

**SUBMISSION OF THE LIKE-MINDED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON CLIMATE CHANGE (LMDC) OF INPUTS TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR THE PREPARATION OF DRAFT GUIDANCE TO THE OPERATING ENTITIES OF THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM OF THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

Ecuador on behalf of the LMDC is pleased to present the views of the Group as an input to the draft guidance that the SCF prepares, in line with its mandate, for the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the UNFCCC. In this line, Ecuador recalls decisions 5/CP.24 and 6/CP.24, through which the Conference of the Parties (COP) requested Parties to submit their views and recommendations on elements to be taken into account in developing guidance to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) no later than 10 weeks prior to COP 25.

These inputs are understood to be considered by the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) in developing the draft guidance to the GCF and the GEF at its 21<sup>st</sup> meeting (3–5 October 2019), together with the inputs received from its members, the Adaptation Committee and the Technology Executive Committee.

The following elements have been developed in the format provided by the SCF to this end.

***Guidelines in providing the inputs:***

- “Sub-elements”: Describe the specific area of the proposed input (e.g. Policies relating to access, gender, environment & social safeguards, etc.);
- “Proposed inputs”: Propose the inputs in draft decision text format;
- “To be considered by”: Choose whether the proposed inputs need to be considered: (1) Commonly by the COP and the CMA or; (2) specifically by the CMA;
- “Rationale for the inputs”: Annotate the reason for proposing the inputs, so that the rationale can be clearly understood;
- “Source of information / reference”: Provide reference to the annual reports of the operating entities or decision(s) of the GEF Council / GCF Board.
- Some examples from the previous years can be found in the annexes of the following documents:
  - [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/SCF19\\_draft%20guidance.pdf#page=3](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/SCF19_draft%20guidance.pdf#page=3)
  - [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/draft\\_scf\\_bn\\_draft\\_guidance\\_scf16\\_13sept\\_1700.pdf#page=5](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/draft_scf_bn_draft_guidance_scf16_13sept_1700.pdf#page=5)
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## Annotated inputs for the draft guidance to the Green Climate Fund (GCF)

<i>Elements</i>	<i>Sub-elements</i>	<i>Proposed inputs</i>	<i>To be considered: (1) Commonly by the COP and the CMA or; (2) Specifically by the CMA.</i>	<i>Rationale for the inputs</i>	<i>Source of information / reference</i>
Policies	Transparency and liaison with NDA	A call for the GCF to strengthen and develop policies to liaise with NDAs so that they can address their questions and requests for information in a more immediate way.	Both	Requests for information to the GCF currently take weeks to receive and answer and the support that regional advisors provide is limited and usually requires consultations with headquarters, slowing communication instead of helping it.	
Programme priorities	Support for adaptation	A call for the GCF to address this issue in 2020, in a way that ensures continuous support for developing countries to implement their NAPs and their Adaptation Communications, now that they are developing them with the support provided to this end via the readiness programme.	Both	Implementation of NDC and NAPs	
Eligibility criteria	Access to financial instruments	A call for the GCF to ensure that the financial instrument required is analysed on the basis of each project and on the needs of each country, regardless of which developing country is behind the project.	Both	Governing instrument eligibility criteria	
Others	Allocation of resources	A call for the GCF to allocate an appropriate level of resources from the replenishment process to the Readiness programme, to the RBP programme and to a window to generate NDC implementation plans.	Both	This is related to the continuous request of the GCF to provide more scientific information regarding funding proposals. Where this information is not available, developing countries should be provided resources to generate it or should be able to use IPCC level information, given that the fact they need resources to generate extensive information for project to address their need for resources makes no sense.	
	Generation of Scientific information	A request for the GCF to ensure that sufficient additional resources are provided for countries that request it in order to generate scientific information related to possible projects or programmes			

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

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Policies					
Programme priorities	Transparency	A request for the GEF to allocate additional resources to CBIT and ensure that all requests presented by developing countries are addressed, without imposing a cap.	Both	GEF has informed countries that they only had 50 million dollars for CBIT and with an imposed cap of 1 million per country (which was arbitrarily overlooked in certain cases) very few countries could access it and on a one time only opportunity, which is far from addressing their capacity building needs to appropriately fulfil the transparency requirements of the PA	
Eligibility criteria	Access	A request for the GEF to provide resources to all developing countries that request them, in the context of the UNFCCC.	Both	Political blockades to developing countries should not prevent the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the UNFCCC from fulfilling their role.	
Others					