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1. This explanatory note has been prepared to clarify the approach of the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) to preparing the draft guidance for the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism in 2025.
2. During April and May 2025, the co-facilitators leading the preparation of the draft guidance for the operating entities in 2025 held informal consultations with Parties and groups of Parties to hear views on improving the clarity, coherence and usability of the guidance prepared by the SCF for the operating entities and on priorities for the draft guidance for the operating entities being prepared in 2025.
3. Parties noted, inter alia, that the draft guidance should not be negotiated by the SCF and should reflect Parties' positions and the nuances in the proposals in their submissions to the SCF on the draft guidance and maintain flexibility for Parties to negotiate at sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA). Most Parties were in favour of the draft guidance being organized by thematic cluster and presented in draft decision format with minimal streamlining of the text in order for it to have a negotiation-ready structure. Parties emphasized that the SCF should not reconcile or synthesize divergent inputs in a way that could constrain the negotiations on or misrepresent their positions in the draft guidance.
4. Taking into account the consultations, the SCF agreed on an inclusive and transparent approach to preparing the draft guidance: compiling submissions and organizing the content by thematic cluster, preserving core messages and differing views in the draft guidance and refraining from negotiating on the substance of the submissions. On that basis, the SCF compiled all submissions on the draft guidance received up to SCF 38.¹
5. SCF 38 finalized the draft guidance to the Global Environment Facility from the COP and the CMA, as contained in the annexes.
6. The SCF noted that the draft guidance:

¹ The submissions are available at <https://unfccc.int/event/thirty-eighth-standing-committee-on-finance-meeting>.



- (a) Is without prejudice to Parties providing further inputs at COP 30 and CMA 7;
 - (b) Reiterates some previous guidance, noting that such reiteration may be warranted since Parties determine whether to reemphasize certain guidance, particularly where follow-up may be considered useful;
 - (c) Includes some elements that are not directed at the Boards of the operating entities;
 - (d) Does not reflect outcomes of the meetings of the Boards of the Green Climate Fund or the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage held after SCF 38 and prior to COP 30 owing to limitations on the sequencing of the meetings of the SCF and the Boards of the operating entities.
7. Parties may wish to refer to previous guidance provided to the operating entities by consulting:
- (a) The forthcoming booklet of previous guidance provided to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism;²
 - (b) The compilation of previous guidance from the COP to the Global Environment Facility and the responses of the latter.³

² To be made available at <https://unfccc.int/topics/climate-finance/funds-entities-bodies/standing-committee-on-finance/draft-guidance-to-the-operating-entities-of-the-financial-mechanism>.

³ Available at <https://www.thegef.org/newsroom/publications/unfccc-guidance-cops-and-responses-gef-cop1-cop28>.

Annex I

Draft guidance to the Global Environment Facility from the Conference of the Parties*

[Outcomes of C.69]

1. *Welcomes* the streamlining measures approved by the GEF Council at its sixty-ninth meeting, including the one-step medium-sized project ceiling of USD 5 million and the option to bundle up to two biennial transparency reports and one national communication per enabling activity, and *requests* the GEF to ensure their full implementation and to report in its next annual report on the time reduction achieved from project identification to CEO endorsement;

[GEF-9 contributions]

2. *Welcomes* countries' participation in upcoming meetings and encourages the GEF to take action to try to have greater participation from all countries in the next replenishment meetings and *encourages* the contribution to the ninth replenishment by all countries in a position to do so;

3. *Calls* upon developed country Parties to urgently make adequate pledges within the Global Environment Facility in its Ninth Replenishment Cycle and to convert these pledges as soon as possible into fully fledged contributions;

4. *Calls* upon developed country Parties to significantly increase their contributions beyond their pledges made within the Global Environment Facility in its Ninth Replenishment Cycle;

5. *Requests* the GEF to encourage contributions from recipient contributors and encourage additional voluntary financial contributions;

[GEF-9 programming]

6. *Encourages* the GEF to maintain a continued focus on risk-taking and innovation under GEF-9, ensuring that its risk appetite statement supports the development and implementation of transformative approaches to address environmental challenges;

7. *Urges* the GEF to ensure that programming under its ninth replenishment cycle (GEF-9) remains country-driven and aligns with the principles of the Paris Agreement, reflecting nationally determined needs and priorities through full leadership and ownership by recipient countries;

8. *Requests* the GEF to retain and enhance programmatic approaches under GEF9 that support integrated, cross sectoral initiatives aligned with national strategies, and to begin early consultations with recipient countries to identify priority project pipelines;

9. *Acknowledges* the proposed policy adjustments aimed to strengthen accessibility to GEF funding and streamline policy requirements and urges the GEF to implement measures to expand the cohort of implementing agencies to include qualified national and regional entities from underserved regions while upholding minimum fiduciary standards;

10. *Welcomes* initiation of GEF-9 and requests the GEF to present, at COP31, an implementation pathway to scale up public funds and triple outflows from 2022 levels by 2030, including through the LDCF and SCCF, consistent with the Baku outcomes considering securing front-loaded and predictable multi-year pledging strategies to avoid funding uncertainty;

11. *Encourages* that GEF-9 programming directions substantially increase adaptation allocations and co-benefits, strengthen support for NAP formulation and implementation in coordination with the GCF to avoid overlap, and adopt more flexible access modalities,

* Not formally edited.

including access through accredited national and regional entities from LDCs recognised by the GCF and AF, together with public, grant-based and highly concessional co-financing arrangements that mobilise additional resources without overburdening these entities;

[LDCF and SCCF]

12. *Welcomes* the continued support of the LDCF and SCCF for their adaptation support in particular to LDCs and SIDS;

13. *Urges* that replenishment levels and thematic funding windows under GEF-9, including LDCF and SCCF, be adequate to meet the evolving and growing needs of developing countries, especially for adaptation and loss and damage;

14. *Requests* the GEF to improve access to and delivery of resources under the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF); and to explore ways of ensuring continuity of support for countries transitioning out of LDC status;

15. *Requests* that the GEF continue to support actions that address loss and damage, especially through the LDCF and SCCF, in accordance with recent COP decisions and guided by national contexts and vulnerability assessments;

16. *Welcomes* the proposal for piloting the PriA under the LDCF and the SCCF and encourages its adoption as part of the programming strategy for adaptation at the 40th LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting May/June 2026;

17. *Urges* developed country Parties to make substantial, predictable, and multi-year pledges to the LDCF to address the funding gap identified in FY2025, and *requests* the GEF to report annually on unmet demand and projects awaiting approval due to resource constraints; *further requests* the GEF, through the LDCF, to expand investment in climate resilient livelihoods, food security, early warning systems, and other priorities identified in LDCs' national adaptation plans, ensuring coherence and complementarity with GCF support;

[Financial contributions]

18. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to consider ways for the early conversion of pledges into contributions;

[Access]

19. *Requests* the GEF to take measures to ensure that all developing country Parties are able to access resources from the fund without restrictions;

20. *Requests* the GEF to take measures to increase GEF funding in underserved regions and sub-regions;

[Risk management]

21. *Encourages* continued integration of appropriate and innovative risk appetite into GEF program management and implementation, particularly the 'High' risk appetite for innovation, noting the importance of harnessing more innovative and transformational financing to address the scale of environmental challenges;

[Project cycle]

22. *Welcomes* the decision of the GEF Council to approve the policy amendments to streamline the GEF project cycle and looks forward to their full implementation;

23. *Welcomes* the GEF-8 streamlining agenda work, in particular reducing average time from Project Identification Form (PIF) approval to CEO endorsement by six and a half months compared to GEF-7. and commends the GEF's continued commitment to further streamlining and aligning the GEF funds, including through the GEF-9 replenishment process to streamline high-risk innovation, in reducing project preparation times, increasing efficiency, and enhancing access to finance;

24. *Encourages* the GEF to build on the achievements of the GEF-8 streamlining agenda and continue promoting programs to accelerate access for developing country Parties, taking

into account their diverse capacities and specific needs; including through simplified approval procedures, mechanisms for direct access, to tailor support mechanisms and adapt procedures to the diverse capacities of all recipient countries differentiated thresholds for projects in vulnerable regions and populations, and strengthened stakeholder participation to enhance the effectiveness and visibility of climate action;

25. *Requests* the GEF to strengthen the role of national authorities and institutions in all stages of the project cycle—including design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation—and to simplify and streamline procedures to enable more timely and cost-effective access to climate finance;

26. *Requests* the GEF to further streamline GEF processes by improving the project cycle, enhancing the operational efficiency, and reducing transactions costs;

27. *Urges* the GEF to continue streamlining access modalities and accelerating project cycle timelines, especially under the LDCF and SCCF, to improve delivery and absorptive capacity in developing countries;

28. *Encourages* the GEF to include considerations on scaling up its projects at the project design stage, including through partnerships with the private sector, after the completion of the projects;

29. *Requests* the GEF to avoid adding any additional conditionalities for countries with limited institutional capacities and to streamline project approval timelines to enhance implementation efficiency;

30. *Requests* the GEF to ensure streamlined and effective access to developing country Parties without restrictions or conditionalities and to ensure all regions have a balanced opportunity and representation to benefit from the GEF;

31. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to continue ensuring countries' access to climate finance without restrictions;

[GEF Partnership and Access Modalities]

32. *Reaffirms* that recipient countries must have the flexibility to choose the most appropriate implementation modality— whether Direct Implementation (DIM), National Implementation with Support (NIM+CO), or National Implementation (NIM)—based on national institutional capacities and development context, in consultation with the GEF Operational Focal Point;

33. *Invites* the GEF to consider national accreditation to enhance and simplify direct access to funding;

34. *Encourages* the GEF to expand direct access opportunities by accelerating the accreditation of qualified national and regional agencies, particularly in underserved regions, and by supporting their capacity to meet GEF requirements and fiduciary standards;

35. *Urges* the GEF to expand engagement with national and regional institutions, especially in underserved regions, and to ensure a broad and inclusive range of implementing agencies to reduce concentration and enhance ownership;

36. *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 effectiveness and country-ownership as well as ensuring geographic balance;

37. *Urges* the GEF to broaden its network of executing partners to include local banks, NGOs, cooperatives, and regional platforms to decentralize implementation and avoid overreliance on a few large international agencies, thereby enhancing inclusiveness and ownership;

38. *Encourage* the GEF to explore the adoption of a project-specific accreditation approach for implementing partners, similar to the Green Climate Fund's Project-specific Assessment Approach (PSAA);

39. *Encourages* the GEF to:

(a) Promote the systematic inclusion of Operational Focal Points (OFPs) as full members on project steering committees;

(b) Ensure OFPs are formally notified and consulted at all key stages of the project cycle, including amendments, report approvals, and consultant nominations, beyond automatic system notifications;

(c) Strengthen communication, monitoring, and evaluation mechanisms from OFPs to projects and implementing units, transforming the portal into an active management tool that enables OFPs to perform formal actions (such as approvals and reviews) rather than being merely observers of processes.

40. *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 in line with Article 4, paragraph 8, of the Convention;

41. *Requests* the Council to review the agency fees policy;

[National and regional engagement]

42. *Encourages* the GEF, as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism, to enhance the implementation of its Country Engagement Strategy (CES) global program to more effectively support developing country Parties, including in building robust project and program pipelines;

43. *Encourages* the GEF to strengthen the role and the capacities of the operational focal points to enhance country-drivenness and ensure the effective implementation of the GEF's whole-of government/society approach;

[Financial instruments]

44. *Invites* the Council to explore manners to systemically increase the use of innovative instruments with a view to reducing the cost of capital for developing countries and increase their access to it;

45. *Invites* the Council to explore modalities to better mobilise private capital for climate mitigation, including by an increased application of green bonds in implementing countries, in partnership with relevant stakeholders;

46. *Requests* the GEF to enhance its efforts to mobilize additional financing including from the private sector through blended finance mechanisms and the enhanced use of the NGI window;

[Co-financing]

47. *Commends* the GEF's results to catalyse strong co-financing solutions through GEF-8 and supports more innovative funding sources, including from the private sector;

48. *Encourages* the Council to explore a reassessment and clarification of the GEF co-financing policy;

49. *Invites* the GEF to prioritise public, grant-based finance in supporting the Challenge Program for Adaptation Innovation and other initiatives that advance adaptation outcomes in LDCs, and to report on mobilised finance, with clear disaggregation between public and private sources, ensuring that public contributions remain the primary means of support;

[Adaptation]

50. *Welcomes* the contributions of the GEF in supporting developing country Parties in building the capacity to absorb increasing adaptation finance flows, as described in the adaptation section of its report to COP 30;

51. *Encourages* the GEF to seek avenues to increase the share of resources allocated to and related with adaptation within its portfolio, focusing on strategic ecosystems for climate action and vulnerable communities;

52. *Requests* the GEF, in administering the LDCF/SCCF, to further simplify access for eligible countries and to operationalize measures supporting recently graduated LDCs for a smooth transition; and *urges* contributing countries to provide predictable, multi-year replenishments to the LDCF and SCCF, ensuring stability and reliability of adaptation finance for LDCs' medium- and long-term planning and implementation;

[Technology]

53. *Invites* the GEF to consider the recommendations and insights contained in the following reports by the TEC:

- (a) Analysis of success stories from implemented Technology Action Plans;
- (b) Climate Technologies for Agrifood System Transformation;
- (c) Information note and technical paper on artificial intelligence for climate action;
- (d) Policy brief on Integrating hard-to-abate industries in the process of preparing and implementing NDCs;
- (e) Realising Early Warnings for All;
- (f) Summary report on the workshop on linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism;
- (g) Technology Needs Assessment Guidebook on Renewable Energy;
- (h) Joint annual report of the TEC and CTCN for 2024;
- (i) *Invites* the GEF to strengthen collaboration with the Technology Mechanism on technology transfer initiatives, including transfer of artificial intelligence (AI) and digital climate technologies, leveraging CTCN's networks and TEC's policy guidance.

54. *Welcomes* the consultation of the GEF with the Technology Mechanism through the UNFCCC secretariat and *encourages* the GEF to consider inputs provided by the TEC and the CTCN on technology-related elements of the programming for the climate change focal area under the ninth replenishment of the GEF;

55. *Welcomes* the collaboration of the GEF with the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network, and *encourages* the GEF to scale up support for technology deployment and innovation, aligned with national technology needs assessments;

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57. *Recommends* the GEF to enhance coordination with other international financial institutions on technology development and deployment, with the Technology Mechanism serving as a knowledge broker and technical advisor;

58. *Recommends* the GEF to consider prioritizing technology deployment programmes that respond to priorities identified in Technology Needs Assessments (TNAs) and technology action plans, ensuring alignment with national climate and environmental plans and country-identified technology priorities;

59. *Recommends* the GEF to strengthen private sector engagement on technology deployment, utilizing the Technology Mechanism's private sector networks and expertise to enhance technology development, deployment and commercialization;

60. *Encourages* the GEF to explore opportunities identified by the Technology Mechanism for integrating technologies with nature-based solutions, enhancing effectiveness and scalability, including through exploring synergies with the GEF's support to other MEAs;

61. *Suggests* the GEF to consider incorporating recommendations from TEC knowledge products as reference points in project assessments, helping to ensure optimal technology choices while respecting country ownership;
62. *Invites* the GEF to share technology performance data and lessons with the Technology Mechanism, contributing to TEC’s synthesis work and global technology knowledge base;
63. *Welcomes* the consultation of the GEF with the Technology Mechanism through the UNFCCC secretariat and encourages the GEF to consider the inputs provided by the UNFCCC for the 9th replenishment;
64. *Invites* the GEF to further increase synergies and complementarities with the Climate Technology Centre and Network with a view to increase implementation of CTCN Technical assistance outcomes;
65. *Recommends* the GEF to strengthen consideration of technology deployment that promotes gender-responsiveness, intergenerational equity, Indigenous leadership, civil society engagement and social inclusion, drawing on the Technology Mechanism’s work;
66. *Invites* the GEF to consider how increased coordination between national focal points, in particular for technology, can be achieved and also invites parties to encourage coordination between their focal points;
67. *Invites* the GEF to consider how Technology Needs Assessment and their implementation can be further supported;
68. *Encourages* the GEF to pursue formal collaboration arrangements with the Technology Mechanism, including joint work planning, shared assessments, and coordinated country support;
69. *Requests* the GEF to strengthen efforts towards providing support to developing country Parties for technology development, dissemination and deployment, in particular for abatement and removal technologies such as carbon capture utilization and storage;
70. *Encourages* the GEF to prioritise adaptation technology in its technology-related programming, in consultation with the TEC and CTCN, and to scale pipelines in areas such as agro-climate services, water-saving technologies, energy security, renewable energy integration, and early warning systems, consistent with national TNAs and NDCs;

[SCF Forum]

71. *Requests* the GEF to take note of the summary report of the 2025 SCF Forum on Financing Sustainable Food Systems and Agriculture and to take into consideration the key findings therein to inform its work, as applicable;

[Transparency]

72. *Requests* the GEF to continue to provide and increase financial support for the preparation of BTRs and national communications, and to promote the creation of permanent national MRV systems that transcend one-off projects;

[Coherence & Complementarity]

73. *Welcomes* the GEF’s enhanced efforts in supporting national policy coherence and in collaborating and coordinating with other multilateral climate funds through frameworks such as the Multilateral Climate Fund’s Joint Action Plan and the Long-Term Vision for Complementarity, Coherence, and Collaboration between the GEF and GCF, and through efforts in facilitating potential sequential programming and financing and encourages the GEF to continue and expand these activities in the context of its GEF-9 period;
74. *Acknowledges* the work of the GEF in furthering its strategic collaboration with the Multilateral Climate Funds (MCFs)—including the Adaptation Fund (AF), the Climate Investment Funds (CIFs), and the Green Climate Fund (GCF)—to improve coherence, complementarity, and collective impact in the delivery of climate finance, while also catalysing additional resources and enhancing accessibility;

75. *Welcomes* increased coordination and harmonization of project cycles with MDBs/IFIs;

76. *Welcomes* the catalytic and innovative approach of the Challenge Program for Adaptation Innovation through the GEF LDCF and SCCF and encourages sustained efforts to achieve complimentary and leverage collaboration with other Multilateral Climate Funds, particularly for LDCs and SIDS;

77. *Invites* the GEF to promote the mobilization of resources within its ongoing efforts in a manner that is complementary to other climate funds. Further *encourages* the GEF to strengthen collaboration with the GCF and the Adaptation Fund through the design and implementation of complementary or sequential projects, thereby facilitating the mobilization of additional resources and ensuring more effective support for developing country Parties in implementing their climate priorities;

78. *Encourages* further efforts to strengthen the complementarity and coherence between the Multilateral Climate Funds with a view to improving the access to developing countries and increasing the impact of the support provided;

79. *Requests* the GEF to further increase coherence and complementarity with other multilateral climate funds;

80. *Requests* the GEF to further enhance coordination at the country level with other multilateral climate funds and MDBs;

81. *Requests* the GEF to further strengthen complementarity and coherence with other Multilateral Climate Funds including the Adaptation Fund, Climate Investment Funds, Green Climate Fund and the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage through joint planning, coordinated programming and harmonised procedures, while ensuring that such efforts do not reduce or restrict finance available to LDCs and SIDS; and further requests the GEF to report on collaboration modalities, examples of sequential programming and coordinated delivery benefiting LDCs and SIDS in its next annual report;

[Policy coherence]

82. *Requests* to strengthen collaboration with national focal points to support successful country-driven partnerships, and the financial resources of the Fund should be coherently channelled in alignment with national priorities established in climate public policies, such as country-platforms, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), as appropriate;

[Capacity-building]

83. *Reaffirms* that sustained, targeted capacity building is critical for developing country Parties to effectively implement their climate commitments under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, consistent with decisions 5/CP.7 and 6/CP.8;

84. *Strongly encourages* the GEF to continue to expand and diversify capacity development initiatives, focusing not only on government staff (OFPs) but also on agency staff, particularly those working at the national level;

85. *Urges* the GEF to further strengthen OFP capacity and ownership, including support for supervision of missions, field visits, and coordination, and to report uptake and outcomes at COP31;

86. *Encourages* the GEF to prioritize capacity building of national designated authorities and implementing agencies, including through training on project preparation, reporting, financial management, and fiduciary standards, to strengthen institutional systems and country ownership;

87. *Requests* the GEF to include in its annual report information on how it has implemented guidance from the Conference of the Parties and how it has addressed the access and capacity constraints faced by developing countries;

[Gender]

88. *Recognises* the GEF's inclusion of substantive gender perspectives at all stages of the project cycle that highlights gender equality as integral to achieving global environmental benefits, particularly in LDCs and SIDS;

89. *Encourages* the GEF to integrate mandatory gender and inclusion outcome indicators into its monitoring frameworks and ensure that community participation mechanisms have a direct influence on programming decisions;

[Small Grants Programme]

90. *Welcomes* the launch of the GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) 2.0, which introduced further improvements, including support for local civil society organizations, Indigenous Peoples, women-led initiatives, and youth engagement;

[Response measures]

91. *Reaffirms* decision 5/CP.7 and Requests the GEF to support developing country Parties in the implementation of activities outlines in paragraphs 22-26 of decision 5/CP.7.

Annex II

Draft guidance to the Global Environment Facility from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement*

[Preamble]

1. *Recalling* paragraph 9 article 9 of the Paris Agreement and reaffirms decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 58;
2. *Recalling* paragraph 8 and 16 of decision 1/CMA.6;
3. *Recalling the decision* on the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG), which includes the target to at least triple annual outflows from those Funds from 2022 levels by 2030 at the latest;
4. *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;
5. *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;

[NCQG]

6. *Welcomes* the decision on the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance, in particular the extension of the USD 100 billion per year commitment of developed country Parties;
7. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility, in fulfilling its mandate as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism, to consider ways for the replenishment process to respond to paragraph 16 of the decision on the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance (NCQG), with the aim of at least tripling annual outflows from 2022 levels by 2030, with a view to significantly scaling up the share of climate finance delivered through the GEF;
8. *Requests* developed country Parties, in fulfilling their obligations, and in line with paragraph 16 of the decision on the NCQG, to significantly increase the provision of public resources through the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, in particular through the GEF, by substantially and ambitiously scaling up their pledges under the ongoing replenishment process;
9. *Urges* developed country Parties to channel their delivery of the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance through the operating entities of the financial mechanism;
10. *Urges* developed country Parties, in line with their obligations outlined in Article 9, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement, to significantly scale up their provision to the Global Environment Facility to at least triple annual outflows from the Fund from 2022 levels by 2030;

[Coherence & Complementarity]

11. *Recognizes* the importance of the role of the GEF within the wider financial architecture in delivering climate objectives, including the relevant outcomes agreed in the NCQG;

* Not formally edited.

[Access]

12. *Requests* the GEF to strengthen their efforts to enhance efficient and effective access to the Fund and further requests the GEF to eliminate conditionalities for accessing climate finance;

[Country platform]

13. *Emphasizes* the importance of utilizing country platforms to prioritize projects that enhance national capacities and foster synergies in the implementation of the Climate Change, Biodiversity, and Desertification Conventions;

14. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to continue its efforts to promote country ownership and country-driven processes and *encourages* the GEF to further strengthen national consultation processes to ensure that programming responds to Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and ambitious just transition strategies;

15. *Invites* the GEF to support nationally determined mechanisms (country platforms) that strengthen coordination, align programming with national climate priorities, and incorporate inclusive approaches that address social and economic impacts; and to share pilots and lessons learned;

[Global Goal on Adaptation]

16. *Recognizes* the significant adaptation needs of developing countries and requests the GEF to scale up support for adaptation projects, in line with national priorities, the Global Goal on Adaptation, and with clear thematic differentiation in its climate change focal area;

17. *Requests* the GEF to support developing country Parties in the implementation of the Global Goal on Adaptation and to provide additional information on such efforts;

[Economic diversification]

18. *Recalls* Article 4.7 of the Paris Agreement and *requests* the GEF scale up programming for adaptation, taking into account the mitigation co-benefits resulting from adaptation action and economic diversification;

[Technology]

19. *Encourages* the GEF to further strengthen the integration of technologies that contribute to transformational changes envisaged in the Paris Agreement in its strategic programming, with enhanced consideration of transformative climate technologies including AI and digital solutions, supported through national systems of innovation (NSI), that could accelerate achievement of the global stocktake targets;

20. *Recommends* the GEF to strengthen consideration of technology deployment that promotes gender-responsiveness, intergenerational equity, Indigenous leadership, civil society engagement and social inclusion, drawing on the Technology Mechanism's work;

21. *Encourages* the GEF to pursue formal collaboration arrangements with the Technology Mechanism, including joint work planning, shared assessments, and coordinated country support;

22. *Requests* the GEF to support developing country Parties in the implementation of the Technology Implementation Programme, in particular in relation to technologies that abate and remove greenhouse gas emissions;

[Transparency]

23. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies to prioritize and increase financial support for the preparation of Biennial Transparency Reports and National Communications;

24. *Encourages* the GEF, Parties and implementing agencies to work collaboratively to facilitate simplified access modalities for support for reporting and ensure timely submission of BTRs and National Communications;
25. *Requests* the GEF to continue to provide and increase financial support for the preparation of BTRs and national *communications*, and to promote the creation of permanent national MRV systems that transcend one-off projects;
26. *Requests* the GEF to maintain the set-aside for support for reporting, including the CBIT;
27. *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;
28. *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;
29. *Request* the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies to harmonize and streamline procedures for the submission and approval of project proposals under the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency and enabling activities, with a view to ensuring continuity of relevant national technical teams and addressing long-term institutional requirements;
30. *Requests* the GEF to provide timely EA support for first and subsequent BTRs and NCs, avoiding gaps between cycles, and to continue CBIT support; further requests an update on the CBIT TF extension and portfolio completion timeline;
31. *Request* the Global Environment Facility to ensure that its procedures prevent gaps between project cycles and deliver continuous support, aiming at enhancing the sustainability of national reporting systems and national workflows related to the elaboration of transparency reports;

[Capacity-building]

32. *Reaffirms* that sustained, targeted capacity building is critical for developing country Parties to effectively implement their climate commitments under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, consistent with decisions 5/CP.7 and 6/CP.8;
33. *Requests* the GEF to continue and enhance support for the formulation and implementation of National Communications and Biennial Transparency Reports, including support for costing needs, institutional arrangements, and the estimation of support required under the Enhanced Transparency Framework, as per Article 13 of the Paris Agreement.
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