appropriate;
4. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to explore how it could support developing country Parties in their efforts towards achieving the global goal on adaptation, in accordance with its mandate;
5. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to support developing country Parties in implementing the Belém Technology Implementation Programme;
6. *Also encourages* the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies to continue providing financial support for the preparation of biennial transparency reports and national communications by developing country Parties;
7. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to maintain the support for reporting and capacity-building, including for activities under the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency;
8. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility to strengthen its efforts in providing support to developing country Parties for them to build their capacity and enhance their institutional arrangements, as well as for training, in relation to effectively implementing the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement.

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22 November 2025

Decision 4/CP.29

(FCCC/CP/2024/11/Add.1)

Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility

The Conference of the Parties

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

¹ [FCCC/CP/2024/8](#) and [Add.1](#).

of pledges, highlighting the importance of increased support for both Funds, and recalling paragraph 8 of decision [17/CP.27](#), while acknowledging approval of the largest ever Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund work programme in fiscal year 2024, with USD 382.32 million allocated to 31 projects and programmes under the Least Developed Countries Fund and USD 24.87 million to 5 projects under the Special Climate Change Fund, totalling USD 407.19 million across 36 projects and programmes;

9. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to further streamline the processes of the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund to simplify access for eligible countries, as appropriate;

10. *Welcomes* the ongoing collaboration of the Global Environment Facility with the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network and *encourages* the Global Environment Facility to consider opportunities for scaling up programmes focused on technology and innovation;

11. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to consider areas for improvement in the context of the gender-responsiveness of its work, taking into account relevant insights, including the summary report of the 2024 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance on accelerating climate action and resilience through gender-responsive finance;²

12. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to work to ensure that all its implementing agencies fully comply with its policy on gender equality³ in implementing climate projects funded by the Global Environment Facility in order to help ensure equal opportunities for women and men in terms of participating in, contributing to and benefiting from activities financed by the Global Environment Facility;

13. *Also encourages* the Global Environment Facility to clearly outline in its work programmes how Indigenous Peoples as well as local communities can meaningfully engage in the development of Global Environment Facility programmes and projects and benefit therefrom;

14. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, in administering the Least Developed Countries Fund, to continue facilitating the smooth transition of developing countries graduating from least developed country status by continuing to provide approved funding through the Fund until the completion of projects approved by the Least Developed Countries Fund Council prior to those countries' graduation from least developed country status and *also requests* the Global Environment Facility to consider developing further measures to help ensure this smooth transition for recently graduated least developed countries;

15. *Further requests* the Global Environment Facility to continue to support the strengthening of institutional arrangements and the building of capacity in developing countries with a view to facilitating improved access to and use of Global Environment Facility resources, facilitating knowledge-sharing and South-South learning on Global Environment Facility projects and exploring areas for further collaboration;

16. *Decides* to modify the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Global Environment Facility,⁴ as outlined in the annex, for consideration and approval by the Council of the Global Environment Facility before the thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2025), thereby making the revised memorandum of understanding effective upon the Council's approval, and ensuring that the subsequent guidance from the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement is provided to the Global Environment Facility annually until their thirty-first (November 2026) and eighth (November 2026) sessions respectively, and biennially thereafter, and also at sessions held in the year immediately preceding the initiation of discussions on new replenishments;

17. *Confirms* that guidance may be provided outside the biennial cycle referred to in the modification to the memorandum of understanding as outlined in the annex, upon request by a Party, consistent with rules 9–13 of the draft rules of procedure⁵ being applied, as well as at each session preceding the final year of each replenishment of the Global Environment Facility;

² [FCCC/CP/2024/6/Add.5–FCCC/PA/CMA/2024/8/Add.5](#).

³ See Global Environment Facility document SD/PL/02.

⁴ Contained in decision 12/CP.2, annex.

⁵ [FCCC/CP/1996/2](#).

18. *Invites* Parties to submit views and recommendations on elements of guidance for the Global Environment Facility via the submission portal⁶ no later than 16 weeks prior to the thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties;
19. *Requests* the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph 18 above in preparing its draft guidance for the Global Environment Facility for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirtieth session and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its seventh session (November 2025);
20. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility to include in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties information on the steps it has taken to implement the guidance provided in this decision;
21. *Takes note* of decision [10/CMA.6](#) and *decides* to transmit to the Global Environment Facility the guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement contained in paragraphs 2–6 of that decision.⁷

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23 November 2024*

⁶ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

⁷ In accordance with decision [1/CP.21](#), para. 61.

Annex

Modification to the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility

Paragraph 3

For the existing paragraph 3 *substitute*

3. The Conference of the Parties will communicate to the Council of the Global Environment Facility any policy guidance approved by the Conference of the Parties concerning the Financial Mechanism:

(h) Annually after each of its sessions, until the end of 2026, and biennially thereafter, after every other session;

(i) After each of its sessions immediately preceding the final year of each replenishment of the Global Environment Facility;

(j) Where applicable, after any session not referred to in paragraph 3(a–b) above, should the Conference of the Parties decide to do so.

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Decision 10/CMA.6

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

Guidance to the Global Environment Facility

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 Global Environment Facility the guidance contained in paragraphs 2–6 below;¹
2. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to include further information in its annual report for 2025 regarding how funds are used to ensure that enabling activities support the sustainability of national reporting systems and enhance institutional capacity in developing country Parties;
3. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility to consider how it can improve the delivery of support for the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency and enabling activities to avoid gaps between the project cycles, provide support that is timely, and enhance the sustainability of national reporting systems and workflows necessary for developing country Parties to meet their requirements under the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement on a continuous basis;
4. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility, in the context of its ninth replenishment, to consider:
 - (a) Information submitted by developing country Parties in their first biennial transparency reports pursuant to paragraphs 143–145 of the annex to decision [18/CMA.1](#);
 - (b) Information submitted by Parties pursuant to paragraph 17 of decision [18/CMA.5](#);
 - (c) The synthesis report referred to in paragraph 18 of decision [18/CMA.5](#);
 - (d) The use of transparency support funds available through the transparency allocation under its eighth replenishment;
5. *Notes* paragraphs 16–17 of decision [4/CP.29](#) regarding guidance to the Global Environment Facility;
6. *Confirms* that guidance may be provided, for transmission by the Conference of the Parties, in accordance with the modification to the memorandum of understanding as outlined in the annex to decision [4/CP.29](#), upon request by a Party consistent with rules 9–13 of the draft rules of procedure being applied,² as well as at each session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement preceding the final year of each replenishment of the Global Environment Facility.

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23 November 2024*

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

² [FCCC/CP/1996/2](#).

Decision 7/CP.28

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

Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-eighth session and its addendum,¹ including the response of the Global Environment Facility to the guidance received from the Conference of the Parties;
2. *Notes* the work undertaken by the Global Environment Facility during its reporting period (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023), including:
 - (a) Approval of 34 climate change projects and programmes under the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund;
 - (b) Continued integration of climate change priorities into its other focal areas and integrated programmes and the expected avoidance or sequestration of 1,007.4 megatonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent achieved through such integration;
 - (c) Continued implementation of the long-term vision on complementarity, coherence and collaboration with the Green Climate Fund;
 - (d) Actions following cases of mismanagement of funding from the Global Environment Facility in projects managed by one of its implementing agencies;
 - (e) Continued work to implement the recommendations in decision 24/2020 of the Council of the Global Environment Facility;
3. *Welcomes* the successful start of the implementation of the eighth replenishment cycle, including the 11 integrated programmes, and *encourages* the Global Environment Facility to continue to track and regularly report to the Conference of the Parties the climate-related benefits of the integrated programmes;
4. *Also encourages* the Global Environment Facility to maximize global environmental benefits through its projects and programmes with a focus on co-benefits relating to climate change;
5. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to continue its support to developing countries in implementing the reporting requirements under the Convention, consistent with its current mandates;
6. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to consider ways to better serve different regions, including by taking into account the needs of and challenges faced by developing countries in implementing the transparency requirements under the Convention;
7. *Also encourages* the Global Environment Facility to continue to strengthen its Small Grants Programme to provide better support for youth, women and girls, local communities and Indigenous Peoples;
8. *Welcomes with appreciation* the financial pledges to the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund made by Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Norway, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, equivalent to USD 179.06 million;
9. *Commends* the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund for their enhanced support to developing countries and in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States for addressing the adverse impacts of climate change;
10. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, in administering the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund, to continue to support the least developed countries and small island developing States to utilize programmatic approaches to implement policies, programmes and projects identified in their national adaptation plans and adaptation components of nationally determined contributions;
11. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to encourage its implementing agencies to facilitate more active engagement of women, youth, local communities and Indigenous Peoples in the formulation and implementation of its projects and programmes;

¹ FCCC/CP/2023/6 and Add.1.

12. *Welcomes* the continued support by the Global Environment Facility for climate-friendly innovation, and technology development and transfer and related capacity-building, including in partnership with private sector actors and others, and *requests* the Global Environment Facility to continue to provide such support, in particular for technology needs assessments, and technology action plans and their implementation;
13. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility to consider ways to enhance its ongoing work to fund activities relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage, consistent with its current mandates;
14. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to continue its efforts to further streamline, consolidate and increase the efficiency of its operations, including by simplifying the information requirements for designing and implementing its projects and programmes;
15. *Welcomes* the ongoing efforts of the Global Environment Facility to improve its fiduciary standards, to which its implementing agencies are accountable;
16. *Also welcomes* the ongoing efforts of the Global Environment Facility to continue assessing and addressing the risks induced by the current level of funding concentration among some of its implementing agencies;
17. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to continue to show appropriate flexibility with respect to geographical restrictions in implementing agencies to reduce agency concentration and enable wider geographical reach of its projects, in a country-driven manner;²
18. *Also encourages* the Global Environment Facility to open a targeted round of implementing agency expansion within the Global Environment Facility partnership with a focus on underserved regions, with regard to implementing agency coverage, in line with existing policies and procedures;
19. *Further encourages* the Global Environment Facility to enhance coherence and complementarity with other climate finance delivery channels with a view to enhancing the impact and effectiveness of its work and decreasing transaction costs, inter alia through streamlining and simplifying, where feasible and to the extent possible, its procedures and guidelines and *takes note* of these ongoing efforts;
20. *Notes* the adoption of the private sector engagement strategy of the Global Environment Facility³ at the 59th meeting of the Council of the Global Environment Facility and *encourages* the Global Environment Facility to reinforce its efforts to mobilize and engage with private sector actors during its eighth replenishment cycle;
21. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, from existing allocations in the Blended Finance Global Programme, to further explore risk-taking and to foster innovation in the context of its programming in order to use its concessional financing more effectively and mobilize additional private funds;
22. *Welcomes* the policy on gender equality⁴ adopted by the Council of the Global Environment Facility and *encourages* the Global Environment Facility to ensure that all its implementing agencies apply this policy;
23. *Also encourages* the Global Environment Facility to further explore ways to provide support for assessing the needs and priorities of developing countries⁵ in a country-driven manner, including technology and capacity-building needs, and for translating climate finance needs into action;
24. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat their views and recommendations on elements of guidance for the Global Environment Facility via the submission portal⁶ no later than 12 weeks prior to the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2024);
25. *Requests* the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph 24 above in preparing its draft guidance for the Global Environment Facility and 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;

² See Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.64/10.

³ Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.59/07/Rev.1.

⁴ Global Environment Facility document SD/PL/02.

⁵ With reference to Global Environment Facility. 2019. *Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility*. Washington, D.C.: Global Environment Facility. Available at <https://www.thegef.org/documents/instrument-establishment-restructured-gef>.

⁶ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

26. *Takes note* of decision 11/CMA.5 and *decides* to transmit to the Global Environment Facility the guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement contained in paragraphs 2–12 of that decision.⁷

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13 December 2023*

⁷ In accordance with decision 1/CP.21, para. 61.

Decision 11/CMA.5
(FCCC/PA/CMA/2023/16/Add.2)

Guidance to the Global Environment Facility

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

Recalling Article 13, in particular paragraph 14, of the Paris Agreement, which states that support shall be provided to developing countries for the implementation of that Article,

Also recalling Article 13, in particular paragraph 15, of the Paris Agreement, which states that support shall also be provided for the building of transparency-related capacity of developing country Parties on a continuous basis,

1. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-eighth session transmit to the Global Environment Facility the guidance contained in paragraphs 2–12 below;

2. *Welcomes* the support provided in accordance with Article 13 of the Paris Agreement through the Global Environment Facility to developing countries in relation to their implementation of the enhanced transparency framework during the reporting period (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023), including support for:

(a) Preparing biennial transparency reports, including through the combined application process for preparing multiple biennial transparency reports and the expedited process for projects related to biennial transparency reports;

(b) Implementing 89 projects under the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency in 87 countries aimed at building national capacity to implement the enhanced transparency framework;

3. *Underlines* the importance of providing adequate and predictable support to developing countries for preparing biennial transparency reports;

4. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to continue efforts to provide, in an expeditious manner, adequate, predictable and timely financial support to developing countries for preparing biennial transparency reports, and to enhance collaboration with its implementing agencies to promote timely delivery of support;

5. *Underscores* the importance of the Global Environment Facility exploring alternative programming modalities, procedures and processes for facilitating and expediting access to financial resources for enabling activities;

6. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to include in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-ninth session (November 2024) information on lessons learned with respect to enabling activities, in particular on the costs, access modalities and delivery of support for preparing the first biennial transparency reports;

7. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility in administering the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund to take into account, in the context of its adaptation strategy, the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience referred to in decision 2/CMA.5, and to explore ways to support Parties in achieving the global goal on adaptation;

8. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to consider including in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties information on support provided for research development and demonstration;

9. *Also encourages* the Global Environment Facility to further explore ways to provide support for assessing developing countries' needs and priorities in a country-driven manner, including technology and capacity-building needs, and for translating climate finance needs into action;

10. *Further encourages* the Global Environment Facility to further strengthen its approach to mobilizing private finance, including through blended finance, with a view to de-risking scalable projects in developing countries and contributing to achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement;

11. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to participate in the workshops referred to in paragraph 14 of decision 18/CMA.5;

12. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to consider ways to enhance the institutional capacity of developing country Parties to assist them in meeting their reporting requirements under the Paris Agreement in accordance with its Article 13, in the context of its enabling activities, and to report thereon in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-ninth session.

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13 December 2023

Decision 17/CP.27

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

Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility

The Conference of the Parties,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-seventh session and its addendum,¹ including the response of the Global Environment Facility to the guidance received from the Conference of the Parties;
2. *Also welcomes* the work undertaken by the Global Environment Facility during the reporting period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, including:
 - (a) The approval of 86 climate change projects and programmes under the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund;
 - (b) The continued integration of climate change priorities into its other focal areas and integrated programmes and the expected avoidance or sequestration of 76.6 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent achieved through such integration;
 - (c) The continued implementation of the long-term vision on complementarity, coherence and collaboration between the Green Climate Fund and the Global Environment Facility;²
 - (d) The creation of a competitive window in the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources amounting to 8 per cent of the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources allocation for the five top recipient countries under this system;
3. *Further welcomes* the conclusion of the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility amounting to USD 5.3 billion, while noting that overall resources available for programming for the climate change focal area in the eighth replenishment increased by 6 per cent compared with the resources available in the seventh replenishment;
4. *Welcomes* the integrated programming approach of the Global Environment Facility across all five of its focal areas,³ which should help it to maximize the global environmental benefits of its support;
5. *Notes* the adoption of the private sector engagement strategy⁴ by the Global Environment Facility Council at its 59th meeting and the renewed non-grant instrument under the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility and *encourages* the Global Environment Facility to enhance its efforts to mobilize and engage with the private sector during the eighth replenishment period;
6. *Welcomes* the increased allocation of resources to small island developing States and the least developed countries in the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility under the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources, including through harmonizing the small island developing State floors with the least developed country floors and raising these floors to USD 8 million;
7. *Appreciates* the efforts of the Global Environment Facility secretariat to scale up adaptation finance for small island developing States through the designation of a dedicated window under the Special Climate Change Fund for supporting the adaptation needs of small island developing States and *encourages* continued and increased voluntary contributions of financial resources to the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund in line with the Global Environment Facility's 2022–2026 programming strategy on adaptation to climate change for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund;⁵
8. *Also encourages* the Global Environment Facility, in administering the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund, to support developing country Parties in implementing national adaptation plans and other national adaptation planning processes and *urges* developed country Parties to

¹ FCCC/CP/2022/5 and Add.1.

² Global Environment Facility Council document GEF/C.60/08.

³ The five focal areas under the work programme of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund are biodiversity, chemicals and waste, climate change, international waters and land degradation.

⁴ Global Environment Facility Council document GEF/C.59/07/Rev.01.

⁵ Global Environment Facility Council document GEF/LDCF.SCCF/SM.03/01.

increase their voluntary contributions to the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund;

9. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to work towards implementing its programming strategy on adaptation to climate change for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund during the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility so as to effectively assist developing countries;

10. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to continue to foster greater diversity of its implementing agencies, building on the comparative advantages of the various agencies and taking into account recipient country priorities;

11. *Calls on* the Global Environment Facility to enhance its support, within its mandate, for implementing the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan;⁶

12. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility secretariat to recommend further streamlining measures aimed at reducing transaction costs for all implementing agencies, reducing administrative costs and facilitating increased access by multilateral development banks;

13. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to report on its efforts to deliver the increased per-project funding ceiling under its Small Grants Programme agreed on during the eighth replenishment process;

14. *Welcomes* the Global Environment Facility's commitment to maintain an ambitious level of direct and indirect climate co-benefits in its eighth replenishment;

15. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to further explore ways to provide support to developing country Parties for assessing their needs and priorities in a country-driven manner, including technology and capacity-building needs, and for translating climate finance needs into action;

16. *Urges* the further enhancement of the support provided by the Global Environment Facility for activities related to technology training, funding for technology development and transfer and capacity-building;

17. *Encourages* the continuing engagement of the Global Environment Facility with the Green Climate Fund, including in implementing the Long-term Vision on Complementarity, Coherence and Collaboration between the Green Climate Fund and the Global Environment Facility;⁷

18. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, as appropriate, to ensure that its policies and procedures related to the consideration and review of funding proposals are duly followed in an efficient manner;

19. *Invites* Parties to submit their views and recommendations on elements of guidance for the Global Environment Facility via the submission portal⁸ no later than 10 weeks prior to the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties (November–December 2023);

20. *Requests* the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph 19 above when preparing its draft guidance for the Global Environment Facility 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);

21. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility to include in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties information on the steps it has taken to implement the guidance provided in this decision;

22. *Takes note* of decision 17/CMA.4 and *decides* to transmit to the Global Environment Facility the guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement contained in paragraphs 2–10 of that decision.⁹

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20 November 2022*

⁶ Decision 3/CP.25.

⁷ Global Environment Facility Council document GEF/C.60/08.

⁸ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

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

Decision 17/CMA.4

(FCCC/PA/CMA/2022/10/Add.3)

Guidance to the Global Environment Facility

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 Global Environment Facility the guidance contained in paragraphs 2–10 below;¹
2. *Welcomes* the actions taken by the Global Environment Facility to incorporate innovation and technology development and transfer into the programming directions under the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility, noting the goals of the Paris Agreement;
3. *Appreciates* the efforts of the Global Environment Facility in developing an expedited process for projects related to preparing biennial transparency reports and in combining the multiple processes for applying for support for preparing biennial transparency reports;
4. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to further enhance its reporting on whether and how Parties have used their System for Transparent Allocation of Resources country allocation for developing and revising technology needs assessments and action plans and implementing them;
5. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to improve working with its implementing agencies in order to expedite the project preparation and submission processes for biennial transparency reports to increase the efficiency of the project cycle;
6. *Welcomes* the actions taken by the Global Environment Facility to ensure that support will continue to be available for the preparation of biennial transparency reports and *underlines* the importance of providing support to developing countries for preparing biennial transparency reports, including for establishing and enhancing national reporting systems in order to implement the enhanced transparency framework;
7. *Notes* the increased support provided by the Global Environment Facility for developing countries to prepare biennial transparency reports and for the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency, in particular in the context of implementation of the enhanced transparency framework;
8. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility, through the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency, to continue providing capacity-building support to developing country Parties for enhancing and sustaining adaptation monitoring, reporting, evaluation and learning systems, as well as for establishing and enhancing these systems at all levels, with a view to facilitating:
 - (a) The monitoring and reporting of the progress, effectiveness and adequacy of adaptation action and support over time;
 - (b) The sharing of experience globally to contribute to enhancing action, support and international cooperation;
9. *Also encourages* the Global Environment Facility to continue its efforts to provide adequate, predictable and timely financing for biennial transparency reports, including efforts relating to the increased support for biennial transparency reports and national inventory reports of greenhouse gas emissions and removals, the combined application process for multiple biennial transparency reports, and the expedited process for projects related to preparing biennial transparency reports;
10. *Acknowledges* the challenges developing country Parties face in implementing the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement in a sustainable manner, including in establishing and enhancing reporting systems within their respective national governments, and *requests* the Global Environment Facility to consult with developing country Parties on how the support provided to them by the Facility for preparing their biennial transparency reports could best achieve this, in addition to the support provided for capacity-building provided through the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency.

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20 November 2022*

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

Decision 7/CP.26

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

Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 11/CP.1, paragraph 1(c), and decision 13/CP.25,

Noting paragraph 9(b) of the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility,¹

1. *Welcomes* the reports of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-sixth session and their addenda,² including the responses of the Global Environment Facility to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties;
2. *Also welcomes* the work undertaken by the Global Environment Facility during its reporting period (1 July 2019 to 30 June 2021), including with regard to:
 - (a) Approval of the climate change projects and programmes approved during the reporting period under the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund;
 - (b) Integration of climate change priorities into its other focal areas and the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions achieved through such integration;
 - (c) Improvement in coordination with the Green Climate Fund;
 - (d) Adoption of its private sector engagement strategy;³
 - (e) Adoption of the sustainable bond strategy for the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund;⁴
3. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility, as part of the eighth replenishment process, to duly consider ways to increase the financial resources allocated for climate action, including the climate change focal area and climate co-benefits, taking into account the reporting requirement referred to in paragraph 6 of decision 12/CMA.3, and to apply a coherent approach across its focal areas to prioritizing projects that generate environmental co-benefits;
4. *Calls upon* developed country Parties to make financial contributions to the Global Environment Facility to contribute to a robust eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility to support developing countries in implementing the Convention and *encourages* additional voluntary financial contributions to the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility;
5. *Takes note* of ongoing discussions on the eighth replenishment process regarding its allocation policies under the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources and *invites* the Global Environment Facility to duly consider the needs and priorities of developing country Parties when allocating resources to developing country Parties;
6. *Takes note* of the ongoing work of the Global Environment Facility in monitoring the concentration and geographical and thematic coverage, as well as the effectiveness, efficiency and engagement, of the Global Environment Facility Partnership and *encourages* the Global Environment Facility to consider ways to enhance participation of additional national and regional entities from developing country Parties in the Partnership, including by allowing them to serve as executing agencies, as appropriate;
7. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to consider ways to further enhance the role of national agencies and civil society organizations as executing agencies in order to enhance country ownership of projects and programmes funded by the Global Environment Facility and prevent implementing agencies from serving simultaneously as executing agencies;

¹ Global Environment Facility. 2019. *Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility*. Washington, D.C.: Global Environment Facility. Available at <https://www.thegef.org/documents/instrument-establishment-restructured-gef>.

² FCCC/CP/2020/1 and Add.1 and FCCC/CP/2021/9 and Add.1.

³ See Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.59/07/Rev.01. Available at <https://www.thegef.org/documents>.

⁴ See Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.59/12.

8. *Welcomes with appreciation* the contributions made by developed country Parties to the Least Developed Countries Fund, amounting to USD 605.3 million, and *encourages* additional voluntary financial contributions to the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund to support adaptation and technology transfer;
9. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention entrusted with the operation of the Special Climate Change Fund, to continue to assist developing country Parties in accessing resources in an efficient manner;
10. *Calls upon* the Global Environment Facility to continue to improve the governance framework for its agencies and the standards to which the implementing partners are accountable;
11. *Takes note* that financial resources allocated for the non-grant instrument under the seventh replenishment of the Global Environment Facility increased to USD 136 million from USD 110 million under the sixth replenishment and *encourages* the Global Environment Facility, during its discussions on the instrument under the eighth replenishment, to continue to take into account needs and priorities of developing countries, as well as their different national circumstances;
12. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to consider updating its policy on gender equality to include protection against discrimination;
13. *Recognizes* that the Global Environment Facility does not impose minimum thresholds and/or specific types or sources of co-financing or investment mobilized in its review of individual projects and programmes;⁵
14. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to reinforce its efforts to engage with and mobilize resources from the private sector under its eighth replenishment;
15. *Takes note* of ongoing discussions within the Global Environment Facility concerning the Small Grants Programme under the eighth replenishment and *invites* the Global Environment Facility to consider increasing the funding ceiling per project to provide adequate financial and technical support to communities and civil society organizations;
16. *Urges* the Global Environment Facility to enhance its support for projects that engage with stakeholders at the local level, and to continue to provide funding for projects related to technology training and scale up South–South cooperation and triangular cooperation with the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network;
17. *Welcomes* the long-term vision on complementarity, coherence and collaboration between the Green Climate Fund and the Global Environment Facility⁶ and requests the Global Environment Facility Council to enhance coherence and complementarity with other climate finance delivery channels with a view to enhancing the impact and effectiveness of its work;
18. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility, as part of the eighth replenishment process, to take note of the needs and priorities for climate finance, including those identified in the first report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement,⁷ nationally determined contributions, national communications and national adaptation plans, as well as in other sources of available information, including the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows and other relevant reports;
19. *Invites* Parties to submit views and recommendations on elements of guidance for the Global Environment Facility via the submission portal⁸ no later than 10 weeks prior to the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2022);
20. *Requests* the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph 19 above when preparing its draft guidance for the Global Environment Facility 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);
21. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility to include in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties information on the steps it has taken to implement the guidance provided in this decision;

⁵ See Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.54/10/Rev.01, annex I, para. 5.

⁶ Contained in Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.60/08, annex I.

⁷ Standing Committee on Finance. 2021. *First report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement*. Bonn: UNFCCC. Available at <https://unfccc.int/topics/climate-finance/workstreams/determination-of-the-needs-of-developing-country-parties/first-report-on-the-determination-of-the-needs-of-developing-country-parties-related-to-implementing>.

⁸ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

22. *Takes note* of decision 12/CMA.3 and *decides* to transmit to the Global Environment Facility the guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement contained in paragraphs 2–10 of that decision.⁹

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13 November 2021*

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

Decision 12/CMA.3

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

Guidance to the Global Environment Facility

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

Recalling decision 7/CMA.2,

Noting paragraph 9(b) of the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility,¹

1. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-sixth session transmit to the Global Environment Facility the guidance contained in paragraphs 2–10 below;²
2. *Calls upon* developed country Parties to make financial contributions to the Global Environment Facility to contribute to a robust eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility to support developing countries in implementing the Paris Agreement and *encourages* additional voluntary financial contributions to the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility;
3. *Welcomes* the actions taken by the Global Environment Facility to provide support to developing country Parties in accordance with Article 13, paragraphs 14–15, of the Paris Agreement for preparing their biennial transparency reports and building their institutional and technical capacity for implementing the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement;
4. *Also welcomes* that the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency, established pursuant to decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 84, will continue to support developing country Parties, upon their request, in building their institutional and technical capacity for implementing the enhanced transparency framework and *encourages* the Global Environment Facility, Parties and implementing agencies to work collaboratively to ensure that this support is delivered in a timely manner;
5. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to continue to facilitate improved access to the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency by developing country Parties;
6. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility to consider increasing its support for implementation of the enhanced transparency framework as part of its eighth replenishment process;
7. *Further requests* the Global Environment Facility to contribute to the consideration of the support provided to developing country Parties referred to in decision 5/CMA.3, paragraph 42, by:
 - (a) Estimating the cost to developing countries of implementing the enhanced transparency framework, which includes establishing and enhancing a reporting system, as well as the full agreed cost of reporting and the cost of capacity-building for reporting;
 - (b) Considering how to adequately incorporate the costs referred to in paragraph 7(a) above into the set-aside of the eighth replenishment process of the Global Environment Facility, while taking the necessary measures to ensure, as appropriate, that the set-aside does not impact the allocation of resources to developing countries under the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources;
 - (c) Reporting to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its fourth session (November 2022) on any actions taken to implement the guidance contained in paragraph 7(a–b) above and any changes to the estimated costs referred to in paragraph 7(a) above;
 - (d) Reporting to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement on activities and provision of support under the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency and on the provision of support for reporting under the Paris Agreement, as well as monitoring and reporting on the timeliness of project review, approval and preparation, including disaggregated tracking of each element of project development (from project identification form approval to submission of chief executive officer approval request and disbursement through implementing agencies);
8. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to consider combining the application processes for support for producing biennial transparency reports, including by considering raising the funding ceiling for expedited enabling activity projects, and for Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency projects, as

¹ Global Environment Facility. 2019. *Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility*. Washington, D.C.: Global Environment Facility. Available at <https://www.thegef.org/documents/instrument-establishment-restructured-gef>.

² In accordance with decision 1/CP.21, para. 61.

appropriate, and by developing an expedited process for projects related to preparing biennial transparency reports;

9. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility, Parties and implementing agencies to work collaboratively to ensure that financing for national inventory reports and biennial transparency reports is delivered in a timely manner, including by utilizing the bundled application modality and expedited procedures for enabling activities, and *requests* the Global Environment Facility to monitor the timeliness of project review, approval and preparation, including disaggregated tracking of each phase of project development (from project identification form approval to submission of chief executive officer approval request and disbursement through implementing agencies) and report to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its fourth session on the actions taken to implement the guidance contained in this paragraph;

10. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility to consider raising the funding ceiling for expedited enabling activities.

*12th plenary meeting
13 November 2021*

Decision 13/CP.25

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

Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility

The Conference of the Parties,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session,¹ including the responses of the Global Environment Facility to previous guidance from the Conference of the Parties;
2. *Also welcomes* the work undertaken by the Global Environment Facility during its reporting period (1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019), including:
 - (a) The approval of climate change projects and programmes approved during the reporting period under the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund;
 - (b) The approval of minimum requirements for Global Environment Facility Trust Fund agencies on anti-money-laundering and countering the financing of terrorism;²
 - (c) The composition of the Private Sector Advisory Group;³
 - (d) The implementation of the gender equality policy⁴ and the approval of the gender implementation strategy;⁵
 - (e) The approval of the policy on monitoring⁶ and the evaluation policy;⁷
3. *Welcomes with appreciation* the contributions made by developed country Parties to the Least Developed Countries Fund during the reporting period, amounting to USD 184 million,⁸ and the contribution made by Switzerland to the Special Climate Change Fund during the reporting period amounting to USD 3.3 million, and *encourages* additional voluntary financial contributions to these funds to provide support for adaptation;
4. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to continue its efforts to minimize the time between the approval of project concepts, the development and approval of the related projects, and the disbursement of funds by its implementing/executing agencies to the recipient countries of those projects;
5. *Urges* the Global Environment Facility to continue to report to the Conference of the Parties any change or update to the eligibility criteria for accessing the Global Environment Facility resources, including the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources country allocation, in its future reports to the Conference of the Parties;
6. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility, as part of the overall performance study of its seventh replenishment, to analyse any challenges faced and lessons learned by the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies in applying the updated policy on co-financing of the Global Environment Facility and to report back to the Conference of the Parties on the outcomes of the study;
7. *Also encourages* the Global Environment Facility, in collaboration with the Global Environment Facility country focal points, to promote the use of technology needs assessments to facilitate the financing and implementation of technology actions prioritized by countries in their technology needs assessments, within the scope of its mandate and operational modalities;
8. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to consider:
 - (a) Exploring ways to include in the fourth phase of the global project on technology needs assessments the least developed countries and small island developing States that have never undertaken a technology needs assessment and have not been included in the fourth phase;

¹ FCCC/CP/2019/5 and Add.1.

² See Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.55/09.

³ See Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.56/Inf.05.

⁴ See Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.53/04.

⁵ See Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.54/06.

⁶ See Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.56/03/Rev.01, annex I.

⁷ See Global Environment Facility document GEF/ME/C.56/02/Rev.01, section 2.

⁸ Contributions were made by Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland.

(b) Relevant recommendations contained in the report prepared by the Technology Executive Committee on the updated evaluation of the Poznan strategic programme on technology transfer,⁹ within the scope of its mandate and its operational modalities;

9. *Also invites* the Global Environment Facility, in accordance with its existing mandates and in collaboration with the Green Climate Fund, to report on lessons learned in supporting developing countries in collecting and managing information and data on adaptation;

10. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, in administering the Least Developed Countries Fund, to continue facilitating the smooth transition of countries graduating from least developed country status by continuing to provide approved funding through the Least Developed Countries Fund until the completion of projects approved by the Least Developed Countries Fund Council prior to those countries' graduation from least developed country status;

11. *Takes note* of decision 7/CMA.2 and *decides* to transmit to the Global Environment Facility the guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement contained in paragraphs 12–13 below, in accordance with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 61;

12. *Welcomes* the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session,¹⁰ including the list of actions taken by the Global Environment Facility in response to the guidance received from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;

13. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism, under its seventh replenishment and throughout its replenishment cycles, to adequately support developing country Parties in preparing their first and subsequent biennial transparency reports in accordance with Article 13, paragraphs 14–15, of the Paris Agreement and decision 18/CMA.1;

14. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat via the submission portal,¹¹ no later than 10 weeks prior to the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2020), their views and recommendations on elements to be taken into account in developing guidance to the Global Environment Facility;

15. *Requests* the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph 14 above when preparing its draft guidance to the Global Environment Facility 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;

16. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility 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.

*8th plenary meeting
15 December 2019*

⁹ FCCC/SBI/2019/7.

¹⁰ As footnote 1 above.

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

Decision 7/CMA.2

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

Guidance to the Global Environment Facility

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 Global Environment Facility the guidance contained in paragraphs 2–3 below, in accordance with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 61;
2. *Welcomes* the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session,¹ including the list of actions taken by the Global Environment Facility in response to the guidance received from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;
3. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism, to adequately support developing country Parties in preparing their first and subsequent biennial transparency reports under its seventh replenishment and throughout its replenishment cycles in accordance with Article 13, paragraphs 14–15, of the Paris Agreement and decision 18/CMA.1.

*8th plenary meeting
15 December 2019*

¹ FCCC/CP/2019/5 and Add.1.

Decision 6/CP.24

(FCCC/2018/10/Add.1)

Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility

The Conference of the Parties,

Noting the draft guidance to the Global Environment Facility prepared by the Standing Committee on Finance,¹

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and its addendum,² including the responses of the Global Environment Facility to guidance from the Conference of the Parties;
2. *Also welcomes* the seventh replenishment of the Global Environment Facility (July 2018 to June 2022);
3. *Recognizes with concern* the decrease in allocation to the climate change focal area, including the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources, compared with the sixth replenishment;
4. *Urges* all Parties that have not made pledges for the seventh replenishment of the Global Environment Facility to do so as soon as possible;
5. *Acknowledges* the increased integration of climate change priorities into other focal areas and the impact programmes in the seventh replenishment of the Global Environment Facility, as well as the increased focus on innovation and enhanced synergies with other focal areas;
6. *Highlights* the importance of enhancing country ownership in the impact programmes of the seventh replenishment of the Global Environment Facility;
7. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, as appropriate, to ensure that its policies and procedures related to the consideration and review of funding proposals be duly followed in an efficient manner;
8. *Looks forward* to the projected delivery of greenhouse gas emission reductions in the seventh replenishment period, which is twice the amount planned for the sixth replenishment;
9. *Acknowledges* the updated policy on co-financing of the Global Environment Facility,³ which sets out an ambition for the overall portfolio of the Global Environment Facility to reach an increased ratio of co-financing to its project financing;
10. *Recognizes* that the Global Environment Facility does not impose minimum thresholds and/or specific types or sources of co-financing or investment mobilized in its review of individual projects and programmes;⁴
11. *Welcomes* the inclusion of support for the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency in the seventh replenishment of the Global Environment Facility, which enhances predictability of funding for the Initiative;
12. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to continue to manage the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency to fund a diversity of countries and regions, taking into account each country's capacity, in line with priorities of support as contained in the programming directions of the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency;⁵
13. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to enhance the information in its reports to the Conference of the Parties on the outcomes of the collaboration between the Poznan strategic programme on technology transfer's climate technology and finance centres and the Climate Technology Centre and Network;
14. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to continue to monitor the geographic and thematic coverage, as well as the effectiveness, efficiency and engagement, of the Global Environment Facility Partnership, and to consider the participation of additional national and regional entities, as appropriate;

¹ FCCC/CP/2018/8, annex V.

² FCCC/CP/2018/6 and Add.1.

³ Global Environment Facility Council decision GEF/C.54/10/Rev.01.

⁴ Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.54/10/Rev. 01, annex I, paragraph 5.

⁵ Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.50/06, paragraph 26.

15. *Welcomes* the establishment of the private sector advisory group;
16. *Encourages* a balanced composition of the private sector advisory group in terms of gender and geographical coverage;
17. *Welcomes* the Global Environment Facility Council's decision⁶ to begin the process of developing improved fiduciary standards, including anti-money-laundering and counter-terrorism finance policy and requests the Global Environment Facility to include updates on this work in its report to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session (November 2019);
18. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to review and, if necessary, update or adopt policies for preventing sexual harassment and the abuse of authority with the aim of protecting the staff of the Global Environment Facility secretariat as well its partner organizations against unwanted sexual advances, preventing inappropriate behaviour and abuse of power and providing guidelines for reporting incidents;
19. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat via the submission portal,⁷ no later than 10 weeks prior to the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties, their views and recommendations on elements to be taken into account in developing guidance for the Global Environment Facility;
20. *Requests* the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph 19 above when preparing its draft guidance for the Global Environment Facility for consideration by the Conference of the Parties;
21. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility 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;
22. *Decides*, in accordance with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 61, to transmit to the Global Environment Facility the guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement contained in the decisions referred to in decision 3/CMA.1 paragraph 4.

*10th plenary meeting
15 December 2018*

⁶ Global Environment Facility Council decision GEF/C.54/10/Rev.01.

⁷ https://unfccc.int/submissions_and_statements.

Decision 3/CMA.1*(FCCC/PA/CMA/2018/3/Add.1)***Matters relating to the implementation of the Paris Agreement:
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;

*26th plenary meeting
15 December 2018*

Decision 10/CP.23

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

Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 11/CP.22

Noting the importance of providing timely responses to the requests of developing country Parties,

1. *Notes* the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties¹ and the responses of the Global Environment Facility to the guidance from the Conference of the Parties;
2. *Welcomes* the decision of the Global Environment Facility Council to begin the process of updating its minimum agency standards and fiduciary policies;²
3. *Also welcomes* the Global Environment Facility Council's approval of the Global Environment Facility's policy on ethics and conflict of interest;³
4. *Reiterates* its call in decision 11/CP.22, paragraph 2, to ensure a robust seventh replenishment in order to assist in providing adequate and predictable funding, taking into consideration the Paris Agreement as well as the request of the Conference of the Parties to the Global Environment Facility contained in decision 11/CP.22, paragraph 3;
5. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to enhance the consultation process with developing country Parties and other stakeholders in the context of the Global Environment Facility replenishment process;
6. *Noting* the importance of the existing allocation for climate change, *requests* the Global Environment Facility to further consider the needs and priorities of developing countries in the allocation for the climate change focal area in its seventh replenishment period;
7. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to continue implementing in its seventh replenishment period its established policies for grants and concessional funding, in support of developing country Parties, in line with the provisions of the Convention, relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties and the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility;
8. *Welcomes* the operationalization of the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency and projects approved during the reporting period, and *requests* the Global Environment Facility to provide adequate support to assist developing country Parties, in line with decision 1/CP.21 paragraph 86;
9. *Notes* the Global Environment Facility Council decision GEF/C.50/07,4 and its conclusions, and *invites* the Global Environment Facility to further consider ways to improve its access modalities for developing country Parties, including small island developing States and the least developed countries;
10. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility, as appropriate, to ensure that its policies and procedures related to the consideration and review of funding proposals be duly followed in an efficient manner;
11. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to further enhance engagement with the private sector, including in its technology projects;
12. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to allocate provisions in the climate change focal area of its seventh replenishment for supporting developing country Parties in undertaking technology needs assessments and piloting priority technology projects to foster innovation and investment;
13. *Also invites* the Global Environment Facility to include information in its reports to the Conference of the Parties on:

¹ FCCC/CP/2017/7.

² Joint summary of the chairs of the 52nd Global Environment Facility Council meeting, paragraphs 24 and 25. Available at https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/council-meeting-documents/EN_GEF.C.52_Joint_Summary_of_the_Chairs.pdf.

³ See paragraph 7 of the joint summary referred to in footnote 2 above.

⁴ Titled "Future Directions on Accreditation – A Follow-Up".

(a) The collaboration between the Global Environment Facility focal points and the national designated entities for technology development and transfer, as communicated by the Climate Technology Centre and Network to the Global Environment Facility;⁵

(b) Whether and how Parties have used their System for Transparent Allocation of Resources allocation for piloting the implementation of the technology needs assessment results;⁶

14. *Further invites* Parties to submit via the submission portal,⁷ no later than 10 weeks prior to the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties (December 2018), their views and recommendations on the elements to be taken into account in developing guidance for the Global Environment Facility;

15. *Requests* the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph 14 above when providing its draft guidance for the Global Environment Facility for consideration by the Conference of the Parties;

16. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility 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.

*14th plenary meeting
18 November 2017*

⁵ FCCC/SBI/2016/20, paragraph 84.

⁶ FCCC/SBI/2016/20, paragraph 85.

⁷ <http://www.unfccc.int/5900>. Parties are invited to submit their views on the elements to be taken into account in developing guidance for the Global Environment Facility, no later than 10 weeks before the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties.

Decision 11/CP.22

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

Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 8/CP.21,

Welcoming the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and its addenda reports, including on the technical review of the programme priorities of the Least Developed Countries Fund,¹

Noting the draft decision on the guidance to the Global Environment Facility prepared by the Standing Committee on Finance, as contained in its report to the Conference of the Parties² and the Standing Committee on Finance 2016 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows as context for the provision of guidance,

1. *Emphasizes* the need for the Global Environment Facility to consider lessons learned from past replenishment periods and to take into account the entry into force of the Paris Agreement in its deliberations on the strategy for the seventh replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund in order to continue to increase the effectiveness of its operations;
2. *Calls upon* developed country Parties, and *invites* other Parties that make voluntary financial contributions to the Global Environment Facility, to ensure a robust seventh replenishment, in order to assist in providing adequate and predictable funding taking into consideration the Paris Agreement;
3. Requests the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention, in its seventh replenishment programming, to continue to assist developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, in accessing resources in an efficient manner;
4. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility, as appropriate, to ensure that its policies and procedures related to the consideration and review of funding proposals be duly followed in an efficient manner;
5. Takes note of the projected shortfall of resources from the sixth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility due to exchange rate movements, and the decision of the Council of the Global Environment Facility on item 6 on the agenda of the 51st meeting of the council;³
6. Requests the Global Environment Facility to continue its efforts, as appropriate and as needed, to minimize the potential consequences of the projected shortfall referred to in paragraph 5 above for its support to developing countries, aiming to fulfil the relevant programming directions of the sixth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility;
7. Welcomes the decisions of the Council of the Global Environment Facility to establish the Trust Fund for the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency⁴ and to approve the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency programming directions,⁵ and to ensure that the support for the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency will be included in the seventh replenishment, to complement existing support under the Global Environment Facility, in accordance with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 86;
8. Also welcomes the pledges made by several countries to make voluntary contributions to the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency and the signing of the first contribution agreement by a country and encourages others that have pledged to make voluntary contributions to finalize their contribution agreements;
9. Requests the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention, to continue providing in its annual reports, inter alia, information on the establishment and operation of the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency, including its programming and

¹ FCCC/CP/2016/6, Add.1 and 2.

² FCCC/CP/2016/8, annex VI.

³ Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.51/04.

⁴ Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.50/05.

⁵ Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.50/06.

implementation modalities, on the voluntary contributions pledged and provided,⁶ and on the implementation of decision 9/CP.18;

10. Welcomes the Global Environment Facility's continued engagement and coordination with the Climate Technology Centre and Network through the Poznan strategic programme on technology transfer and the regional technology transfer and financing centres, as well as actions taken by the Global Environment Facility in response to the recommendations by the Technology Executive Committee following the evaluation of the Poznan strategic programme on technology transfer;

11. Urges the Global Environment Facility and recipient countries to continue exploring with the Climate Technology Centre and Network ways to support climate technology related projects through country allocations of the sixth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility;

12. Requests the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention, to take into consideration climate risks in all its programmes and operations, as appropriate, keeping in mind lessons learned and best practices;

13. Encourages the Global Environment Facility to continue its efforts to encourage countries to align, as appropriate, their Global Environment Facility programming with priorities as identified in their nationally determined contributions, where they exist, during the seventh replenishment, and to continue to promote synergies across its focal areas;

14. Welcomes the conclusions of the "Program evaluation of the Least Developed Countries Fund" by the Global Environment Facility's Independent Evaluation Office;⁷

15. Requests the Global Environment Facility, as the operating entity of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention entrusted with the operation of the Least Developed Countries Fund, to continue to enhance capacity development in the least developed countries for the development of project proposals with a focus on identifying potential funding sources, both national and international, and enhancing long-term domestic institutional capacities;

16. Encourages the Global Environment Facility to continue to track, review and report on the sustainability of project outcomes from the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund;

17. Welcomes the initial assessment of the accreditation pilot and notes its conclusions;⁸

18. Requests the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention, in light of the entry into force of the Paris Agreement, to continue streamlining project approval processes and providing enhanced support, including enabling activities, to developing country Parties, including the least developed countries and small island developing States, as appropriate, in the context of national climate strategies and plans;

19. Welcomes the successful roll-out of the non-grant instrument pilot and encourages further expansion of the pilot with a view to increasing the leverage and impact of Global Environment Facility financing;

20. Invites Parties to submit via the submission portal⁹ 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 Global Environment Facility;

21. Requests the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph 20 above when providing draft guidance to the Global Environment Facility for consideration by the Conference of the Parties;

22. Also requests the Global Environment Facility 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 to it in this decision.

*10th plenary meeting
18 November 2016*

⁶ See decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 86.

⁷ Available at <http://www.gefio.org/sites/default/files/ieo/council-documents/ldcf-sccf-20-me-02.pdf>.

⁸ Contained in Global Environment Facility documents GEF/C.50/07 and GEF/ME/C.50/06.

⁹ <http://www.unfccc.int/5900>.

Decision 8/CP.21

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

Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 12/CP.2, 3/CP.16, 5/CP.16, 7/CP.16, 11/CP.17, 9/CP.18, 6/CP.19 and 8/CP.20,

Welcoming the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session and the information contained therein on the implementation of the sixth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility,¹

Also welcoming the pledges and contributions made to the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund,

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 Global Environment Facility,²

1. *Notes* that the Global Environment Facility has supported implementation of the remaining elements of the least developed countries work programme, including the update and implementation of national adaptation programmes of action, by providing funding to projects aimed at building capacity for the least developed countries to participate effectively in climate change processes, promoting public awareness on climate change issues, promoting the transfer of adaptation technology, and strengthening meteorological and hydrological services;
2. *Welcomes* the investments by the Global Environment Facility in sustainable forest management and activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, harnessing multiple benefits from forests and tackling deforestation and forest degradation in line with the programming directions of the sixth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund;³
3. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to continue to provide finance to the activities referred to in paragraph 2 above, also taking into account decision 9/CP.19, paragraph 8, and decision 16/CP.21, as appropriate;
4. *Encourages* additional voluntary financial contributions to provide support for the national adaptation plan process through contributions to the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund;
5. *Welcomes* the addition of eight project agencies to the network of the Global Environment Facility;
6. *Notes* that the Independent Evaluation Office of the Global Environment Facility is carrying out a review of the Least Developed Countries Fund;
7. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to include the conclusions of the review referred to in paragraph 6 above in its report to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-second session (November 2016);
8. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to carry out a technical review of the programme priorities of the Least Developed Countries Fund, taking into account the independent review referred to in paragraph 6 above, and to focus the technical review on, inter alia:
 - (a) Undertaking pilot concrete climate change activities that are particularly relevant for the least developed countries;
 - (b) Enhancing longer-term institutional capacity to design and execute the activities referred to in paragraph 8(a) above;
9. *Urges* the Global Environment Facility to work with all its agencies and recipient countries to ensure that these countries can take full advantage of the expanded network of agencies;

¹ FCCC/CP/2015/4 and Add.1.

² FCCC/CP/2015/8, annex V.

³ See Global Environment Facility document GEF/A.5/07/Rev.01. Available at http://www.thegef.org/gef/gef_Documents_Publications.

10. *Welcomes* the exploration of innovative non-grant instruments by the Global Environment Facility, and encourages the Global Environment Facility to work with its agencies, recipient countries and the private sector to submit proposals;
11. *Also welcomes* the approval of projects by the Global Environment Facility to support 46 developing country Parties in preparing their intended nationally determined contributions,⁴ and encourages the Global Environment Facility to continue providing such support;
12. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to consider how to support developing country Parties in formulating policies, strategies, programmes and projects to implement activities that advance priorities identified in their respective intended nationally determined contributions in a manner consistent with the operational policies and guidelines of the Global Environment Facility, starting in 2016;
13. *Notes* the actions of the Global Environment Facility to establish a more coherent, system-based approach for managing and sharing information and knowledge gained from projects and programmes of the Global Environment Facility in order to improve the effectiveness of the Global Environment Facility and its agencies and enhance the capacity of recipient countries;
14. *Welcomes* the efforts to date of the Global Environment Facility to engage with the Green Climate Fund and encourages both entities to further articulate and build on the complementarity of their policies and programmes within the Financial Mechanism of the Convention;
15. *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 Global Environment Facility;
16. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to include, in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties, information on the steps it has taken to implement the guidance provided in this decision and other relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties.

*10th plenary meeting
10 December 2015*

⁴ As at 16 September 2015.

Decision 8/CP.20

(FCCC/CP/2014/10/Add.2)

Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and additional guidance to the Global Environment Facility

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 12/CP.2, 3/CP.16, 5/CP.16, 7/CP.16, 11/CP.17, 9/CP.18 and 6/CP.19,

Taking note with appreciation of the annual report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties,¹

Taking note of the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Finance contained in its report to the Conference of the Parties with regard to the provision of draft guidance to the Global Environment Facility;²

1. *Welcomes with appreciation* the sixth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility (July 2014 to June 2018), while urging countries that have not fulfilled their pledges for the fifth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility to do so as soon as possible;
2. *Notes* that the amount of funding available for the climate change focal area was reduced in the sixth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility and that the country allocation of some countries, including some least developed countries, small island developing States, and African States has decreased as a consequence, while highlighting that funding for climate change related interventions at the Global Environment Facility has continued to increase with pilot integrated approaches;
3. *Welcomes* the pledges and contributions made to the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund, and *calls* for continued support to these funds;
4. *Notes* the actions being taken by the Global Environment Facility to *expedite* its project cycle;
5. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to continue to cooperate with all its implementing and project agencies as well as recipient countries in order to improve its project cycle, taking into account the report of the fifth overall performance study of the Global Environment Facility³ and the recommendations contained therein;
6. *Also encourages* the Global Environment Facility to continue to increase the overall transparency and openness of its operations, particularly with regard to the disclosure of information on the status of the implementation of projects and programmes, the project-level accountability of its implementing agencies and with respect to the timely disbursement of funds, as well as the advice provided to countries on co-financing;
7. *Welcomes* the gender mainstreaming policy of the Global Environment Facility;
8. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to ensure that gender mainstreaming is implemented both within its portfolio and within its structure;
9. *Takes note* of the policy on co-financing of the Global Environment Facility and the concerns regarding the implementation of this policy as raised by some Parties;
10. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to improve the communication of its co-financing policy so that it is better understood, and appropriately applied by accredited project agencies and the implementing agencies of the Global Environment Facility, while acknowledging the potential impacts of this policy on developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries, small island developing States, and African States;
11. *Also encourages* the Global Environment Facility to finalize the accreditation of project agencies and to share, in its next report to the Conference of the Parties, lessons learned and progress made in its pilot accreditation of project agencies, particularly in the least developed countries, small island developing States and African States;
12. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to continue to work with its implementing agencies to further simplify its procedures and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the process through which

¹ FCCC/CP/2014/2 and Add.1.

² Annex V to document FCCC/CP/2014/5.

³ Global Environment Facility Evaluation Office, 2014, *Fifth Overall Performance Study of the GEF: At the Crossroads for higher Impact*.

Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention receive funding to meet their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention;

13. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat annually, in writing, and no later than 10 weeks prior to the subsequent session of the Conference of the Parties, their views and recommendations on the elements to be taken into account in developing guidance to the Global Environment Facility;

14. *Requests* the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph 13 above when providing draft guidance to the Global Environment Facility for consideration by the Conference of the Parties;

15. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility 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.

*10th plenary meeting
13 December 2014*

Decision 6/CP.19

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

Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and additional guidance to the Global Environment Facility

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 12/CP.2, 3/CP.16, 5/CP.16, 7/CP.16, 11/CP.17 and 9/CP.18,

Also recalling decision 5/CP.7, paragraph 7(a)(iv),

Taking note with appreciation of the annual report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties,¹

Noting the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Finance contained in its report to the Conference of the Parties with regard to the provision of draft guidance to the Global Environment Facility,²

1. *Welcomes* the inclusion of information on mitigation impacts in the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties;
2. *Also welcomes* the pledges and contributions made to the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund and calls for continued and increased support for these funds;
3. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to clarify the concept of co-financing and its application in the projects and programmes of the Global Environment Facility;
4. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility to further specify the steps that it has undertaken in response to the request contained in decision 9/CP.18, paragraph 1(c);
5. *Further requests* the Global Environment Facility to include, in its report to the Conference of the Parties at its twentieth session (December 2014), information on the modalities that it has established in response to paragraph 5 of the memorandum of understanding³ between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility;
6. *Welcomes* the ongoing work of the Global Environment Facility on defining the focal area strategies pertaining to climate change for the sixth replenishment period as well as the development of the draft Global Environment Facility 2020 strategy;
7. *Also welcomes* the efforts of the Global Environment Facility to promote synergies between its focal areas, including through multifocal programmes and projects;
8. *Emphasizes* the need for the Global Environment Facility to consider lessons learned from past replenishment periods in its deliberations on the strategy for the sixth replenishment in order to continue to increase the effectiveness of its operations;
9. *Calls upon* developed country Parties, and *invites* other Parties that make voluntary financial contributions to the Global Environment Facility, to ensure a robust sixth replenishment in order to assist in providing adequate and predictable funding;
10. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to give due consideration in its sixth replenishment period to funding for small island developing States and the least developed countries in order to enable them to address their urgent needs and to comply with their obligations under the Convention;
11. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility to support, within its mandate, the implementation of country-driven projects identified in the technology needs assessments prepared by developing country Parties;
12. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to continue with its voluntary National Portfolio Formulation Exercise, which has been proved to enhance coordination and coherence at the national level;
13. *Invites* developing country Parties that wish to do so to apply for the National Portfolio Formulation Exercise before the start of the sixth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility;

¹ FCCC/CP/2013/3 and Add.1 and 2.

² FCCC/CP/2013/8.

³ FCCC/CP/1996/15/Add.1.

14. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to finalize the accreditation of new project agencies and assess the possibilities for further expanding the direct access modality;
15. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility and all of its implementing agencies and recipient countries to continue to work together to improve institutional arrangements, giving special consideration to expediting the project cycle;
16. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to continue to increase the overall transparency and openness of its operations;
17. *Also encourages* the Global Environment Facility to strengthen its collaborative efforts with the Standing Committee on Finance;
18. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, 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.

*10th plenary meeting
22 November 2013*

Decision 9/CP.18

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

Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and additional guidance to the Global Environment Facility

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 12/CP.2, 3/CP.16, 5/CP.16, 7/CP.16 and 11/CP.17,

Also recalling decision 5/CP.7, paragraph 7(a)(iv),

Taking note with appreciation of the annual report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties, which provides information on its efforts to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the allocation of funding,¹¹

Noting the recommendations of the Standing Committee with regard to the provision of draft guidance for the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention,

Taking note of the decisions taken at the 43rd meeting of the Council of the Global Environment Facility, in particular the decision on Financial Projections for GEF-5 Programming Options,

1. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention:

(a) To make available support to non-Annex I Parties for preparing their subsequent BURs, fully taking into account decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 41(a) and (e);

(b) To provide funds for technical support for the preparation of BURs from non-Annex I Parties, similar to that provided by the National Communications Support Programme, recognizing that the costs of such technical support are not deducted from the funds provided to non-Annex I Parties for the preparation of their BURs;

(c) Through the Special Climate Change Fund, to consider how to enable activities for the preparation of the national adaptation plan process for interested developing country Parties that are not least developed country Parties, as it requested the Global Environment Facility, through the Least Developed Countries Fund, to consider how to enable activities for the preparation of the national adaptation plan process for the least developed country Parties in decision 5/CP.17, paragraph 22;²²

2. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties, to include information on the steps it has taken to implement the guidance provided in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, to submit to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its thirty-eighth session, through the secretariat, information on the status of resources available for programming in its fifth replenishment period, and on any possible contingency measures regarding the allocation of resources for implementing climate change projects;

4. *Urges* contributing Parties to fulfil their financial pledges for the fifth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility;

5. *Also urges* developed country Parties to mobilize financial support for the national adaptation plan process for interested developing country Parties that are not least developed country Parties through bilateral and multilateral channels, including through the Special Climate Change Fund, in accordance with decision 1/CP.16, as it urged developed country Parties to mobilize financial support for the national adaptation plan process for least developed country Parties in decision 5/CP.17, paragraph 21;³³

6. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, to make its annual report to the Conference of the Parties available as early as possible and no later than 14 weeks prior to a session of the Conference of the Parties, for consideration by Parties;

7. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat annually, and no later than 10 weeks prior to a session of the Conference of the Parties, their views and recommendations in writing on the elements to be taken into

¹ FCCC/CP/2012/6 and Add.1 and 2.

² FCCC/SB/2012/3, paragraph 27(e).

³ FCCC/SB/2012/3, paragraph 27(d).

account in the development of annual guidance for the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention;

8. *Requests* the secretariat to compile the submissions referred to in paragraph 7 above, for consideration by Parties in developing guidance for the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention;

9. *Also requests* the Standing Committee to provide to the Conference of the Parties at each of its sessions, beginning in 2013, draft guidance for the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, based on the annual report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and the views submitted by Parties as set out in paragraph 7 above.

*9th plenary meeting
7 December 2012*

Decision 4/CP.9*(FCCC/CP/2003/6/Add.1)***Additional guidance to an operating entity of the financial mechanism**

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 3, Article 4, paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9, Article 9, paragraph 2 (c), Article 11, paragraphs 1 and 5, and Article 12, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Convention,

Recalling also its decisions 13/CP.1, 7/CP.2, 10/CP.2, 11/CP.2, 12/CP.2, 9/CP.3, 1/CP.4, 2/CP.4, 4/CP.4, 6/CP.4, 8/CP.5, 9/CP.5, 10/CP.5, 2/CP.7, 3/CP.7, 4/CP.7, 6/CP.7, 7/CP.7, 5/CP.8, 7/CP.8, 9/CP.8 and 10/CP.8,

Recalling further that in accordance with decision 11/CP.1, the Conference of the Parties is to give guidance on policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria to an operating entity of the financial mechanism,

1. *Decides* that the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism, should:

(a) On matters relating to national communications:

(i) Closely monitor the performance of the global project to support the preparation of national communications, including its effectiveness and efficiency, and continue to ensure that implementation of this project is consistent with the guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties;

(ii) Provide finance in a timely manner for the preparation of national communications by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) whose project activities are not covered by the global project;

(b) On matters relating to capacity-building:

(i) Continue to provide financial support to non-Annex I Parties, in accordance with decision 6/CP.7, for the implementation of the capacity-building framework annexed to decision 2/CP.7;

(ii) Take into account, in its work relating to the development of capacity-building performance indicators for the climate change focal area, the capacity-building framework annexed to decision 2/CP.7, and undertake this work in consultation with the Convention secretariat;

(iii) Provide financial support to countries with economies in transition, within its mandate, for the implementation of the capacity-building framework annexed to decision 3/CP.7;

(c) On matters relating to transfer of technology, continue to support enabling activities relating to technology needs assessments;

2. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility:

(a) To continue its support for education, training and public awareness activities relating to climate change;

(b) To operationalize the new strategic priority in the climate change focal area (Piloting an operational approach to adaptation) as soon as possible;

(c) To include in its report to the Conference of the Parties at its tenth session information on specific steps undertaken to implement this decision;

3. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to give appropriate consideration to addressing the priority needs identified by non-Annex I Parties in their regional action plans relating to global observing systems for climate, noting the existence of other bilateral and multilateral agencies and mechanisms that support global climate observing systems.

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