

Decision -/CMA.5

Provision of financial and technical support to developing country Parties for reporting and capacity-building

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

Recalling decisions 18/CMA.1, 5/CMA.3 and 17/CMA.4,

Also 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,

Further 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,

Recognizing the special circumstances of the least developed countries and small island developing State, as stated in Article 13, paragraph 3, of the Paris Agreement,

Emphasizing that the development and improvement of sustainable institutional capacity, including enhanced reporting systems of developing country Parties are crucial to the full implementation of the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement,

1. *Welcomes* the action taken by the Global Environment Facility to provide support to developing country Parties for preparing their biennial transparency reports and building their institutional and technical capacity for implementing the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement;
2. *Also welcomes* that developing country Parties are to continue to be supported, upon their request, under the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency¹ in building their institutional and technical capacity for implementing the enhanced transparency framework;
3. *Appreciates* the efforts of the Global Environment Facility in developing an expedited process for projects combining multiple reports, including biennial transparency reports and national communications;
4. *Acknowledges* the increase in the allocation to the climate change focal area set aside for enabling activities, including the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency, from USD 165 million in the seventh replenishment cycle of the Global Environment Facility to USD 220 million in the eighth cycle, and *welcomes* that, within the agreed resource allocation framework for the eighth cycle, USD 75 million has been allocated to the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency, a 36 per cent increase on the allocation in the seventh cycle;
5. *Welcomes* the reports by the Global Environment Facility on its progress in supporting implementation of the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency;
6. *Appreciates* the oral report made by the Global Environment Facility² at the fifty-ninth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation under the agenda items on the provision of financial and technical support for developing country Parties for reporting under the Convention and the Paris Agreement;

¹ Established pursuant to decision 1/CP.21, para. 84.

² Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/634731>.

7. *Also appreciates* the launch of the Climate Transparency Platform,³ an online tool for facilitating reporting by developing country Parties under the enhanced transparency framework;
8. *Acknowledges* the existing financial, technical and capacity-building support for developing country Parties to address challenges in implementing the enhanced transparency framework that is available through bilateral, multilateral and other channels;
9. *Recognizes* the challenges that developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, face in implementing the enhanced transparency framework in a sustainable manner, including establishment and enhancement of their national reporting systems within their respective national Governments;
10. *Underscores* the importance of the adequacy, predictability and timeliness of the support provided to developing country Parties, recognizing the special circumstances of the least developed countries and small island developing States, for building and enhancing their institutional and technical capacity for implementing the enhanced transparency framework;
11. *Also underscores* the importance of the Global Environment Facility continuing its efforts to provide adequate and timely support to developing country Parties for implementing the enhanced transparency framework, to further simplify the existing processes for approving projects under the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies, and exploring alternative programming modalities, procedures and processes for facilitating and expediting access to financial resources for enabling activities for supporting developing country Parties in meeting their requirements under the enhanced transparency framework and for building and enhancing their institutional and technical capacity for reporting under the Paris Agreement on a continuous basis;
12. *Notes* the importance of allocating financial resources to the Consultative Group of Experts for providing technical support to developing country Parties;
13. *Requests* the secretariat to strive to:
 - (a) Raise awareness of opportunities for support for reporting under the Paris Agreement;
 - (b) Ensure that technical support and training is made available to developing country Parties for reporting under the Paris Agreement;
 - (c) Facilitate regional cooperation for promoting exchange of experience, lessons learned and best practices and networking among Parties;
 - (d) Promote better coordination of information on channels of support for implementation of the enhanced transparency framework;
14. *Also requests* the secretariat to organize an in-person workshop, to be held at the sixtieth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (June 2024), as well as regional online workshops to be held prior to that session, with the relevant stakeholders, such as the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies, as appropriate, on support available to developing country Parties for preparing their biennial transparency reports and enhancing sustainable institutional capacity and national reporting systems within their Governments for implementing the enhanced transparency framework, and in providing guidance on the application process for transparency-related projects;
15. *Further requests* the secretariat to organize an in-session facilitative dialogue, to be held at the sixtieth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, to facilitate the sharing of experience in gathering, analysing and managing data, in particular by developed country Parties, that may be helpful for developing country Parties in enhancing their institutional

³ See <https://climate-transparency-platform.org/>.

capacity and national reporting systems for implementing the enhanced transparency framework;

16. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a summary report on the lessons learned and best practices shared at the facilitative dialogue referred to in paragraph 15 above by no later than 31 October 2024;

17. *Invites* Parties to submit via the submission portal⁴ by 31 March 2025 information on their experience and challenges related to implementing Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, including in relation to establishing or enhancing their institutional capacity and national reporting systems;

18. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report, no later than three weeks prior to the sixty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (June 2025), reflecting information on progress, best practices and remaining challenges contained in the submissions referred to in paragraph 17 above, as well as information reported in developing country Parties' first biennial transparency reports, as applicable;

19. *Also requests* the secretariat to organize a facilitative dialogue, to be held at the sixty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, to discuss the synthesis report referred to in paragraph 18 above;

20. *Further requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its sixty-second session, to consider the outcomes of the facilitative dialogue referred to in paragraph 19 above and the synthesis report referred to in paragraph 18 above with a view to recommending a draft decision on this matter, including future activities, as appropriate, for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its seventh session (November 2025);

21. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 14, 15, 16, 18 and 19 above;

22. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

⁴ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.