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Guidance from the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties: Co-Chairs' proposal

Summary

This document presents the proposed actions to be undertaken by the Board in 2017 in response to guidance received from the Parties during the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties.

I. Introduction

1. This document contains a proposal from the Co-Chairs in relation to guidance received from the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to the GCF.

2. In accordance with the Governing Instrument for the GCF, the Conference of the Parties (COP) provides annual guidance to the Board, and the Board takes appropriate actions in response to this guidance and reports back to the COP on how it has addressed the guidance received, through its annual report, submitted to the COP.

3. The following decisions adopted by the COP/CMP are relevant to the GCF and/or provide guidance to the GCF:

- (a) Report of the GCF to the COP and guidance to the GCF (UNFCCC decision X/CP.22);¹
- (b) Gender and climate change (UNFCCC decision X/CP.22);¹
- (c) National adaptation plans (UNFCCC decision X/CP.22);¹
- (d) Linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism of the Convention (UNFCCC decision X/CP.22);¹
- (e) Report of the Adaptation Fund Board (UNFCCC decision X/CMP.12);¹
- (f) Paris Committee on Capacity-building (UNFCCC decision X/CP.22).¹

4. The table below provides information on how the Co-Chairs propose the Board addresses the guidance received from COP 22, including through its current work plan and the draft work plan for 2017. The draft decision in the annex provides procedural decisions that further outline the Board's intended actions to respond to new guidance emerging from COP 22.

¹ Decision numbers will be assigned in the forthcoming report of the session.

Table: Summary of guidance received from the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties and proposals on how it will be addressed by the Board

COP guidance	Work plan 2017	Work plan 2016/ proposed additional actions
Report of the GCF and guidance to the GCF		
<p>Urges the Board to finalize in a timely manner its work related to the guidance of the Conference of the Parties on financing for forests as mandated by decision 7/CP.21, paragraphs 23–25 (UNFCCC decision X/CP.22, para. 4)^a</p>	<p>Through the consideration at the sixteenth meeting of the Board (B.16) of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request for proposals for REDD-plus results-based payments; and • Further guidance for national designated authorities and focal points on how to engage with the GCF in the early phases of REDD-plus (decision B.14/03, para. (b)) <p>Through the proposal on alternative policy approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, to be presented at the seventeenth meeting of the Board (B.17) (decision B.14/01, para. (b))</p> <p>Through a proposal on mobilizing private sector finance to progress GCF forestry-related areas at B.16 (decision B.14/01, para. (a))</p>	
<p>Also urges Parties that made pledges under the initial resource mobilization process of the Green Climate Fund but have not yet confirmed them through fully executed contribution arrangements or agreements to do so as a matter of high priority (UNFCCC decision X/CP.22, para. 5)^a</p>	<p>Through the report on the status of the resource mobilization presented at each Board meeting as part of the report on the activities of the Secretariat</p>	
<p>Requests the Board to facilitate an increase in the amount of direct access proposals in the pipeline and to report to the Conference of the Parties on progress made in this regard</p>	<p>Through the standing agenda item on the implementation of the initial strategic plan for the GCF</p> <p>Through the standing agenda item on the status of the GCF pipeline</p>	<p>Through requesting the Secretariat to prepare a document for consideration at B.16 that outlines actions to be taken by the Board to facilitate an increase in proposals from direct access entities in the pipeline (see the annex)</p>

<p>(UNFCCC decision X/CP.22, para. 6)^a</p>	<p>Through the consideration of direct access entity work programmes to be presented at the fifteenth meeting of the Board (B.15) (decision B.13/10, para (c))</p>	
<p>Also requests the Board to take into account decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 64, to enhance the coordination and delivery of resources to support country-driven strategies through simplified and efficient application and approval procedures, and through continued readiness support to developing country Parties, including the least developed countries and small island developing States, as appropriate, and in accordance with Board decisions (UNFCCC decision X/CP.22, para. 7)^a</p>	<p>Through the consideration of options for the operationalization of key elements of the operational framework on complementarity and coherence at B.17 (decision B.13/12, para (c))</p>	<p>Through the consideration at B.15 of the operational framework on complementarity and coherence</p>
<p>Requests the Board to enhance the delivery of resources by addressing those measures that are delaying the implementation of projects that have been approved by the Board, including the conclusion of pending accreditation master agreements and funded activity agreements (UNFCCC decision X/CP.22, para. 10)^a</p>	<p>Through the standing agenda item on the status of accreditation master agreements, and actions emanating from the review of the initial approvals process</p>	<p>Through the consideration at B.15 of the operational guidelines for the simplified proposal approval process</p>
<p>Encourages the Board to implement its decision B.04/08 to develop modalities to support activities enabling private sector involvement in the least developed countries and small island developing States, and to seek opportunities to engage with the private sector, including local actors, on adaptation action at the national, regional and international levels (UNFCCC decision X/CP.22, para. 11)^a</p>	<p>Through the analysis of barriers to crowding-in and maximizing the engagement of the private sector, to be considered at B.16 (decision B.13/05, para. (c))</p>	<p>Through requesting the Private Sector Advisory Group to provide recommendations to the Board at its sixteenth meeting on the development of modalities to support activities enabling private sector involvement in the least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS), and opportunities to engage the private sector, including local actors, on adaptation action at the national, regional and international levels (see the annex)</p>

	Through the consideration at B.17 of the Private Sector Advisory Group's recommendations on barriers to crowding-in and maximizing the engagement of the private sector; and the development of a private sector outreach plan (decision B.13/05 para (d))	Through co-opting a Board from the LDCs and another from SIDS to assist the Private Sector Advisory Group with developing its recommendations on the development of modalities to support activities enabling private sector involvement in the LDCs and SIDS (see the annex)
Reiterates its request to the Board to agree on the arrangements for the first formal replenishment process of the Green Climate Fund (UNFCCC decision X/CP.22, para. 13) ^a		Through Co-Chairs' consultations, to be presented at B.15
Gender and climate change		
Requests the Financial Mechanism and its operating entities to include in their respective annual reports to the Conference of the Parties information on the integration of gender considerations in all aspects of their work (UNFCCC decision X/CP.22, para. 21) ^a	Through the review of the Gender policy and action plan at B.16 (decision B.14/01, para. (g))	Through deciding to include, where feasible, gender consideration in all of the activities of the GCF and requesting the Secretariat to include such information in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties (see the annex)
Linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism of the Convention		
Encourages the Board of the Green Climate Fund to continue to invite Technology Executive Committee and the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network to future meetings of the Board of Green Climate Fund on issues of common interest in order to strengthen the existing linkages between the Technology Mechanism and Financial Mechanism (UNFCCC decision X/CP.22, para. 3) ^a		Through inviting the Chairs of the Technology Executive Committee and the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network to present to the Board at its seventeenth meeting during its consideration of options for supporting collaborative research and development, in accordance with paragraph 38 of the Rules of Procedure of the Board (see the annex)
Encourages the Technology Executive Committee, the Climate Technology Centre and Network and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism to enhance the involvement of relevant stakeholders as they undertake actions to strengthen the linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism (UNFCCC decision X/CP.22, para. 8) ^a	Through the consideration of recommendations at B.17 on further steps to enhance cooperation and coherence with the Technology Mechanism (decision B.14/02, para. (d))	

<p>Invites the Technology Executive Committee, the Climate Technology Centre and Network and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism to provide information on their actions in strengthening the linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism in their annual reports to the Conference of the Parties for guidance on further actions if needed (UNFCCC decision X/CP.22, para. 9)^a</p>		<p>Through requesting the Secretariat to include information on actions taken to strengthen linkages with the Technology Mechanism in the sixth report of GCF to the Conference of the Parties (see the annex)</p>
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^a Decision numbers will be assigned in the forthcoming report of the session.

Annex: Draft decision of the Board

The Board, having considered document GCF/B.15/04 titled “Guidance from the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties: Co-Chairs’ proposal”:

- (a) Takes note of the guidance from the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-second session, in particular decision CP.22/X,² “Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund;
- (b) Requests the Secretariat to prepare a document for consideration by the Board at its sixteenth meeting that outlines the actions to be taken by the Board in order to facilitate an increase in proposals from direct access entities in the pipeline;
- (c) Decides to include, where feasible, gender consideration in all of the activities of the GCF;
- (d) Requests the Secretariat to include such information referred to in paragraph (b) above in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties;
- (e) Decides in accordance with paragraph 38 of Rules of Procedure of the Board to invite the Chairs of the Technology Executive Committee and the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network to present to the Board at its seventeenth meeting during its consideration of options for supporting collaborative research and development;
- (f) Requests the Secretariat to include information on the actions taken to strengthen linkages between the Technology Mechanism in the sixth report of GCF to the Conference of the Parties;
- (g) Request the Secretariat to increase its efforts to negotiate and sign, or otherwise develop agreements or other appropriate arrangements with countries on privileges and immunities consistent with decision B.10/12;
- (h) Also requests the Secretariat to incorporate in the report to twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change a section on the status of the Fund’s existing privileges and immunities with regard to its operational activities consistent with decision 7/CP.20, paragraph 22;
- (i) Requests the Private Sector Advisory Group to provide recommendations to the Board at its seventeenth meeting on:
 - (i) The development of modalities to support activities enabling private sector involvement in least the developed countries and small island developing States; and
 - (ii) Opportunities to engage the private sector, including local actors, in adaptation action at the national, regional and international levels; and
- (j) Decides to co-opt a Board representative from the least developed countries and another from the small island developing States to assist the Private Sector Advisory Group to develop its recommendations in relation to paragraph (i) (i) above.

² Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/marrakech_nov_2016/application/pdf/auv_cop22_i10c_gcf.pdf
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