

Subject: UK Submission to the Standing Committee on Finance on the doubling of adaptation finance report

Dear Standing Committee on Finance,

I am submitting the below inputs on behalf of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK) in response to the UNFCCC Call for inputs: Information and data for the preparation of the report on the doubling of adaptation finance.

The UK welcomes the work done so far to draft this important report on the doubling adaptation finance. The UK makes the following observations:

- The doubling of adaptation finance from 2019 levels by 2025 requires a methodological baseline in order to be coherent. The UK supports the use of OECD figures as the most widely accepted, comprehensive and authoritative source of international climate finance reporting. The doubling of adaptation finance target should use the 2019 OECD figure of \$20bn of climate finance mobilised for climate adaptation as a baseline for the doubling target, giving a target of \$40bn of adaptation finance mobilised by 2025.
- The UK encourages collaboration between the SCF and the OECD teams currently drafting a report on “Scaling-up financing for adaptation in developing countries: Challenges and opportunities for international providers”, and the inclusion of themes from that report in the SCF doubling report, including the importance of strengthening enabling environments for delivering finance, and linking the delivery of adaptation finance to National Adaptation Plans (NAPs).
- The UK encourages the SCF to highlight the importance of deploying adaptation finance in such a way that maximises synergies and co-benefits for people, climate and nature, supporting delivery of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, Paris Agreement and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.'
- The UK notes that the few and nascent commercial models for adaptation finance impact the forms of public finance which can be deployed, meaning adaptation activities are mainly drawing on public grant funding.
- Beyond the doubling target, the UK encourages the SCF to acknowledge the scale of adaptation finance required as per the UN's Adaptation Gap Report 2022 and highlight that public finance alone will not be sufficient to close the gap. Commercial models for the deployment of adaptation finance need to be improved, developed and utilised.

Best wishes,

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