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Matters related to the Work Plan of the Board 2016

Proposal from the Co-Chairs

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I. Introduction

1. As part of the Co-Chairs' analysis of the Board's 2016 Work Plan and in consideration of support to the Secretariat on the implementation of the Strategic Plan, the Co-Chairs have identified a number of agenda items requiring either (a) deferral or (b) inclusion into the Work Plan. This document elaborates on these agenda items, and outlines a number of procedural decisions to defer decisions. This document also proposes that the Board requests the Co-Chairs, with support from the Secretariat, to undertake further consultations on these matters, and provide the Board with a report on the outcomes of these consultations.

II. Updates to the Work Plan for the Board for 2016

2. In its decision B.12/06, the Board approved the Work Plan of the Board for 2016 and requested the Co-Chairs to update the Work Plan following each meeting of the Board to reflect the decisions of the Board. An update to the 2016 Work Plan 2016 is presented in Annex I to this document.

III. Review of the Independent Technical Advisory Panel

3. In its decision B.09/10, the Board approved the terms of reference of the independent Technical Advisory Panel (iTAP). Further, in its decision, B.10/09, the Board decided that the Secretariat, in consultation with the Investment Committee, will conduct a review of the effectiveness of the iTAP for the Board's consideration at its fourteenth meeting.

4. Given the limited period of the iTAP's operations to date, the Co-Chairs, in consultation with the Secretariat, propose that this matter be deferred and included in the work plan for 2017 for consideration by the Board accordingly.

Proposed action by the Board

Draft decision text relating to this matter is included in Annex II to this document.

IV. Indicative minimum benchmarks

5. In its decision B.09/05 (c), the Board decided to use indicative minimum benchmarks, in accordance with investment policies as decided by the Board, to ensure that projects and programmes demonstrate the maximum potential for a paradigm shift towards low-carbon and climate resilient sustainable development. The Board further requested in paragraph (d), that the Secretariat present the indicative minimum benchmarks for the Board's consideration at its thirteenth meeting. The Co-Chairs, in consultation with the Secretariat, and Investment Committee, propose that this matter be deferred to its seventeenth session.

Proposed action by the Board

Draft decision text relating to this matter is included in annex III to this document.

V. Independent evaluation of the readiness and preparatory support programme

6. In its decision B.08/11, paragraph (i), the Board agreed on the core objectives of the Fund's Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme, and in paragraph (j), agreed that progress in meeting these objectives would be subject to an independent evaluation after two years to assess lessons learned. In accordance with this decision, the independent review should be undertaken starting in 2016. The Co-Chairs, in consultation with the Secretariat, consider that the review be postponed by twelve months to allow further experience to be gained in the implementation of the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme.

Proposed action by the Board

Draft decision text relating to this matter is included in Annex IV to this document.

VI. Pilot programming for mobilizing resources at scale

7. In paragraph (b) of decision B.09/09, the Board requested the Private Sector Advisory Group to present additional information on possible avenues for mobilizing funding at scale at the tenth meeting. Further, in its decision B.10/11, the Board allocated up to US\$500 million over the course of the initial mobilization period for a programme for a pilot programme on mobilizing resources at scale. The Board requested the Secretariat to prepare the terms of reference for a request for proposals (RFP) for entities to mobilize at scale for consideration no later than its twelfth session.

Proposed action by the Board

Draft decision text relating to this matter is included in annex V to this document.

VII. Matters arising from the implementation of the Strategic Plan

8. In its decision B.12/20, the Board adopted the Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund. The Board resolved to swiftly implement the Strategic Plan in order to meet the Board's aspirational approvals target for 2016 and to scale up the Fund's investments in ambitious climate action. The Board requested the Secretariat, under the Co-Chairs' guidance, to integrate the operational priorities and action plan included in the Strategic Plan in the Work Plan for 2016, and subsequent Work Plans. The integration of the strategic plan has been included in the updated work plan for 2016, as well as in the Secretariat's report to the Board.

9. In consultation with the Secretariat, the Co-Chairs propose that at least two issues require further mandates from the Board in 2016, with regard to:

- (a) Identifying opportunities for the GCF to add value by co-financing projects and programmes together with the Global Environment Facility, the Adaptation Fund or Multilateral Development Banks. In the early stages of operations in particular, this might be a way of scaling up quickly and capitalizing on and learning from the knowledge and experience of these institutions (paragraph 17 (c)); and
- (b) Analysing barriers to crowding-in and maximising the engagement of the private sector, including based on a survey amongst private sectors actors. Contingent on the findings of this analysis, the GCF intends to develop a private sector outreach plan (paragraph 23 (a)).

Proposed action by the Board

Draft decision text relating to this matter is included in Annex VII to this document.

Annex I: Revised Work Plan of the Board 2016

Work Plan for the Board of the Green Climate Fund in 2016

Issue	B.13 (June 2016)	B.14 (October 2016)	B.15 (December 2016)
Strategies and plans			
Work Plan 2016	Co-Chairs update and revise work plan for 2016.	Circulate updated 2016 Work Plan following B.13 decisions, including progress report.	Circulate updated 2016 Work Plan following B.14 decisions, including progress report.
Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund (B.11/03)	Co-Chairs update. Secretariat update. Update from committees, panels and groups.	Pending follow-up matters on the Strategic Plan, including progress report.	Pending follow-up matters on the Strategic Plan, including progress report.
Strategy on Accreditation Strategy (B.10/08(r)/B.12/21)	Presentation of the Strategy for adoption.	Pending follow-up matters on the Accreditation Strategy.	Pending follow-up matters on the Accreditation Strategy.
Communications Strategy	Presentation of an update on how the Communications Strategy will reflect the Strategic Plan		
Governance			
COP guidance and reports (Governing Instrument 6(a)-(c))	Board approval of the Report to the COP.	Board approval of the addendum of the Report to the COP.	
COP Guidance: Complementarity and coherence (B.12/07 (a))	Presentation of document on complementarity and coherence.	Pending follow-up matters to be determined by the Board.	Pending follow-up matters to be determined by the Board.
COP Guidance: Technology related matters (B.12/07 (b))		Presentation of document on technology related matters.	Pending follow-up matters to be determined by the Board.
COP Guidance: Adaptation Planning processes (B.12/07 (c))	Presentation of document on adaptation planning processes.	Pending follow-up matters to be determined by the Board.	Pending follow-up matters to be determined by the Board.
COP Guidance: Results-based payments for REDD+ (B.12/07 (d))		Presentation of document on results-based payments for REDD+.	Pending follow-up matters to be determined by the Board.
COP Guidance: Alternative policy approaches (B.12/07 (e))			Presentation of document on alternative policy approaches.

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Governance			
Committees, panels and groups (B.11/08(d))		Co-Chairs to consult on the review of committees, panels and groups.	Adopt ToR and initiate the review of the committees, panels and groups to be concluded at B.16.
Standing Appointments Committee (B.12/08)	Progress report, agenda item on the report of the Co-Chairs	Progress report, agenda item on the report of the Co-Chairs	Presentation of the outcome of Co-Chairs' consultations.
The Fund and the Paris Agreement (B.12/20 (i))	Presentation of document on the Paris Agreement.	Pending follow-up matters to be determined by the Board.	Pending follow-up matters to be determined by the Board.
COP Guidance: PSF and Forestry			Presentation of recommendations of the PSAG on PSF and forest finance
Relationship with the Relevant UNFCCC Thematic Bodies	Approval of updated engagement approach with the UNFCCC Thematic Bodies.		
Decision making in the absence of consensus (B.12/11)	Progress report, agenda item on the report of the Co-Chairs	Progress report agenda item on the report of the Co-Chairs	Outcome of Co-Chairs consultations.
Decision making in between meetings (B.12/12)	Progress report, agenda item on the report of the Co-Chairs	Progress report., agenda item on the report of the Co-Chairs	Outcome of Co-Chairs consultations.
Recommendations of the Budget Committee		Recommendations on the Administrative Budgets for 2017 and 2018, including work plans (B.12/27 (h)).	
Interim Trustee review and other trustee matters (B.08/22(b)(i)) / (B.08/22(b)(iii)(iv))	Progress report.	Presentation of the review of the interim Trustee	Adoption of the open competitive bidding process for the selection of the permanent Trustee.
Participation of observers (B.05/23 (b))	Approval of Terms of Reference for the review.	Progress report	Presentation of the review of observer participation.
Code of Conduct- Accreditation Panel (B.07/02 (g) <i>Annex V: ToR of the Fund's Accreditation Panel</i> (14))	Board approves the policies and procedures put forward by the Secretariat, including the Code of Conduct for the Accreditation Panel.		
Appointment of Experts to the Private Sector Advisory Group (B.12/03)	Progress report/recommendation from the Co-Chairs.		

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Review of Board processes/policies			
Risk Management /Risk Management Committee	Presentation from the Risk Management Committee on the review of the Risk Register in accordance with B.12/34 (a).	Pending work programme of the Risk Management Committee.	Annual Risk Report and review of the Risk Dashboard.
	Presentation of the Interim risk and investment guidelines (B.12/34 (e))		Presentation and adoption of risk and investment guidelines (B.12/34 (f), (g)).
			Presentation of the risk manuals for GCF financial instruments assess and liability managements, liquidity, and market risk (B.12/32 (i)).
Investment Framework			Terms of reference for the annual review of financial terms and conditions (b.12/15) (Investment Committee).
			Co-Chairs consultations on the B.12./17
Policy on fees (B.11/10 (f)).			Revised policy on fees for accredited entities (Accreditation Committee).
Gender Policy and Action Plan	Terms of reference for the review of the Gender Policy and Action Plan (B.12/16)		Review of the Gender Policy and Action Plan.
Travel policy ((B.01-13/02, (e)/B.12/13	Progress report, agenda item on the report of the Co-Chairs	Presentation of Co-Chairs proposals on the travel policy.	
Board-appointed officials			
Executive Director of the independent Secretariat (B.12/22)	Progress report from the Executive Director Selection Committee	Appointment of the Executive Director, including performance framework.	
Heads of the accountability units (B.10/05) / (B.10/05 (j)).	Appointment of the Heads of the independent accountability units, including performance-based contracts.		

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Approvals			
Initial Approvals Process Review (B.11/11 (j)- (k)/B.12/23)	Progress report, as part of the Report on the Activities of the Secretariat	Progress report, as part of the Secretariat report	Presentation of the findings of the review process and adoption of recommendations.
Simplified Approvals for certain activities, including small-scale activities (B.12/10)	Decision providing guidance to the Secretariat simplified approvals for certain activities, including small-scale activities.	Board decision on operational guidelines on the process of the simplified proposal approval process for certain activities, including small-scale activities.	
Funding Proposals	Consideration of Funding Proposals.	Consideration of Funding Proposals.	Consideration of Funding Proposals.
Private sector Micro-, Small- and Medium-sized Enterprise (MSME) Request For Proposals (RFP)	RFP for consideration by the Board	Approval of proposals.	Approval of proposals.
Mobilizing funding at scale, RFP		RFP for consideration by the Board	Approval of proposals.
Modalities that Enhance Direct Access Pilot (B.10/06 (f))	Information document, as part of the Report on the Activities of the Secretariat	Approval of proposals.	Approval of proposals.
Completion of the Approvals Process (B.07/03)	Programmatic approach to funding proposals (B.07/03(c)/ B.11/11(i)).		
Performance Management Framework (PMF)	Presentation of the further development of the indicators in the PMF (B.12/33).		
Project Preparation Facility (PPF) (B.12/25)	Presentation of document on the scope and functioning of the PPF.		

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Accreditation			
Accreditation of entities	Consideration of proposals to accredit entities.	Consideration of proposals to accredit entities.	Consideration of proposals to accredit entities.
Outstanding elements related to the Fund's fiduciary standards		AML-CFT and prohibited practices (B.12/31 (g)-(j))	
Legal and formal arrangements with accredited entities	Status of the AMAs.	Status of the AMAs.	Status of the AMAs.
Accreditation Review of accreditation applicant 26		Recommendations of the Accreditation Panel in accordance with B.12/31 (f).	
Fast-tracking of entities		PSAG recommendations on accreditation of entities related to MSMEs and mobilising resources at scale (B.10/11 (h)). Further work pending outcome of the Accreditation Strategy.	
Country ownership and readiness			
Country Ownership Guidelines (B.10/10 (d)/B.12/32 (i)).	Presentation of the country ownership guidelines		
Readiness Programme B.11/04 (e) / (B.11/04 (h)) / B.08/11 (h)/B.12/32)	Presentation of document outlining alternative arrangements to the Readiness Grant Agreement (B.12/32 (a)).		
	Presentation of the review of resource allocation for the readiness programme (b.12/32 (c)).		
	Presentation of options related to the improvement and simplification of the process to access the readiness programme (B.12/32 (e)).		
	Presentation of proposal of activities to support direct access accredited entities (B.12/32 (h)).		

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Resource mobilization			
Completion of the Initial Resource Mobilisation	Progress report.	Progress report; Policies and procedures for contributions from philanthropic foundations and other non-public and alternative sources (B.08/13, annex XIX, paragraphs 5, 6 and 7).	Progress report.
First Formal Replenishment Process of the Fund		Approve first documents policies and procedures for the formal replenishment process.	
Independent accountability units			
Independent Integrity Unit		Approval of Work Programme and Budget.	Approval of Work Programme and Budget.
Independent Evaluation Unit			Approval of Work Programme and Budget.
			Approve evaluation policy & three-year rolling evaluation work plans.
Independent Redress Mechanism		Approval of Work Programme and Budget.	Approval of Work Programme and Budget.
	Interim arrangements related to actors seeking redress (B.11/11(j)(vii)).		Approval of detailed guidelines and procedures for the independent redress mechanism.
Administrative matters			
Administrative Guidelines	Presentation of options for the establishment of the GCF Administrative Tribunal (B.12/40 (b)).	Administrative guidelines on Information and Communication Technology (ICT).	
Administrative Budget	Report on the execution of the administrative budget; Approval of the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements.	Report on the execution of the administrative budget. Approval of Administrative Budget and Work Programme of the Secretariat 2017-2019.	Report on the execution of the administrative budget.
Secretariat Staffing		Guidance on B.12/27 (f),	

Annex II: Draft decision of the Board on Review of the Independent Technical Advisory Panel

The Board:

- (a) Decides to defer the review of the independent technical advisory panel to take place in 2017;
- (b) Requests the t Co-Chairs, in consultation with the Investment Committee, to include this matter in the Work Plan of the Board for 2017; and
- (c) Requests the Investment Committee to provide the draft terms of reference of the review for consideration by the Board as appropriate.

Annex III: Draft decision of the Board on Indicative minimum benchmarks

The Board:

Decides to defer the consideration of indicative minimum benchmarks to no later than its seventeenth session.

Annex IV: Draft decision of the Board on Independent evaluation of the readiness and preparatory support programme

The Board:

- (a) Decides to defer the independent evaluation of the Fund's Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme to 2017;
- (b) Decides that the independent evaluation of the Fund's Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme will be included in the Work Plan of the Board for 2017; and
- (c) Requests the Secretariat to provide the draft terms of reference of the evaluation for consideration by the Board at its first meeting in 2017.

Annex V: Draft decision of the Board on the pilot programme on mobilizing resources at scale

The Board:

Decides to defer the consideration of the pilot programme on mobilizing resources at scale to its fourteenth session.

Annex VII: Draft decision of the Board on matter related to the Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund

The Board:

- (a) Requests the Co-Chairs to consult with the Board, with a view to presenting for consideration by the Board at its fourteenth session a proposal related to identifying opportunities for the GCF to add value by co-financing projects and programmes together with the Global Environment Facility, the Adaptation Fund or Multilateral Development Banks.
 - (b) Requests the Co-Chairs, with the support of the Secretariat, to summarize the outcome of their consultations and to propose a draft decision in a written report to be transmitted to the Board in line with the Rules of Procedure of the Board no later than its fourteenth session;
 - (c) Requests the Secretariat to undertake an analysis of barriers to crowding-in and maximizing the engagement of the private sector to present to the Board no later than its fifteenth session, and requests the Private Sector Advisory Group to present recommendations for consideration by the Board no later than its sixteenth session; and
 - (d) Further requests the Private Sector Advisory Group to present recommendation on the development of a private sector outreach plan no later than its seventeenth session.
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