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Report on the activities of the Co-Chairs

Summary

This document contains the report on the activities of the Co-Chairs from the twenty-second meeting of the Board to the end of June 2019.

I. Introduction

1. This document contains the report on the activities of the Co-Chairs from the twenty-second meeting of the Board (B.22) to the end of June 2019.

II. Preparations for the twenty-third meeting of the Board

2.1 Engagement with the Secretariat and independent units

2. Acting on behalf of the Co-Chairs, the advisers to the Co-Chairs held weekly conference calls with the Secretariat to prepare for the twenty-third meeting of the Board (B.23). Regular calls between the Co-Chairs and the Executive Director were held as well. The Co-Chairs and their advisers also engaged with the Heads of the Independent Units on matters they lead that are scheduled for Board consideration at B.23. These collaborations resulted in: the issuance of the B.23 provisional agenda; decisions proposed for Board approval between meetings; and guidance provided by the advisers to the Secretariat and the independent units in the development and finalization of B.23 decision documents, including those arising from mandates by the Board to the Co-Chairs (see table 1 in section 5.3 below).

2.1 Provisional agenda for the twenty-third meeting of the Board

3. A draft provisional agenda was transmitted to the Board for comments from 5 to 12 April 2019. Comments received were incorporated and the B.23 provisional agenda (document GCF/B.23/01/Drf.01) was transmitted to the Board and published on the website on 19 April 2019. The Co-Chairs may issue an updated version of the B.23 provisional agenda prior to the commencement of the Board meeting if deemed necessary.

2.2 Consultations ahead of the twenty-third meeting of the Board

4. Documents for selected matters¹ scheduled for Board consideration and decision at B.23 were shared with the Board for comments from 23 April to 17 May 2019. In addition, technical briefings for Board members were conducted by the Secretariat on some of the papers. Advisers to the Co-Chairs provided guidance to the Secretariat in addressing matters of divergence emerging from the consultations in the lead up to the publication of the documents. Matters prepared under the purview of Board committees were excluded from this process.

III. Updated Board workplan for 2019

5. By decision B.22/02, the Board adopted the revised workplan of the Board for 2019. In line with decision B.21/04, the Co-Chairs updated the workplan as presented in document GCF/B.23/21/Add.01 titled "Report on the Activities of the Co-Chairs – Addendum I: Updated workplan of the Board for 2019".

¹ The list of documents to be consulted on was shared with the Board in a Co-Chairs' note transmitted to the Board on 19 April 2019.

IV. Decisions proposed between meetings

6. Based on requests from Board committees and in consultation with the Secretariat, the Co-Chairs determined that decisions must be taken by the Board between meetings on matters that should not be postponed to the next Board meeting. In addition, following past practice, the decision to accredit observers to the GCF was transmitted to the Board for approval between meetings. The decisions proposed for adoption are captured in document GCF/B.23/Inf.06 titled “Decisions proposed between the twenty-second and twenty-third meetings of the Board”.

V. Board mandates to the Co-Chairs

5.1 Decision-making in the absence of consensus

7. By decision B.12/11, the Board requested the Co-Chairs to consult with a view to presenting, for consideration by the Board, further options for decision-making in the absence of consensus no later than its fifteenth meeting. By decision B.15/02, the Board extended the mandate given to the Co-Chairs to consult.

8. Following on the consultations undertaken during B.22 on the Co-Chairs’ proposal on decision-making in the event that all efforts at reaching consensus have been exhausted, the Co-Chairs asked a group of four Board members working on the matter to continue its discussions with a view to presenting suggestions to update the Co-Chairs’ proposal in the lead up to B.23. The Co-Chairs appreciate the work of the group.

9. Informed by the reports from the Group, the Co-Chairs are consulting on a revised proposal at the time of the publication of this document. These consultations are ongoing and the outcome will be presented to the Board for consideration at B.23.

5.2 Decisions without a Board meeting

10. By decision B.12/12, the Board requested the Co-Chairs to consult with a view to presenting, for consideration by the Board, matters related to the guidelines to determine in which cases decisions may be taken without a Board meeting, no later than its fifteenth meeting. By decision B.15/02, the Board extended the mandate given to the Co-Chairs to consult.

11. Following on the consultations undertaken during B.22 on the Co-Chairs’ proposal on guidelines on decisions without a Board meeting, the Co-Chairs asked two Board members working on the matter to continue their discussions with a view to presenting suggestions to update the Co-Chairs’ proposal in the lead up to B.23. The Co-Chairs appreciate the work of these members.

12. A revised Co-Chairs’ proposal is presented to the Board in document GCF/B.23/16 titled “Outcome of Co-Chairs consultations: Guidelines on decisions without a Board meeting” for its consideration at B.23.

5.3 Status of Co-Chair mandates

13. Table 1 below presents the outstanding mandates from the Board to the Co-Chairs and the status of each. Table 2 presents Co-Chair mandates that have been closed.

Table 1: Open Co-Chair mandates

MATTER	STATUS
1 The first formal replenishment process <i>Decision B.21/18, para. (j) and (o)</i>	The following are presented at B.23: - Updated policies for contributions, standard provisions, and template contributions agreement for the first replenishment period - Updated strategic programming document outlining scenarios for the GCF replenishment
2 Decision-making between Board meetings <i>Decisions B.12/12, para. (a), B.15/02, para. (a), B.17/09, para. (m) and B.18/06, para. (c)(ii)</i>	To be addressed at B.23
3 Decision-making in the absence of consensus <i>Decisions B.01-13/01, para. (l), B.08/14, para. (b), B.12/11, para. (a) and B.15/02, para. (a)</i>	To be addressed at B.23
4 Incremental cost calculation methodology <i>Decision B.17.10, para. (c)(i)</i>	To be addressed at B.23
5 Level of concessionality for the public sector <i>Decisions B.12/17, para. (b) and B.17.10, para. (c)(iv)</i>	To be addressed at B.23
6 Co-financing matters <i>Decisions B.13/05, para. (a), B.15/02, para. (a) and B.17.10, para. (c)(iii)</i>	To be addressed at B.23
7 Guidance on the approach and scope for providing support to adaptation activities <i>Decision B.17.10, para. (c)(ii)</i>	To be addressed at B.23
8 Policy guidelines for programmatic approach <i>Decisions B.14/07, para. (k) and B.15/02, para. (a)</i>	To be addressed at B.23
9 Project and programme eligibility and selection criteria <i>Decision B.17/10, para. (b)</i>	To be addressed at B.23
10 Updating the 2019 Board workplan <i>Decision B.21/04, para. (b)</i>	Presented at B.23
11 Privileges and immunities <i>Decisions B.19/02, para. (d) and B.21/04, para. (d)</i>	To be addressed at B.24

Abbreviations: B.23 = twenty-third meeting of the Board, B.24 = twenty-fourth meeting of the Board.

Table 2: Closed Co-Chair mandates

MATTER	STATUS
1 Performance criteria and evaluation procedure of the heads of the independent units <i>Decisions B.13/16, para. (c) and B.17/12, para. (b)</i>	Mandate passed over to the Performance Oversight Committee of the Executive Director and the Heads of the Independent Units. Matter to be addressed at the twenty-third meeting of the Board (Decision B.22/04, annex II)
2 Communication strategy <i>Decisions B.04/14, para. (c), B.13/25, para. (c) and B.17/01, para. (b)(ii)</i>	Delegated to the Secretariat with the proviso to bring any recommendations requiring Board attention back to the Board (Decision B.22/02)
3 Travel policy for the GCF <i>Decisions B.12/13, para. (a) and B.15/02, para. (a)</i>	Delegated to the Secretariat with the proviso to bring any recommendations requiring Board attention back to the Board (Decision B.22/02)

VI. Performance Oversight Committee

14. The Co-Chairs are members of the Performance Oversight Committee of the Executive Director and Heads of Independent Units and have engaged in its activities, as detailed in the Committee's report contained in document GCF/B.23/Inf.08 titled "Reports from committees, panels and group of the Board of the Green Climate Fund". On an exceptional basis, they also authorised travel costs for a Committee member to attend a Performance Oversight Committee meeting to support the Committee's ability to develop and agree recommendations in relation to the B.23 provisional agenda item 10, "performance evaluation of the Heads of the independent units". All other committee members were able to be present at this meeting without requiring funding.

VII. Introduction of new procedures for clearing documents

15. The Co-Chairs are instituting new procedures for clearing documents for transmittal to the Board. These procedures apply to (a) policy documents for the Board mandated to Committees, Panels and Groups, and (b) Board documents mandated to either the Secretariat or Committees, Panels and Groups that have budgetary requests.

16. All procedures outlined below should be completed in due consideration of paragraph 21 of the Rules of Procedure, to allow for timely publication of such documents.

17. In addition, the Co-Chairs request that policy proposals put to the Board that are relevant for AEs include a section of the covering document setting out any implications for the legal arrangements between the GCF and AEs.

(a) **Policy documents for the Board mandated to Committees, Panels and Groups:** In the case of such documents, the Co-Chairs will only transmit a document to the Board with a covering note from the respective Chair of the Committee, Panel and Group confirming the endorsement of the document by the Committee, Panel and Group, including the date of this endorsement. Should a Committee, Panel or Group be unable to respond to a mandate given to it by the Board within the expected timeframe, the Co-Chairs will request the Chair of the Committee to explain the reason for this in writing and may consider alternative ways to advance the issue.

(b) **Board documents that have budgetary requests:** In the case of such documents, the Co-Chairs will only transmit documents to the Board where the budgetary request has been endorsed by the Budget Committee and this endorsement conveyed to the co-chairs in writing. When assessing such budgetary requests, the Budget Committee will take into explicit account the recommendations by and reasoning of the Secretariat, Independent Unit and/or Committee, Panel or Group for the proposed budget. Should the amount endorsed by the Budget Committee differ from the original budget proposed, the Chair of the Budget Committee will convey the reasons for this to the Co-Chairs.

18. The Co-Chairs are discussing with the Chair of the Budget Committee how to address policy documents that have budgetary implications but no specific budgetary request at the time of consideration, and intend to provide further guidance on this matter at a later date.

19. The Co-Chairs are also discussing with the Secretariat and Independent Units appropriate processes for Independent Unit Fund-wide policy proposals and intend to provide further guidance on this matter at a later date.
