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Annotations to the provisional agenda

Summary

This document presents the annotations to the provisional agenda of the twentieth meeting of the Board, as presented in document GCF/B.20/01/Drf.02.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The twentieth meeting of the Board (B.20) will be opened by the Co-Chairs on Sunday, 1 July 2018.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. **Background:** The provisional agenda for B.20, as determined and confirmed by the Co-Chairs, was circulated to the Board and posted on the GCF website as document GCF/B.20/01/Drf.01 on 17 April 2018. A second draft of the provisional agenda was circulated to the Board and posted on the GCF website as document GCF/B.20/01/Drf.02 on 21 June 2018.
3. **Action:** In accordance with paragraph 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the Board, the Board is invited to adopt the provisional agenda as contained in document GCF/B.20/01/Drf.02 titled "Provisional agenda".

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Agenda item 3: Adoption of the report of the nineteenth meeting

4. **Background:** On 4 May 2018, the following document containing the draft report of the nineteenth meeting of the Board (B.19) was transmitted to the Board for a two-week review period:
 - (a) Document GCF/B.19/44/Drf.01 titled "Report of the nineteenth meeting of the Board, 26 February – 1 March 2018".
5. During the review period, two questions were received and addressed by the Secretariat. On 25 June 2017, the document was sent to the Board as document GCF/B.19/44 with a view to it being adopted by the Board at B.20.
6. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the report of B.19 as contained in document GCF/B.19/44.

<i>GCF/B.19/44</i>	<i>Report of the nineteenth meeting of the Board, 26 February – 1 March 2018</i>
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Agenda item 4: Board decisions proposed and approved between the nineteenth and twentieth meetings of the Board

7. **Background:** Document GCF/B.20/Inf.10 titled "Decisions proposed and approved between the nineteenth and twentieth meetings of the Board" informs on the decisions proposed between B.19 and B.20 as at 7 June.
8. **Action:** The Board is invited to take note of the information provided in document GCF/B.20/Inf.10.

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- (a) **Application of paragraph 42 of the Rules of Procedure of the Board: guidelines to determine in which cases decisions may be taken without a Board meeting**

9. **Action:** The Board is invited to consider this item.

(b) Application of paragraph 43 of the Rules of Procedure of the Board

10. **Action:** The Board is invited to consider this item.

Agenda item 5: Report on the activities of the Secretariat

(a) Implementation of the work programme of the Secretariat

11. **Background:** Document GCF/B.20/Inf.08 titled “Report on the activities of the Secretariat” provides an update on the activities of the Secretariat for the period 1 January to 30 April 2018. It summarizes progress against the overarching goals and priorities identified in the Secretariat’s 2018 work programme, as well as tracking key performance indicators identified in the work programme results framework. The report includes an update on missions undertaken by the Secretariat during the reporting period.

12. Document GCF/B.20/Inf.08/Add.01 titled “Report on the activities of the Secretariat – Addendum: Status of accreditation master agreements and funded activity agreements” was also sent to the Board on a limited distribution basis.

13. **Action:** The Board is invited to take note of the information provided in documents GCF/B.20/Inf.08 and its addendum.

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Report on the activities of the Secretariat

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(limited distribution)*

*Report on the activities of the Secretariat – Addendum: Status of
accreditation master agreements and funded activity
agreements*

Agenda item 6: Report on the activities of the Co-Chairs

(a) Co-Chairs’ report

14. **Background:** Document GCF/B.20/Inf.16 titled “Report on the activities of the Co-Chairs” report on the activities of the Co-Chairs from March to early June 2018, including the status of implementation of mandates given by the Board to the Co-Chairs.

15. **Action:** The Board is invited to take note of the information provided in the document.

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Report on the activities of the Co-Chairs

(b) Updated Board workplan for 2018

16. **Background:** By decision B.18/01, the Board approved the workplan of the Board for 2018 and requested the Co-Chairs to update the workplan following each meeting of the Board. Document GCF/B.20/16 titled “Updated workplan of the Board for 2018” presents the workplan of the Board for 2018, as updated following the nineteenth meeting of the Board.

17. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/16.

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Updated workplan of the Board for 2018

Agenda item 7: Reports from Board committees, panels and groups

18. **Background:** Document GCF/B.20/Inf.09 titled “Reports from committees, panels and groups of the Board of the Green Climate Fund” contains the reports on activities that have already conducted or are planned to be undertaken by the following committees and panels of the Board of the Green Climate Fund during the reporting period from January to May 2018:

- (a) Budget Committee;
- (b) Investment Committee;
- (c) Private Sector Advisory Group; and
- (d) Risk Management Committee.

19. An addendum to this document (document GCF/B.20/Inf.09/Add.01) was also transmitted and contains reports of the following committees and panels of the Board:

- (a) Accreditation Committee;
- (b) Accreditation Panel;
- (c) Ethics and Audit Committee;
- (d) Independent Technical Advisory Panel; and
- (e) Ad hoc Trustee Selection Committee.

20. **Action:** The Board is invited to take note of the information provided in document GCF/B.20/Inf.09 and its addendum.

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Reports from committees, panels and groups of the Board of the Green Climate Fund

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Reports from committees, panels and groups of the Board of the Green Climate Fund – Addendum

Agenda item 8: Terms of reference for the review of the committees and panel established by the Board

21. **Background:** At its nineteenth meeting (B.19), the Board considered document GCF/B.19/20 titled “Terms of reference for the review of the committees and group established at the fifth meeting of the Board.”

22. In response to comments made by Board members during B.19, the Co-Chairs appointed two Board members to revise and facilitate consultations on the draft decision and the draft terms of reference during the meeting.

23. During subsequent discussions of the Board on the revised draft decision and terms of reference, a number of Board members raised objections to the draft decision text.

24. Following consultations with the Co-Chairs, document GCF/B.20/01 titled “Terms of reference for the review of the committees and group established by the Board” was developed

further to the Board's consideration of document GCF/B.19/20 at the nineteenth meeting of the Board and proposes terms of reference to review the committees and group of the Board. The draft decision in annex I to this document has been amended to address the concerns raised by Board members. The draft terms of reference, as set out in annex II, remain the same as those consulted on by the Board members during B.19.

25. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/01.

GCF/B.20/01

Terms of reference for the review of the committees and group established by the Board

Agenda item 9: Updated gender policy and action plan

26. **Background:** Document GCF/B.20/07 titled "Updated Gender Policy and Action Plan 2018-2020" presents an update of the Gender Policy and Action Plan originally adopted in decision B.09/11. This update follows the request made by the Board in decision B.12/16 for the Secretariat to prepare a review and update of the Gender Policy and Action Plan and was made based on the terms of reference approved by the Board in decision B.BM-2016/12.

27. A revised version of the Gender Policy and Action Plan was presented in document GCF/B.19/25 for consideration by the Board at B.19. Taking note of the inputs from the Board at B.19, the Secretariat has further developed the draft update of the Gender Policy and Action Plan.

28. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/07.

GCF/B.20/07

Updated Gender Policy and Action Plan 2018-2020

Agenda item 10: Matters related to replenishment

(a) Policies, procedures and documents for the formal replenishment process

29. **Background:** When the GCF initial resource mobilization (IRM) process was launched, the Board, by decision B.05/17, decided that GCF would transition subsequently to a formal replenishment process, and that the policies, procedures and documents necessary to trigger the first replenishment meeting would be decided following completion of the IRM process.

30. At its nineteenth meeting, the Board, by decision B.19/05, decided to "advance work under its 2018 work programme to conclude the essential preparatory arrangements for the first formal replenishment process of the GCF, noting this is without prejudice to the timing of a decision to initiate replenishment in line with decision B.08/13". By the same decision the Board requested the Co-Chairs, with the support of the Secretariat, and in consultation with members of the Board, to oversee the preparation of necessary policies and procedures for the formal replenishment process.

31. Document GCF/B.20/06 titled "Arrangements for the first formal replenishment of the Green Climate Fund" presents a proposed approach to concluding the essential preparatory arrangements, policies and procedures for the first formal replenishment of GCF. Taking the initial resource mobilization process as a starting point, it identifies areas where the Board may consider further developing aspects of the policies and procedures for the first replenishment. A revised document was later issued to the Board as document GCF/B.20/01/Rev.01, which

deleted the words “relating to funding proposals” in paragraph 4 of “Annex IV: Policies” to reflect a more accurate workplan of the Board.

32. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex II to document GCF/B.20/06/Rev.01.

GCF/B.20/06/Rev.01

Arrangements for the first formal replenishment of the Green Climate Fund

(b) Policies and procedures for contributions from philanthropic foundations and other non-public and alternative sources

33. **Background:** The Governing Instrument for the GCF states that GCF will receive financial inputs from developed country Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and it may also receive financial inputs from other sources, public and private, including alternative sources.

34. In decision B.05/04, the Board decided that GCF will “maintain the flexibility to receive financial inputs on an on-going basis,” and “receive grants from public and private sources, and paid-in capital contributions and concessional loans from public sources, and may receive additional types of inputs at a later stage to be decided by the Board.”

35. In decision B.08/13, the Board endorsed the Policies for Contributions, which states that contributions from philanthropic foundations, other non-public and alternative resources will be accepted in accordance with the policies and procedures developed by the Secretariat and approved by the Board.

36. In decision B.11/05, the Board requested the Secretariat to prepare “a document for understanding and defining alternative sources of financial inputs to GCF that would be additional to current contributions,” and develop “policies and procedures for contributions from philanthropic foundations and other non-public and alternative sources to the Initial Resource Mobilization process”.

37. Document GCF/B.20/08 titled “Policies for contributions from philanthropic foundations and other alternative sources” presents the policies for contributions from alternative sources. It also provides background information on the possible approaches to various types of alternative sources for resource mobilization purposes. A revised version of the document was also shared with the Board to update information in an annex.

38. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/08/Rev.01.

GCF/B.20/08/Rev.01

Policies for contributions from philanthropic foundations and other alternative sources

Agenda item 11: Matters related to accreditation

(a) Consideration of accreditation proposals

39. **Background:** Document GCF/B.20/13 titled “Consideration of accreditation proposals” presents an overview of accreditation progress up to 31 May 2018, including that associated with the accreditation process; an overview of the pipeline of applicant entities with information on support to direct access entities; and an overview of the portfolio of accredited entities, including the status of accredited entities addressing accreditation conditions. The

document also presents accreditation proposals for consideration by the Board. Supporting material was shared in limited distribution addenda I – IV.

40. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/13.

<i>GCF/B.20/13</i>	<i>Consideration of accreditation proposals</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/13/Add.01 (limited distribution)</i>	<i>Consideration of accreditation proposals – Addendum I</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/13/Add.02 (limited distribution)</i>	<i>Consideration of accreditation proposals – Addendum II: Template for questions and answers on recommended entities</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/13/Add.03 (limited distribution)</i>	<i>Consideration of accreditation proposals – Addendum III: Board questions on recommended entities</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/13/Add.04 (limited distribution)</i>	<i>Consideration of accreditation proposals – Addendum IV: Board questions on recommended entities</i>

(b) Accreditation framework review, including the project specific framework approach

41. **Background:** In decision B.07/02, paragraph (a), the Board adopted the initial guiding framework for the GCF accreditation process. In decision B.18/04, paragraph (a), the Board decided to commence the review of the accreditation framework. In paragraph (b) of the same decision, the Board requested the Secretariat to present a proposal for the revision of the accreditation framework that includes other modalities for institutions to work with GCF, as early as the nineteenth meeting of the Board (B.19).

42. The Board, having considered document GCF/B.19/28 titled “Further development of the accreditation framework”, requested the Secretariat, by decision B.19/13, to further develop the project-specific assessment approach (PSAA), contained in annex II of this document, taking into account the views of Board members and the outcomes of the full review of the accreditation framework, for the Board’s consideration.

43. In line with decisions B.18/04, paragraphs (a) and (b), and B.19/13, document GCF/B.20/17 titled “Accreditation framework review, including the project specific framework approach” presents the full review of the accreditation framework and proposes a project-specific assessment approach as a complementary modality to accreditation in order to accelerate proposals submitted under the Simplified Approval Process Pilot Scheme and requests for proposal approved by the Board.

44. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/17.

<i>GCF/B.20/17</i>	<i>Accreditation framework review, including the project specific framework approach</i>
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(c) Status of the accreditation master agreements

45. **Background:** Document GCF/B.20/Inf.08/Add.01 titled “Report on the activities of the Secretariat – Addendum: Status of accreditation master agreements and funded activity agreements” was sent to the Board on a limited distribution basis.

46. **Action:** The Board will be invited to consider this agenda item.

Agenda item 12: Risk management framework: compliance risk policy

47. **Background:** Through decision B.17/11, the Board adopted the first set of components of the updated risk management framework and requested the Secretariat to “continue the development of the risk management framework and its remaining components”. At its nineteenth meeting, the Board, through decision B.19/04, adopted the second set of components of the risk management framework, which comprised three risk policies covering investment, nonfinancial, and funding risks.

48. To uphold and commit to achieving the highest standards of integrity, ethics and transparency in the conduct and governance of all its activities, and to minimize reputational risks that GCF may encounter, a compliance risk policy is essential in providing a framework to deal with such risks.

49. Document GCF/B.20/09 titled “Risk management framework: compliance risk policy – Proposal by the Risk Management Committee” presents the Risk Management Committee proposal on the compliance risk policy which forms an important part of the risk management framework.

50. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/09.

GCF/B.20/09

*Risk management framework: compliance risk policy –
Proposal by the Risk Management Committee*

Agenda item 13: Matters related to the approval of funding proposals

(a) Integrated approach to addressing policy gaps

51. **Background:** At its nineteenth meeting (B.19), the Board, by decision B.19/06, requested the Secretariat to develop an integrated approach to address the policy gaps identified in decision B.11/11 and other matters considered at subsequent Board meetings for the Board’s consideration at its twentieth meeting (B.20).

52. In order to fulfil this mandate, the Secretariat is presenting a series of policy papers for consideration by the Board at B.20 as part of an integrated approach to addressing policy gaps to ensure climate impact. Document GCF/B.20/18 titled “An integrated approach to addressing policy gaps to ensure climate impact: an overview of policies related to the consideration of funding proposals” provides an overview of the policy papers to be presented to the Board at its twentieth and subsequent meetings, considers their interlinkages and explains how they are related to the integrated policy approach of GCF. It also proposes a schedule for the elaboration of policies and tools to address policy gaps identified in the approval of funding proposals in order to ensure climate impact.

53. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/18.

GCF/B.20/18

An integrated approach to addressing policy gaps to ensure climate impact: an overview of policies related to the consideration of funding proposals

(b) Interrelated policy matters on incremental cost calculation methodology; options for further guidance on concessionality; and policy on co-financing

54. **Background:** The Governing Instrument for the GCF, paragraph 35, states that GCF “will finance agreed full and agreed incremental costs for activities to enable and support enhanced action on adaptation, mitigation (including REDD-plus), technology development and transfer, capacity-building and the preparation of national reports by developing countries”.

55. By decision B.11/11, paragraph (j)(vi), the Board decided to review the proposal approval process with a view to, inter alia, strengthening project/programme eligibility criteria, including categories of incremental cost eligible for funding. In paragraph (k) of the same decision, the Board requested the Secretariat to submit a final report on the review at the thirteenth meeting of the Board.

56. By decision B.17/10, paragraph (c)(i), the Board requested the Secretariat to prepare, under the guidance of the Co-Chairs, a proposal to be discussed at the nineteenth meeting of the Board for “the development and application of an incremental cost calculation methodology and/or alternative methodologies, as appropriate”.

57. By decision B.19/06, paragraph (a), the Board noted the linkages between incremental cost and concessionality and the policy gaps identified in decision B.11/11. In paragraph (d) of the same decision, the Board requested the Secretariat to develop an integrated approach to resolve these interrelated issues for the Board’s consideration at its twentieth meeting.

58. Document GCF/B.20/19 titled “Interrelated policy matters on incremental cost and full cost, concessionality, and co-financing” is a consolidated paper covering three interlinked policy matters on incremental cost and full cost, concessionality, and co-financing. The document is divided into three parts discussing definitions, principles, linkages and approaches to addressing the issues related to these policy matters.

59. The three parts are titled as follows:

- (a) Part 1: Incremental cost and full cost methodologies;
- (b) Part 2: Options for further guidance on concessionality; and
- (c) Part 3: Policy on co-financing.

60. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/19.

GCF/B.20/19

Interrelated policy matters on incremental cost and full cost, concessionality, and co-financing

(c) Matters related to the independent Technical Advisory Panel

61. **Background:** In decision B.09/10, the Board approved the terms of reference of the independent Technical Advisory Panel (TAP), which define its composition and structure, its operation as an independent body, and its mandate to engage on the review of funding proposals. In 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 TAP.

62. The review of the structure and effectiveness of the TAP was presented to the Board at its nineteenth meeting. The review identified several areas of action related to the TAP's composition, processes and outputs, in order to bring the TAP up-to-date in the face of changes associated with GCF's operations scale-up, the updates of the GCF's policies and processes, and the need to improve quality on the basis of the experience gained by GCF in its operations.

63. In its decision B.19/08, the Board requested the Secretariat to propose various improvements in the process of review of funding proposals.

64. Document GCF/B.20/20 titled "Revision of the structure and operations of the independent Technical Advisory Panel" presents various options to revise the structure of the independent Technical Advisory Panel to respond to new modalities for funding proposal assessment adopted by the Board after the terms of reference for the independent Technical Advisory Panel were established, and to fluctuations in the pipeline of funding proposals, both in terms of volume and thematic expertise areas.

65. An addendum titled "Performance review of the members of the independent Technical Advisory Panel: Full report" (GCF/B.20/20/Add.01) was also shared with the Board on a limited distribution basis.

66. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/20.

GCF/B.20/20

Revision of the structure and operations of the independent Technical Advisory Panel

*GCF/B.20/20/Add.01
(limited distribution)*

Performance review of the members of the independent Technical Advisory Panel: Full report

(d) Further options for decision-making relating to funding proposals

67. **Background:** Pursuant to decision B.17/09, paragraph (p), the Secretariat was requested "to develop an interim restructuring and cancellation policy, including further options for decision-making, for consideration by the Board no later than its eighteenth session [...]."

68. Specifically, paragraph (m) of the same decision "Further requests the Co-Chairs, in consultation with the Board, to explore options for the timely consideration of funding proposals between Board meetings [...]."

69. Additionally, decision B.18/06, paragraph (c)(ii) on the Simplified Approval Process Pilot Scheme requests the Secretariat "to develop a proposal for approving funding proposals brought forward under this Pilot Scheme between meetings of the Board in the context of the ongoing work to develop further options for decision-making [...]."

70. To address the matters referred to in decision B.17/09, paragraphs (m) and (p), and decision B.18/06 paragraph (c)(ii), document GCF/B.20/22 titled "Further options for decision-making relating to funding proposals" sets out various options for decision-making regarding funding proposals and proposes a decision in respect of two such options.

71. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/22.

GCF/B.20/22

Further options for decision-making relating to funding proposals

(e) Two-stage proposal approval process

72. **Background:** The Board, in decision B.17/09, requested “the Secretariat to prepare a document, for the Board’s consideration at its nineteenth meeting, which outlines options for the development of a two-stage proposal approval process, with stage 1 focusing on concept note approval and stage 2 focusing on the assessments by the Secretariat and the independent Technical Advisory Panel and Board consideration”.

73. Document GCF/B.20/21 titled “Two-stage approval process for GCF funding proposals” outlines a policy proposal for a two-stage approval process for GCF funding proposals. The policy aims at strengthening the screening and appraisal process for concept notes (initial or first stage) with quality checks and a strategic overview undertaken by the senior management team of GCF, based on the strategic fit of the proposal vis-à-vis the mandate of GCF. Assessments of the strategic screening and concept notes will then be sent to the Board for information and comments, which are taken into considerations for the development of the funding proposals.

74. The policy also foresees the introduction of mandatory concept notes for medium and large proposals, the simplification of templates and online automation.

75. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/21.

GCF/B.20/21

Two-stage approval process for GCF funding proposals

(f) Review of the financial terms and conditions of the GCF financial instruments

76. **Background:** The Board, in decision B.09/04, adopted the financial terms and conditions for the financial instruments of GCF. Through decision B.09/04, the Board also decided that the financial terms and conditions should be reviewed on an annual basis.

77. In decision B.12/15, the Board requested the Investment Committee to provide the draft terms of reference for the annual review of the financial terms and conditions for consideration by the Board at its fifteenth meeting. The terms of reference for the review of the financial terms and conditions of the GCF financial instruments were adopted by the Board in decision B.15/05.

78. In decision B.17/08, the Board decided that, pending the conclusion of the review of the financial terms and conditions, the financial terms and conditions set out in annex II to decision B.09/04 should be applied in a fit-for-purpose manner, provided that such terms and conditions do not exceed the upper limits set out therein.

79. Document GCF/B.20/Inf.12 titled “Review of the financial terms and conditions of the Green Climate Fund financial instruments” provides a report on the review of the financial terms and conditions of the GCF financial instruments in accordance with decision B.09/04, in which the Board decided to review the financial terms and conditions of the GCF financial instruments on an annual basis, and decision B.15/05, wherein the Board adopted the terms of reference for the review. The review was led by the Investment Committee with the support of the Secretariat and an external consultancy firm.

80. **Action:** The Board will be invited to consider this agenda item.

GCF/B.20/Inf.12

Review of the financial terms and conditions of the Green Climate Fund financial instruments

(g) Investment criteria indicators

81. **Background:** At B.19, the Board considered document GCF/B.19/04/Rev.01 titled “Indicative Minimum Benchmarks”. In decision B.19/07, paragraph (a), the Board decided that “indicative minimum benchmarks” would be referred to as “investment criteria indicators”.

82. In paragraph (b) of the same decision, the Board requested the Secretariat to further develop a proposal on investment criteria indicators, taking into account the feedback raised by the Board during B.19 and written comments submitted to the Secretariat.

83. Document GCF/B.20/Inf.14 titled “Investment criteria indicators” outlines the proposal by the Secretariat on the investment criteria indicators. It builds on a two-phase process led by the Investment Committee to produce indicative minimum benchmarks with support from the Secretariat and an external consultancy firm. The document has been updated in the light of the discussions during the nineteenth meeting of the Board on document GCF/B.19/04/Rev.01 titled “Indicative Minimum Benchmarks” and the written comments submitted to the Secretariat following the Board meeting. The document also discusses the application of the indicators to the GCF portfolio.

84. **Action:** The Board will be invited to consider this agenda item.

GCF/B.20/Inf.14

Investment criteria indicators

(h) Mapping of elements related to project or programme eligibility and selection criteria

85. **Background:** The Board in decision B.17/10 requested the Secretariat, under the guidance of the Co-Chairs, to develop a mapping document that identifies all elements related to project or programme eligibility and selection criteria that have been included in previous Board decisions, conditions imposed by the Board on funding proposals, and the Governing Instrument for the GCF, which can contribute to strengthening the GCF eligibility criteria.

86. Moreover, decision B.11/11 refers to strengthening project or programme eligibility criteria, including categories of incremental cost eligible for funding. This is again reiterated in decision B.19/06, in which the Board noted the linkages between matters related to incremental costs and concessionality and the policy gaps identified in decision B.11/11, including project eligibility criteria, as well as issues related to co-finance and other matters considered at subsequent Board meetings, and requested the Secretariat to develop an integrated approach to resolve these interrelated issues for consideration by the Board at its twentieth meeting.

87. GCF has not yet established explicit project or programme eligibility and selection criteria, per se. To inform the GCF eligibility and selection criteria, document GCF/B.20/Inf.13 titled “Mapping of elements related to project or programme eligibility and selection criteria” includes the mapping of decisions, guidance and recommendations that have been included in: Conference of the Parties guidance, the Governing Instrument for the GCF; previous Board decisions; conditions imposed by the Board on funding proposals; and recommendations of the independent Technical Advisory Panel.

88. **Action:** The Board will be invited to consider this agenda item.

GCF/B.20/Inf.13

Mapping of elements related to project or programme eligibility and selection criteria

(i) Steps to enhance the climate rationale of GCF-supported activities

89. **Background:** At its nineteenth meeting, the Board, through decision B.19/06, requested the Secretariat to develop an integrated approach to address the policy gaps and consider their inter-linkages for the Board's consideration at its twentieth meeting, including steps to enhance the climate rationale of GCF-supported activities

90. Document GCF/B.20/Inf.11 titled "Steps to enhance the climate rationale of GCF-supported activities" outline approaches that the Secretariat could adopt for strengthening climate rationale to enhance the quality of GCF projects. It discusses approaches used by comparable funds and proposes activities for building capacities of NDAs and Accredited Entities to enhance climate rationale of their projects and programmes.

91. **Action:** The Board will be invited to consider this agenda item.

GCF/B.20/Inf.11

Steps to enhance the climate rationale of GCF-supported activities

(j) Identification of results areas where targeted GCF investment would have the most impact

92. **Background:** Having considered document GCF/B.17/09 titled "Status of the GCF portfolio: pipeline and approved projects" at its seventeenth meeting, the Board, by decision B.17/08, paragraph (b), requested the Secretariat to undertake additional analysis, taking into consideration the potential investment priority areas presented in document GCF/B.09/06 titled "Analysis of the Expected Role and Impact of the Green Climate Fund", and to identify results areas where targeted GCF investment would have the most impact.

93. Document GCF/B.20/Inf.15 titled "Identification of results areas where targeted GCF investment would have the most impact" analyses the GCF portfolio through the eight GCF results areas and compares it with analyses of country programme briefs to identify areas where targeted GCF investment would have greater impact. A review of the quality of climate information and data used in the approved funding proposals is presented. In addition, the removal of barriers is identified as key to achieving the most impact, including by mobilizing investment in insurance and reinsurance in both the public and private sectors. The document also includes several follow-up actions to be pursued by the Secretariat in areas where targeted GCF investment would have the most impact.

94. **Action:** The Board will be invited to consider this agenda item.

GCF/B.20/Inf.15

Identification of results areas where targeted GCF investment would have the most impact

(k) Results management framework: update on the further development of some indicators in the performance measurement frameworks

95. **Background:** Document GCF/B.20/Inf.01 titled "Update on the further development of some indicators in the performance measurement frameworks" provides a summary of principles and approaches, a comparative analysis of indicators across global climate finance mechanisms, and a workplan for the further development of indicators in the performance measurement frameworks of GCF. It also presents an illustrative list of revised mitigation and adaptation indicators and associated measurement, reporting and verification systems for the Board's information.

96. **Action:** The Board will be invited to consider this agenda item.

GCF/B.20/Inf.01

Update on the further development of some indicators in the performance measurement frameworks

Agenda item 14: Status of the initial resource mobilization process

97. **Background:** Document GCF/B.20/Inf.05 titled “Status of the initial resource mobilization process” provides an update for the Board on the initial resource mobilization process, including the status of signing contribution agreements/arrangements; the current commitment authority highlighting the current cash and promissory notes available; and the forecast of available resources for commitment and disbursement. The financial report of the GCF Trust Fund is also provided in this document. The report, which encompasses financial information as at 31 March 2018, was prepared by the World Bank in its capacity as the Interim Trustee of the GCF.

98. **Action:** The Board will be invited to consider this agenda item.

GCF/B.20/Inf.05

Status of the initial resource mobilization process

Agenda item 15: GCF Trust Fund financial report

99. **Background:** The GCF Trust Fund Financial Report prepared by the Interim Trustee is contained in annex II to document GCF/B.20/Inf.05 titled “Status of the initial resource mobilization process”.

100. **Action:** The Board will be invited to consider this agenda item.

Agenda item 16: Consideration of funding proposals

101. **Background:** Document GCF/B.20/10 titled “Consideration of funding proposals” presents the funding proposals to the Board for consideration at its twentieth meeting. It also presents an overview of the projected GCF portfolio and a brief guide to the funding proposal packages.

102. **Action:** The Board is invited to take note of the information provided and to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/10.

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Consideration of funding proposals

GCF/B.20/10/Add.01

Funding proposal package for FP082

GCF/B.20/10/Add.02

Funding proposal package for FP083

GCF/B.20/10/Add.03

Funding proposal package for FP084

GCF/B.20/10/Add.04

Funding proposal package for FP085

GCF/B.20/10/Add.05

Funding proposal package for FP086

GCF/B.20/10/Add.06

Funding proposal package for FP087

<i>GCF/B.20/10/Add.07</i>	<i>Funding proposal package for FP088</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/10/Add.08</i>	<i>Funding proposal package for FP089</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/10/Add.09</i>	<i>Funding proposal package for FP090</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/10/Add.10/Rev.01 (limited distribution)</i>	<i>Funding proposal package for FP088 with Secretariat's review and term sheet</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/10/Add.11/Rev.01 (limited distribution)</i>	<i>Funding proposal package for FP089 with Secretariat's review and term sheet</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/10/Add.12/Rev.01 (limited distribution)</i>	<i>Funding proposal package for FP090 with Secretariat's review and term sheet</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/10/Add.13</i>	<i>Secretariat's review</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/10/Add.14</i>	<i>Independent Technical Advisory Panel's assessment</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/10/Add.15 (limited distribution)</i>	<i>List of proposed conditions and recommendations for FP 082–090</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/10/Add.16 (limited distribution)</i>	<i>Term sheets for FP 082–087</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/10/Add.17</i>	<i>Response from the accredited entities to the Independent Technical Advisory Panel assessment</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/10/Add.18</i>	<i>Gender assessments and action plans</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/10/Add.19</i>	<i>Funding proposal package for SAP002</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/10/Add.20 (limited distribution)</i>	<i>List of proposed conditions and recommendations and term sheet for SAP 002</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/10/ Add.21</i>	<i>Funding proposal package for SAP003</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/10/Add.22/Rev.01 (limited distribution)</i>	<i>Funding proposal package for SAP003 with Secretariat's assessment and list of proposed conditions and recommendations and term sheet</i>

Agenda item 17: Country programming and readiness

(a) Country and entity work programmes

103. Document GCF/B.20/11 titled “Consolidated country and entity work programmes” presents the progress made on country and entity programming since the nineteenth meeting of the Board, and provides an overview of the current status of country and entity programming with GCF.

104. Supporting material was shared in addendum I and limited distribution addenda II – IV.

105. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/11.

<i>GCF/B.20/11</i>	<i>Consolidated country and entity work programmes</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/11/Add.01</i>	<i>Compilation of Country Programmes completed by countries</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/11/Add.02 (limited distribution)</i>	<i>Compilation of Country Programme Briefs shared by countries</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/11/Add.03 (limited distribution)</i>	<i>Entity Work Programme Briefs for Direct Access Entities</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/11/Add.04 (limited distribution)</i>	<i>Entity Work Programme Briefs for International Access Entities</i>

(b) Progress and outlook report, including status of national adaptation plans

106. **Background:** The Board approved the operationalization of the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme (Readiness Programme) through decision B.08/11 and requested the Secretariat to report biannually to the Board on the progress of the programme. Given the interest in the early progress of the programme, the Secretariat has been reporting on it to the Board at each meeting since its ninth meeting in March 2015.

107. Document GCF/B.20/Inf.02 titled “Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme: progress report” provides an overview of progress made by the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme since its inception, with a focus on results expected under the programme and progress since the last Board meeting.

108. **Action:** The Board will be invited to consider this agenda item.

<i>GCF/B.20/Inf.02</i>	<i>Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme: progress report</i>
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Agenda item 18: Communications strategy

109. **Background:** The Board, by decision B.13/25, recognized the importance of effective communication and outreach in supporting the objectives and guiding principles of GCF, and decided to prioritize the development of a communications strategy for presentation to the Board no later than its seventeenth meeting.

110. Document GCF/B.20/14 titled “GCF communications strategy” proposes a GCF communications strategy that sets four objectives for communications, summarized as engagement, implementation, impact and replenishment. The strategy identifies the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change as the primary audience for GCF communications, and defines secondary audiences as civil society, the private sector, accredited entities and other project partners, other international partners, the media, and internal audiences, including the Board and the Secretariat. After providing an overview of activity types and expected results relating to each objective, the strategy outlines the communications channels to be used by GCF in its communications. An implementing plan is also provided for information.

111. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/14.

GCF/B.20/14

GCF communications strategy

Agenda item 19: Guidance from the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

(a) Report on the analysis of the challenges, barriers, gaps and recommendations to achieve an increase in the amount of direct access proposals in the pipeline

112. **Background:** The Governing Instrument for the GCF identifies direct access as a key modality through which recipient countries receive funding. The GCF Strategic Plan identifies the need to ensure GCF responsiveness to developing countries' needs and priorities by enhancing country programming and direct access as a core operational modality.

113. Furthermore, through decisions B.13/20, B.13/21 and B.14/07, the Board has requested the Secretariat to facilitate and enhance access to GCF resources by direct access entities (DAEs) through a number of channels, including the simplified approval process and the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme.

114. In accordance with decision B.18/02, paragraphs (b) and (d), document GCF/B.20/04 titled "Strategy to increase funding proposals from direct access entities" presents an analysis of the challenges, barriers, gaps and recommendations to achieve an increase in the amount of direct access proposals in the pipeline. It takes into account the views of Board members and alternate Board members, national designated authorities/focal points and direct access accredited entities and also incorporates an initial review of the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme. The document also includes recommendations and suggestions collated from the interviews and surveys conducted to develop the comprehensive analysis.

115. An addendum titled "Results of survey of DAEs and NDAs in preparation of 2018 Enhanced Direct Access Workshop" (GCF/B.20/04/Add.01) was also shared with the Board.

116. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/04.

GCF/B.20/04

Strategy to increase funding proposals from direct access entities

GCF/B.20/04/Add.01

Results of survey of DAEs and NDAs in preparation of 2018 Enhanced Direct Access Workshop

(b) Annual report on the operational framework on the complementarity and coherence

117. **Background:** At its seventeenth meeting, the Board requested the Secretariat to present a report on the progress made and outputs from the operational framework on complementarity and coherence. The Board requested that this report be presented for its consideration in 2018, and that the Secretariat provide an annual update on its status thereafter.

118. Document GCF/B.20/05 titled "Annual update on complementarity and coherence" presented the requested update for 2018 and provides input for a Board discussion on fund-to-fund arrangements with other climate funds, considering progress and limitations in

implementing the operational framework across the climate finance landscape and taking into account a detailed analysis of the experience on support for adaptation across different funds as well as areas where further arrangements are possible.

119. The document also provides an update on 2017-2018 activities with regard to enhancing complementarity at the activity level, promotion of coherence at the national programming level, and actions regarding complementarity at the level of delivery of climate finance through an established dialogue. This 2017-2018 update may also serve as input to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Standing Committee on Finance. The document also outlines next steps.

120. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/05.

GCF/B.20/05

Annual update on complementarity and coherence

(c) Seventh report of the GCF to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

121. **Background:** Pursuant to Article 11, paragraph 3, of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the UNFCCC provides guidance annually to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention on its policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria as an operating entity entrusted with the operation of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention. The Board therefore takes appropriate action on guidance received from the COP on an ongoing basis and submits annual reports to the COP for its consideration and to receive further guidance.

122. Paragraph 6 of the Governing Instrument for the GCF provisioned for arrangements to be concluded between the COP and GCF, consistent with Article 11 of the Convention, to ensure that GCF is accountable to and functions under the guidance of the COP. Such arrangements were adopted by the COP at its nineteenth session in UNFCCC decision 5/CP.19. The arrangements specify elements to be included in the annual report of GCF to the COP starting from COP 20.

123. Document GCF/B.20/15 titled “Seventh Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change” contains the seventh annual report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at its twenty-fourth session, providing an overview of milestones reached by GCF from 1 November 2017 to 30 April 2018 with respect to guidance received from the COP.

124. **Action:** By decision B.10/18, paragraph (c), the Board decided to adopt an annual reporting period running up to and including 31 July of every calendar year. It is therefore proposed for the Board to request the Co-Chairs, assisted by the Secretariat, to finalize the seventh report of GCF to the COP, taking into consideration the comments made and decisions taken at the twentieth meeting of the Board, and submit the revised report to the UNFCCC secretariat, no later than 12 weeks prior to the twenty-fourth session of the COP (COP 24), in accordance with decision 7/CP.20, paragraph 23.

125. The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/15.

GCF/B.20/15

Seventh Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Agenda item 20: Recommendations of the Private Sector Advisory Group on opportunities to engage the private sector, including local actors, in adaptation action at the national, regional and international levels

126. **Background:** The Board, in decision B.15/03, paragraph (i)(ii) and decision B.17/06, paragraph (d)(ii), requested the Private Sector Advisory Group (PSAG) to provide recommendations on “opportunities to engage the private sector, including local actors, in adaptation action at the national, regional and international levels”.

127. Document GCF/B.20/12 titled “Recommendations of the Private Sector Advisory Group on opportunities to engage the private sector in adaptation” responds to the decisions above and to a request from the Board to scale up solutions to enhance the volume and impacts of adaptation programmes and investments. The document provides an overview of the PSAG discussions on the challenges, barriers and opportunities to engage the private sector in adaptation action as background information, followed by specific recommendations to the Board in response to this mandate.

128. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/12.

GCF/B.20/12

Recommendations of the Private Sector Advisory Group on opportunities to engage the private sector in adaptation

Agenda item 21: Dates and venues of the following meetings of the Board

129. Document GCF/B.20/23 titled “Dates and venues of the following meetings of the Board” has been prepared to assist the Board in deciding the dates and venues for upcoming Board meetings, including for meetings in 2019.

130. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/23.

GCF/B.20/23

Dates and venues of the following meetings of the Board

Agenda item 22: Administrative matters

(a) Revised administrative guidelines on human resources

131. **Background:** At its eighth meeting, the Board created the current legal framework on human resources management through the adoption of the ‘Administrative Guidelines on Human Resources’ for the Fund, while also inviting the Secretariat to seek comments on the document and recommend changes.

132. Since that time, consultations have been held with Board members and staff members of the Fund (including those of the Secretariat and the Independent Units), and the human resources rules of comparator organizations have been reviewed, in order to develop the Fund's revised legal framework for human resources management making it best fitted for the Fund and supporting the strategic objective to attract and retain a highly competent workforce.

133. Document GCF/B.20/24 titled "Revised legal framework for human resources management" sets out the details of the proposed revised legal framework for human resources management and recommends that the Board adopts the draft Staff Regulations and the Code of Conduct, as well as certain other matters relating to the revised legal framework. It was shared with the Board on a limited distribution basis.

134. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/24.

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(limited distribution)*

Revised legal framework for human resources management

(b) Approval of the audited financial statements for 2017

135. **Background:** The Board, by decision B.08/18, approved the terms of reference of the External Auditor as set out in annex XXVII of document GCF/B.08/45.

136. Under decision GCF/B.BM-2018/03, and in accordance with the above-mentioned approved terms of reference, the Board approved the appointment of Daemyung Grant Thornton as the External Auditor of GCF for a three-year period beginning with the audit of the 2017 financial statements.

137. Document GCF/B.20/02 titled "Audited financial statements of the Green Climate Fund for the year ended 31 December 2017" submits the audited financial statements of the Green Climate Fund for the year ended 31 December 2017 for Board approval.

138. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/02.

GCF/B.20/02

Audited financial statements of the Green Climate Fund for the year ended 31 December 2017

(c) Report on the execution of the administrative budgets for 2018

139. **Background:** Document GCF/B.20/03 titled "Report on the execution of the 2018 administrative budget of GCF as at 30 April 2018" presents an update of actual expenditures for the four months to 30 April 2018 against the approved administrative budget. It is based on actual expenditures relating to activities of the Board, the independent accountability units and the Secretariat for the period of 1 January to 30 April 2018 and estimated expenditures for the Interim Trustee.

140. **Action:** The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.20/03.

GCF/B.20/03

Report on the execution of the 2018 administrative budget of GCF as at 30 April 2018

Agenda item 23: Reports from the independent units

141. Reports on the activities of the independent units were presented to the Board for their consideration in the following documents:

- (a) Document GCF/B.20/Inf.03 titled “Report on the activities of the Independent Redress Mechanism”;
- (b) Document GCF/B.20/Inf.04 titled “Report of the Independent Evaluation Unit for 2018”;
- (c) Document GCF/B.20/Inf.17 titled “Report on the activities of the Independent Integrity Unit”.

142. **Action:** The Board will be invited to consider this agenda item.

<i>GCF/B.20/Inf.03</i>	<i>Report on the activities of the Independent Redress Mechanism</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/Inf.04</i>	<i>Report of the Independent Evaluation Unit for 2018</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/Inf.17</i>	<i>Report on the activities of the Independent Integrity Unit</i>

Agenda item 24: Status of the GCF pipeline, including the status of the Project Preparation Facility requests

143. **Background:** At its eleventh meeting, through decision B.11/11, paragraph (g), the Board requested the Secretariat to provide an update of the pipeline portfolio and to submit it for information to the Board as part of the documentation submitted for every Board meeting.

144. Document GCF/B.20/Inf.07 titled “Status of the GCF portfolio: approved projects and fulfilment of conditions” provides an update of the GCF pipeline of projects and programmes, including the status on Project Preparation Facility applications, for the reporting period of 1 January to 30 April 2018. A revised version of the document was later shared with the Board to reflected updated funding figures (GCF/B.20/Inf.07/Rev.01). Supporting material was also shared in addenda I and II to the Board on a limited distribution basis.

145. **Action:** The Board will be invited to consider this agenda item.

<i>GCF/B.20/Inf.07/Rev.01</i>	<i>Status of the GCF pipeline, including the status of Project Preparation Facility requests</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/Inf.07/Add.01 (limited distribution)</i>	<i>List of funding proposals and project preparation facility requests</i>
<i>GCF/B.20/Inf.07/Add.02 (limited distribution)</i>	<i>List of concept notes</i>

Agenda item 25: Status of the GCF portfolio: approved projects and the fulfilment of conditions

146. **Background:** The Governing Instrument for the GCF3, paragraph 23(d), established the mandate for the Secretariat to carry out monitoring functions and prepare reports on the performance of the implementation activities under the GCF.

147. In addition, the Board requested the Secretariat to provide a report on the status of fulfilment of all conditions decided by the Board (decisions B.14/07, para. (j), B.17/21 and B.17/09, annex III); and to provide reports on the status of implementation of funding proposals approved by the Board (decision B.16/02).

148. In response to the above requests, document GCF/B.20/Inf.06 titled “Status of the GCF portfolio: approved projects and fulfilment of conditions” presents an update on (i) the overall status of post-approval process of the 76 approved projects and their implementation and (ii) the fulfilment of conditions for the reporting period from 1 January to 30 April 2018.

149. **Action:** The Board will be invited to consider this agenda item.

GCF/B.20/Inf.06

Status of the GCF portfolio: approved projects and fulfilment of conditions

Agenda item 26: Other matters

150. Any other matters that the Board may wish to consider as indicated at the adoption of the agenda for B.20 will also be taken up under this agenda item.

Agenda item 27: Report of the meeting

151. A draft compilation of decisions adopted at B.20 will be transmitted to the Board on conclusion of the meeting.

Agenda item 28: Close of the meeting

152. B.20 is expected to close on Wednesday, 4 July 2018 at 6 p.m.
