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Board decisions proposed between the twentieth and twenty-first meetings of the Board

Summary

This document provides information on decisions proposed between the twentieth and twenty-first meetings of the Board as at 26 September 2018.

I. Introduction

1. In accordance with paragraph 41 of the Rules of Procedure of the Board, “Decisions without a Board meeting may occur on an extraordinary basis when in the judgement of both Co-Chairs, a decision must be taken by the Board that should not be postponed to the next Board meeting”. In such instances, the Secretariat, with the approval of the Co-Chairs, shall transmit to members and alternate members of the Board a proposed decision with the invitation to approve the decision on a no-objection basis within a prescribed period between Board meetings.

2. This document summarizes decisions proposed to the Board between its twentieth and twenty-first meetings (B.20 and B.21) as at 26 September 2018.

1.1 Decisions approved as at 26 September 2018

3. As at 26 September 2018, the following decisions were approved between meetings on a non-objection basis:

- (a) “Re-appointment of members of the independent Technical Advisory Panel”: the proposed decision was transmitted to the Board on a limited distribution basis as document GCF/BM-2018/17 on 10 July 2018 with a no-objection period of 21 days ending on 31 July, during which no objections were received. This decision was thus deemed approved as decision B.BM-2018/13 and circulated to the Board on 1 August 2018;
- (b) “Extension of the consideration period for the decision on the appointment of the Executive Director ad interim”: the proposed decision was transmitted to the Board on a limited distribution basis as document GCF/BM-2018/19 on 27 July 2018 with a no-objection period of 7 days ending on 3 August, during which no objections were received;
- (c) “Status of funded activity agreements: extension of deadline in respect of FP058 (Responding to the increasing risk of drought: building gender-responsive resilience of the most vulnerable communities)”: the proposed decision was transmitted to the Board on a limited distribution basis as document GCF/BM-2018/20 on 30 July 2018 with a no-objection period of 21 days ending on 20 August, during which no objections were received. The decision was thus deemed approved as decision B.BM-2018/14 and circulated to the Board on 20 August 2018; and
- (d) “Accreditation of observer organizations”: the proposed decision was transmitted to the Board on a limited distribution basis as document GCF/BM-2018/23 on 6 September 2018 with a no-objection period of 7 days ending on 13 September, during which no objections were received. The decision was thus deemed approved as decision B.BM-2018/15 and circulated to the Board on 14 September 2018.

1.2 Decisions proposed pending for approval as at 26 September 2018

4. The proposed decisions outlined below were transmitted to the Board for approval between meetings:

- (a) “Status of approved funding proposals: Extension of deadline in respect of FP020 (Sustainable Energy Facility for the Eastern Caribbean)”: the proposed decision was transmitted to the Board as document GCF/BM-2018/14 on 7 July 2018 with a no-objection period of 21 days ending on 28 July 2018;

- (i) An objection and a comment were received during the no-objection period. Following consultations among the Co-Chairs, the Board member concerned, and the Secretariat, the objection was upheld; and
- (ii) Given that the objection of the Board member was upheld, the decision was not approved by the deadline, and the project approval for the funding proposal in question lapsed. The compilation of written objections and comments received was shared with the Board, which was notified on the status of the funding proposal on 1 August;
- (b) “Status of approved funding proposals: Extension of deadline in respect of FP030 (Catalyzing private investment in sustainable energy in Argentina – Part I)”: the proposed decision was transmitted to the Board as document GCF/BM-2018/15 on 7 July 2018 with a no-objection period of 21 days ending on 28 July 2018;
 - (i) An objection was received during the no-objection period. The Secretariat shared the objection with the Co-Chairs and provided a reply on behalf of the Co-Chairs to the Board member;
 - (ii) Questions from advisers were also received on the proposed decision. The Secretariat provided responses to these questions; and
 - (iii) As at the end of the review period, the objection remained standing. The decision was not approved by the deadline, and the project approval for the funding proposal in question lapsed. The compilation of written objections and comments received was shared with the Board, and they were notified on the status of the funding proposal on 1 August;
- (c) “Implementation matters relating to the GCF’s obligations under the Accreditation Master Agreement”: the proposed decision was transmitted to the Board as document GCF/BM-2018/16 on 9 July 2018 with a no-objection period of seven days ending on 16 July 2018;
 - (i) Three objections were received during the no-objection period;
 - (ii) For two of the objections received, the Secretary to the Board, on behalf of the Co-Chairs, worked through the objections with the Board members. The Board members upheld their objections to the proposed decision;
 - (iii) For the third objection, the Secretary to the Board, on behalf of the Co-Chairs, provided responses regarding the objection to the Board member;
 - (iv) Questions from advisers were also received regarding the proposed decision. The Secretariat provided responses to these questions;
 - (v) Given that the objections of the Board members were upheld, the matter was deferred to B.21 and the compilation of written objections and comments received was shared with the Board on 9 August; and
 - (vi) The matter will be brought for consideration by the Board at B.21;
- (d) “Appointment of the Executive Director ad interim”: the proposed decision was transmitted to the Board as document GCF/BM-2018/18 on 13 July 2018 with a no-objection period of seven days ending on 20 July 2018;
 - (i) An objection was received during the no-objection period. The Co-Chairs communicated directly with the Board member on their objection. The Board member upheld the objection to the proposed decision;

- (ii) The Board was notified of the objection and the compilation of written objections and comments received was shared with the Board on 3 September; and
 - (iii) The Co-Chairs informed the Board that this matter was under further consideration with the Co-Chairs;
- (e) “Selection process for the appointment of the Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund Secretariat”: the proposed decision was transmitted to the Board as document GCF/BM-2018/21 on 3 August 2018 with a no-objection period of seven days ending on 10 August 2018;
- (i) An objection was received during the no-objection period;
 - (ii) The Board was notified of the objection and the compilation of written objections and comments received was shared with the Board on 3 September; and
 - (iii) The Co-Chairs informed the Board that this matter was under further consideration with the Co-Chairs; and
- (f) “Travel costs of eligible developing country Board members and alternate members of the Board attending the GCF Private Investment for Climate Conference and the GCF Global NDA Conference”: the proposed decision was transmitted to the Board as document GCF/BM-2018/22 on 21 August 2018 with a no-objection period of seven days ending on 29 August 2018;
- (i) Two objections were received during the no-objection period. Following guidance from the Co-Chairs, the matter was deferred to the Budget Committee for consideration. The Secretariat provided clarifications to the Budget Committee on the proposed decision;
 - (ii) The Board was notified of the objection and the compilation of written objections and comments received was shared with the Board on 21 September; and
 - (iii) After discussion on the proposed decision, there was no consensus within the Budget Committee to support the proposed decision. After further consultations between the Co-Chairs and the objecting Board members, the objections raised by the Board members remain upheld.

II. Next steps

5. On approval by the Board, decisions are transmitted to the Board and made available on the GCF website except for limited distribution decisions.
6. The decisions approved between meetings will be recorded in the report of B.21 in accordance with paragraph 44 of the Rules of Procedure.

Annex I: Decisions proposed between the twentieth and twenty-first meetings of the Board

Table 1: Decisions proposed between the twentieth and twenty-first meetings of the Board pending approval as at 26 September 2018

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DECISION TITLE
GCF/BM-2018/14	Status of approved funding proposals: Extension of deadline in respect of FP020 (Sustainable Energy Facility for the Eastern Caribbean)
GCF/BM-2018/15	Status of approved funding proposals: Extension of deadline in respect of FP030 (Catalyzing private investment in sustainable energy in Argentina – Part I)
GCF/BM-2018/16	Implementation matters relating to the GCF's obligations under the Accreditation Master Agreement
GCF/BM-2018/18	Appointment of the Executive Director ad interim
GCF/BM-2018/21	Selection process for the appointment of the Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund Secretariat
GCF/BM-2018/22	Travel costs of eligible developing country Board members and alternate members of the Board attending the GCF Private Investment for Climate Conference and the GCF Global NDA Conference

Annex II: Objections to decisions proposed between the twentieth and twenty-first meetings of the Board

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Document symbol	Date sent to Board	End of no-objection period	Document title	Number of objections	Objector	Staus as at 26 Sept.
GCF/BM-2018/14	7 July 2018	28 July 2018	Status of approved funding proposals: Extension of deadline in respect of FP020 (Sustainable Energy Facility for the Eastern Caribbean)	1	Omar El-Arini	Project approval lapsed
GCF/BM-2018/15	7 July 2018	28 July 2018	Status of approved funding proposals: Extension of deadline in respect of FP030 (Catalyzing private investment in sustainable energy in Argentina – Part I)	1	Omar El-Arini	Project approval lapsed
GCF/BM-2018/16	9 July 2018	16 July 2018	Implementation matters relating to the GCF's obligations under the Accreditation Master Agreement	3	Omar El-Arini; Zaheer Fakir; Geoffrey Okamoto	Deferred to B.21
GCF/BM-2018/18	13 July 2018	20 July 2018	Appointment of the Executive Director ad interim	1	Geoffrey Okamoto	Under consideration with the Co-Chairs
GCF/BM-2018/21	3 August 2018	10 August 2018	Selection process for the appointment of the Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund Secretariat	1	Omar El-Arini	
GCF/BM-2018/22	21 August 2018	29 August 2018	Travel costs of eligible developing country Board members and alternate members of the Board attending the GCF Private Investment for Climate Conference and the GCF Global NDA Conference	2	Hans Olav Ibrekk; Satu Santala	