

**Draft Guidance to the GCF and GEF
Arab Group**

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3. *Recalls* decision 5 CP.7 paragraphs 22-26 and *Reaffirms* paragraph 19 of decision 5 CP.7;
4. *Requests* the GEF to provide an update on the requests referenced in paragraph 2 of this decision;
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3. *Requests* the GCF to strengthen efforts towards providing support to developing countries for building capacity, institutional arrangements and trainings to effectively implement the enhanced transparency framework;
4. *Requests* the Board to address the needs and challenges of developing countries in implementing the reporting requirements as per the convention and its Paris Agreement in line with its Governing Instrument and as provided for in article 9 of the Paris Agreement;
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3. *Requests* the GCF to consider ways to better serve different regions, including by taking into account the developing countries needs and challenges faced in implementing its transparency requirements under both the convention and its Paris Agreement;
4. *Requests* the GCF to continue to enhance support for the formulation and implementation of National Communication and to enable developing countries to strengthen national reporting; as per paragraph 1 of Decision 6/CP.8.
5. *Requests* the Board to address the needs and challenges of developing countries in implementing the reporting requirements as per the convention and its Paris Agreement in line with its Governing Instrument and as provided for in Article 4, paragraph 8 of the Convention;
6. *Requests* the Board to continue to take additional action to improve and speed up its decision-making;
7. *Welcomes* the reference to just transitions in the Updated Strategic Plan for 2024-2027 and *Requests* the Board to support just transitions of developing countries and provide greater and faster access to climate finance and address enablers of just transitions, as defined relevant decisions by Parties;
8. *Also requests* the Board to pursue further efforts to further streamline and simplify access modalities, going beyond the simplified approval process, and to streamline project cycle procedures after accreditation;
9. *Expresses* concern regarding the lack of expeditious accreditation of direct access entities and *requests* the Board to continue its efforts to ensure direct access entities are prioritized and expeditiously accredited;
10. *Expresses* concern that a number of developed Parties continue to have outstanding pledges made during the Initial Resource Mobilisation phase, and *urges* those Parties to fulfill those pledges as a matter of urgency;
11. *Expresses* concern about the lack of commitment authority in the Fund with regard to projects being deferred;
12. *Urges* the Board to accelerate efforts to maintain the 50:50 balance between mitigation and adaptation in the overall portfolio as per its governing instrument;
13. *Takes note* of the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-seventh session and its addendum and *welcomes* the information on effective actions taken by the Board of the Green Climate Fund in response to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties while noting the room for improvement;

14. *Welcomes* the ongoing efforts of the Green Climate Fund to make a significant and ambitious contribution to global efforts towards attaining the goals set by the international community to combat climate change and adapting to its impacts and contributing to the achievement of the ultimate objective of the Convention, while taking into account the needs of developing countries;
15. [PLACEHOLDER FOR WELCOMING PLEDGES]
16. *Welcomes* the Fund's adopted Updated Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund for 2024-2027, in particular:
 - a. The focus on providing support for the development, dissemination, and deployment of technology in line with its governing instrument and including Carbon Capture and Storage;
 - b. The objectives of the fund as indicated in the plan and their alignment with the priorities indicated in the Convention;
 - c. The focus on increasing the number of Direct Access Entities;
17. *Recalls* decision 16/CP.27, paragraph 4, and *notes with deep concern* that unofficial and non-transparent practices within the board that are inconsistent with approved policies and procedures have occurred in the past and *requests* the Board to adhere to the guidance provided in 16/CP.27, paragraph 4;
18. *Recalls* decision 16/CP.27, paragraph 8, and *requests* the Board to effectively distinguish between funding for mitigation, adaptation and cross-cutting projects;
19. *Requests* the Green Climate Fund to consider ways to better serve different regions, including by taking into account regional diversity in its hiring processes and operating using the official UN languages;
20. *Requests* the Green Climate Fund to strengthen efforts towards providing support to developing countries for technology development, dissemination and deployment in line with paragraph 35 of its Governing Instrument;
21. *Requests* the GCF to refrain from casting judgements on any Party to the Convention and to maintain political neutrality in the entirety of its operations including in the development, review and approval of funding and accreditation proposals *noting* that doing so will be inconsistent with the multilateral spirit of the fund and the principles and provisions of the Convention;
22. *Requests* the Board to continue to enhance support for the formulation and implementation of national adaptation plans and to enable developing countries to take effective adaptation action;
23. *Requests* the Board to continue to accredit direct access entities, especially national and regional entities and institutions, in line with the updated accreditation framework, accreditation strategy and its updated strategic plan, focusing on countries and regions with no or few accredited entities;

24. *Welcomes* progress towards maintaining a 50/50 balance between finance for adaptation and mitigation over time and *urges* the Board to achieve this balance expediently;
25. *Requests* the Board to continue to address the needs of developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, in line with its Governing Instrument and as provided for in the Convention in Article 4, paragraph 8;
26. *Requests* the GCF to continue to operate in line with its Governing Instrument and ensure consistency with the provisions and principles of the Convention;
27. *Urges* the GCF to provide support in a geographically balanced manner, taking into consideration the national circumstances, needs and priorities of beneficiaries;
28. *Reaffirms* the GCF's role in channeling financial support to developing country Parties to enable their contribution to the achievement of the ultimate objective of the Convention and the goals of the Paris Agreement and *underscores* that placing any conditionalities on support that are inconsistent with the principles and provisions of the Convention and its Paris Agreement is inconsistent with the purpose of the GCF;