

Green Climate Fund

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Climate Fund

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**Meeting of the Board**

13-15 March 2013

Berlin, Germany

Agenda item 13

## **Recommended action by the Board**

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Takes note of the information presented in document GCF/B.01-13/10, *Arrangements between the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC and the Green Climate Fund*; and
- (b) Considers next steps in taking forward the Board's work on developing the arrangements between the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC and the Green Climate Fund.

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## I. Introduction

1. At the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the COP approved the Governing Instrument for the Green Climate Fund. It decided to designate the Fund as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, in accordance with Article 11 of the Convention, with arrangements to be concluded between the COP and the Fund at the eighteenth session of the COP (COP 18) to ensure that it is accountable to and functions under the guidance of the COP to support projects, programmes, policies and other activities in developing country Parties.<sup>1</sup>

2. At COP 18, the COP requested the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) and the Green Climate Fund Board to develop the arrangements between the COP and the Fund, for agreement by the Green Climate Fund Board and subsequent agreement by COP 19.<sup>2</sup>

3. This document presents the decision adopted by COP 18 “Arrangements between the COP and the Green Climate Fund”. The document also provides a brief update on the actions taken by the SCF in response to the mandate received.

4. The Board is invited to consider and take appropriate action in response to the COP decision.

## II. Arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and the Green Climate Fund

5. In its decision “Arrangements between the COP and the Fund”, the COP recognized that the provisions contained in Article 11, paragraph 3, of the Convention and decision 3/CP.17 and the Governing Instrument for the Fund annexed to that decision, form the basis for arrangements between the COP and the Fund to ensure that the Fund is accountable to and functions under the guidance of the COP to support projects, programmes, policies and other activities in developing country Parties. It requested the SCF and the Green Climate Fund Board to develop arrangements between the COP and the Fund in accordance with the Governing Instrument for the Fund and Article 11, paragraph 3, for agreement by the Board and subsequent agreement by COP 19.

6. Responding to this mandate, the SCF, in a virtual meeting on 28 January 2013, considered the matter of arrangements between the COP and the Fund. The SCF will further consider this matter during its formal meeting in Bonn from 8 to 10 March 2013. An update on these deliberations will be provided to the Green Climate Fund Board once the outcomes of the March meeting are known.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 3/CP.17, paragraph 3.

<sup>2</sup> The advance unedited COP decision text can be found at the following link:

[http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/doha\\_nov\\_2012/decisions/application/pdf/cop18\\_cop\\_gcf.pdf](http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/doha_nov_2012/decisions/application/pdf/cop18_cop_gcf.pdf).