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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 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;

¹ FCCC/CP/2025/8 and Add.1.

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 Environmental Facility at its 69th meeting² and to report in 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 for 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;

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

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.

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 2121 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 -/CMA.7⁶ 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.⁷

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

⁶ Draft decision entitled “Guidance to the Global Environment Facility from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of Parties to the Paris Agreement” proposed under agenda item 10(c) of the Conference of Parties serving as the meeting of Parties to the Paris Agreement at its seventh session.

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

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Guidance to the Global Environment Facility from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of Parties to the Paris Agreement

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 to strengthen 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 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.