

Saudi Arabia on behalf of the Arab Group

GCF COP:

General:

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties 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;
2. *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 country Parties;

Conversion of pledges:

3. *Expresses* concern that a number of developed country Parties continue to have outstanding pledges and *urges* those Parties to fulfill those pledges as a matter of urgency recognizing the impact on the Green Climate Fund's commitment authority;
4. *Calls upon* developed country Parties to fulfill pledges and make new pledges within the current replenishment period;

Partnerships and communications:

5. *Requests* the Board to ensure geographic balance in the Green Climate Fund's approach to partnerships and to ensure efforts to secure partnerships occur in accordance with the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities;
6. *Further requests* the Board to effectively oversee the communications and engagements of the Green Climate Fund and to ensure they are consistent with its Governing Instrument and Updated Strategic Plan;
7. *Urges* the Board, in its consideration of partnerships, to prioritize partnering with national and regional institutions to build local capacities, with a view to ensuring that projects are not only designed locally but also implemented and managed locally, enhancing sustainability and effectiveness;

Commitment authority:

8. *Expresses* concern about the lack of commitment authority in the Fund with regard to projects being deferred and *requests* the Board to avoid delays in disbursement of funds and the implementation of projects in developing countries;

Access and accreditation:

9. *Also requests* the Board to pursue further efforts to further streamline and simplify access modalities, going beyond the simplified approval process with a view to reducing developing country Parties' burden in the accessing the fund;

10. *Also requests* the Board to pursue further efforts to enhance pre-project finance and technical support so as to develop a healthy project pipeline in developing countries so as to ensure continuous flow of projects in developing country Parties and enhance access;
11. *Further requests* the Board to reconsider the usefulness and efficiency of the reaccreditation process and its impact on the accreditation of new entities, in particular direct access entities;
12. *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;
13. *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;
14. Request from the Board to further streamline and simplify access to GCF funding through determining clear timetable regarding the approval of projects that are submitted to GCF Board and preparing guidelines and instruments related to that with a view to ensuring that all countries have clear visibility on the time required for the approval of any project without limitation;
15. *Further requests* the Board to avoid adding any additional conditionalities for access, in particular for countries with significant capacity and institutional constraints;

Country-ownership:

16. *Requests* the Board to continue to address the needs of developing country Parties 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;

Adaptation:

17. *Recognizes* that developing country Parties have a higher number of needs for adaptation compared to other thematic areas and *requests* the Board to ensure adaptation is adequately supported and to establish clear guidelines that differentiate between thematic areas;
18. *Urges* the Board to strengthen efforts to maintain the 50:50 balance between mitigation and adaptation in the overall portfolio as per its Governing Instrument;
19. Acknowledges that national adaptation planning is part of the iterative adaptation cycle as per decision 3/CMA.4, requiring iterative and enhanced technical and financial support;
20. *Recalls* decision 16/CP.27, paragraph 8, and *requests* the Board to effectively distinguish between funding for mitigation, adaptation and cross-cutting projects;
21. *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;

Technology:

22. *Requests* the Board to strengthen efforts towards providing support to developing country Parties for technology development, dissemination and deployment in line with paragraph 35 of its Governing Instrument, in particular for abatement and removal technologies such as carbon capture utilization and storage;
23. *Requests* the Board to provide specific funding and technical assistance to address the specific challenges of developing countries Parties for implementing abatement and removal technologies;

Working modality of the Board and the GCF secretariat:

24. *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;
25. *Requests* the GCF to continue to operate in line with its Governing Instrument and ensure consistency with the provisions and principles of the Convention;
26. *Urges* the GCF to provide support in a geographically balanced manner, taking into consideration the national circumstances, needs and priorities of developing countries;

Others:

27. *Reaffirms* 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;
28. *Expresses concern* that additional conditionalities for specific funding proposals have been agreed by the Board in 2024 and *requests* the Board to refrain from instituting conditionalities arbitrarily on developing country Parties.
29. *Requests* the Board, in supporting developing country Parties, to tailor support and modalities of support to the special circumstances of different countries taking into consideration their socioeconomic conditions, needs and priorities;

GCF CMA:

Relevant CMA outcomes:

1. *Welcomes* the outcome on the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance and *calls upon* developed country Parties to expeditiously enhance their contributions to the Green Climate Fund in a manner commensurate with the quantum and to fulfil their obligations to deliver the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance to developing country Parties;
2. *Requests* the Board to significantly scale up efforts to support the implementation of the Global Goal on Adaptation and to provide additional information on such efforts;

GEF COP:

1. *Recalling* Decision 6/CP.8 that reaffirms that capacity-building for developing country Parties is essential to enable them to participate fully in, and to implement effectively their commitments under, the Convention;
2. *Recalls* decision 5 CP.7 paragraphs 22-26 and *Reaffirms* paragraph 19 of decision 5 CP.7;
3. *Requests* the GEF to provide an update on the requests referenced in paragraph 2 of this decision;
4. *Requests* the GEF to consider ways to better serve different regions, including by taking into account the developing country Parties needs and challenges faced in implementing their transparency requirements under both the Convention and its Paris Agreement;
5. *Requests* the Board to address the needs and challenges of developing country Parties in implementing the reporting requirements as per the Convention and its Paris Agreement and as provided for in Article 4, paragraph 8 of the Convention, considering the lack of accessibility for states that have not accessed the Fund sufficiently which hinders their ability to update national reports and hinders climate planning;
6. *Requests* the GEF to continue to enhance support for the formulation and implementation of National Communications and to enable developing country Parties to implement national reporting including costing of needs and to best assess the effectiveness of support provided;
7. *Requests* the GEF to take measures to ensure that all developing country Parties are able to access resources from the fund without restrictions, including political restrictions on individual states;
8. *Requests* the GEF, in supporting developing country Parties, to tailor support and modalities of support to the special circumstances of different countries taking into consideration their socioeconomic conditions, needs and priorities;
9. *Urges* the GEF, in its consideration of partnerships, to prioritize partnering with national and regional institutions to build local capacities, with a view to ensuring that projects are not only designed locally but also implemented and managed locally, enhancing sustainability and effectiveness;
10. *Further requests* the Board to avoid adding any additional conditionalities for access, in particular for countries with significant capacity and institutional constraints;
11. *Recognizes* that developing country Parties have a higher number of needs for adaptation compared to other thematic areas and *requests* the GEF to ensure adaptation is adequately supported and to establish clear guidelines that differentiate between thematic areas;

GEF CMA:

1. *Requests* the GEF to take into account the adopted Global Goal on Adaptation and to explore manners to enable its full and effective implementation and develop clear and transparent mechanisms to track progress systems towards supporting the implementation of GGA targets;

2. *Requests* the GEF to take measures to ensure that all developing country Parties are able to access resources from the fund without restrictions;
3. *Recalling* Article 13 of the Paris Agreement that support shall be provided to developing country Parties by developed country Parties to implement the Enhanced Transparency Framework, including estimation of required support or including costing of needs;
4. *Requests* the GEF to consider ways to better serve different regions, including by taking into account the developing country Parties needs and challenges faced in implementing their transparency requirements under the Paris Agreement;
5. *Requests* the GEF to strengthen efforts towards providing support to developing country Parties for building capacity, institutional arrangements, and trainings to effectively implement the enhanced transparency framework consistent with the specific needs and priorities and constraints of developing country Parties;
6. *Recalling* Article 13 of the Paris Agreement that requires transparency related capacity-building for developing country Parties to be provided on a continued basis to enable them to effectively implement the enhanced transparency framework;