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Relationship with United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change thematic bodies

Summary

This document provides a concept for the first annual meeting with the thematic bodies of UNFCCC, which will be held during the first week of the twenty second meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP22) in Marrakech, Morocco. A draft agenda is presented in Annex I.

I. Guidance from Conference of the Parties and the GCF Board

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) requested the GCF Board to initiate a process to collaborate with the Adaptation Committee and the Technology Executive Committee, as well as with other relevant UNFCCC thematic bodies, and to define linkages between the Fund and these bodies, as appropriate.¹
2. The COP in its twenty first session further encouraged the Board to improve complementarity and coherence with other institutions, as per paragraphs 33 and 34 of the Governing Instrument for the GCF, including by engaging with relevant bodies of the Convention, such as the Standing Committee on Finance.²
3. At its thirteenth meeting, the GCF Board, in Decision B.13/11 titled “Relationship with relevant United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change thematic bodies”, agreed on the following:
 - (a) To hold an annual meeting in order to enhance cooperation and coherence of engagement between the GCF and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change thematic bodies;³
 - (b) The meeting would be held in the margins of COP22 and would be chaired by the Co-Chairs of the GCF Board and organized by the Secretariat.⁴
 - (c) The meeting would include the Chairs of the various thematic bodies, and the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Presidency, and would be open to all members of the GCF Board and the thematic bodies;⁵
 - (d) the GCF Co-Chairs should propose the agenda for the annual meeting, in consultation with the GCF Board and the Co-Chairs of the thematic bodies;⁶ and
 - (e) The outcome of the meeting would be a written report to the COP included in the annual report to the COP.⁷
4. In accordance with paragraph (d) of the decision B.13/06, this document is intended to provide the Board with the initial concept of the meeting.

II. Annual Meeting Between the GCF and UNFCCC Thematic Bodies

5. In order to enhance the engagement of the GCF with relevant UNFCCC thematic bodies, collaboration and interaction has been initiated with the following UNFCCC bodies:
 - (a) The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF);
 - (b) The Adaptation Committee (AC);
 - (c) The Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG);

¹ COP Decision 3/CP.17, paragraph 17.

² COP 7/CP.21, paragraph 26.

³ GCF Decision B.13/06, paragraph (a)

⁴ GCF Decision B.13/06, paragraph (b)

⁵ GCF Decision B.13/06, paragraph (c)

⁶ GCF Decision B.13/06, paragraph (d)

⁷ GCF Decision B.13/06, paragraph (e)

- (d) The Technology Mechanism (the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN)); and
- (e) The Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (ExCom)

6. With an increasing number of events and technical workshops held by the UNFCCC thematic bodies, the engagement of GCF has so far focused on information exchange. The annual meeting, as set out in Decision B.13/11, paragraph (a), aims to further enhance the cooperation and coherence of the engagement and provide an opportunity for GCF Board and the Co-chairs of the thematic bodies to communicate its efforts to engage with and learn from relevant work of those thematic bodies.

2.1 Concept of the annual meeting of COP22

7. The first annual meeting will take place in conjunction with the COP22 in Marrakech, Morocco. The meeting is to be chaired and led by the Co-Chairs of the GCF Board and organized in collaboration with the GCF and UNFCCC Secretariats. The Co-chairs of the Board briefed the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on Finance, and TEC/CTCN and proposed that the meeting is to be held during the first week of COP22 between 1pm and 3pm (date TBD).

8. In accordance with Decision B.13/11, paragraph (c), the Chairs of the various thematic bodies, the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, the UNFCCC COP Presidency, and all members of the GCF Board and the thematic bodies are invited to attend the meeting.

9. The meeting would be held in a round table setting, with GCF Co-Chairs and Chairs of the thematic bodies seated around the table, and other participants seated in a second row behind.

10. In accordance with Decision B.13/11, paragraph (e), the outcome of the meeting shall be a written report included in the annual report to the COP. In addition, the Co-Chairs will briefly inform the Conference of the Parties on the outcomes of the first annual meeting during their Report to the COP in Marrakech.

11. The draft agenda is hereby proposed by the Board Co-Chairs in accordance with Decision B.13/11, paragraph (d).

Annex I: Draft Agenda for the First Annual Meeting with the Thematic Bodies of UNFCCC

November (TBD), 2016 13:00-15.00

1. Opening remarks from Co-Chairs of the Green Climate Fund and Chairs of the thematic bodies (13.00-13.15)

Annotations: The Co-Chairs of the Green Climate Fund will open the annual meeting between the GCF and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change thematic bodies

The Co-Chairs of the Green Climate Fund will briefly introduce Decision B.13/11 and the relevant work undertaken by the GCF in relevant areas, including readiness, NAPs, forestry, and technology

The Chairs of various thematic bodies will be invited to deliver opening remarks

2. First session: Relevant work of the thematic bodies (13.15-14.00)

Annotations: The Chairs of the various thematic bodies will be invited to introduce their work and the relevant linkages in their existing and future work plans to the work of the Green Climate Fund

3. Second session: Opportunities for enhanced collaboration (14.00-14.45)

Annotations: This session will aim to identify common strategic visions and objectives, and opportunities to enhance collaboration between the Green Climate Fund and the thematic bodies

The Chairs of thematic bodies will be invited to give their views and proposals for enhancing collaboration with the Green Climate Fund

4. Closing remarks (14.45-15.00)

Annotations: The Co-Chairs of the Green Climate Fund and the Chairs of thematic bodies will make final conclusions and final remarks
