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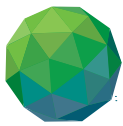
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# Decisions of the Board – twenty-fifth meeting of the Board, 10 – 12 March 2020

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## Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The Co-Chairs opened the meeting on Tuesday, 10 March 2020 at 9:23 a.m.
2. The Board adopted the following decision:

### *DECISION B.25/01*

*The Board, recalling decision B.23/18:*

- (a) *Recognizes the current extraordinary circumstances resulting from the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus;*
- (b) *Takes note that the Co-Chairs, guided by the best interests of the GCF pursuant to paragraph 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the Board, and on an exceptional basis and in light of such current extraordinary circumstances, decided to change the venue of the twenty-fifth meeting of the Board to Geneva, Switzerland;*
- (c) *Confirms that the invocation by the Co-Chairs of paragraph 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the Board was warranted on an exceptional basis and in light of the current extraordinary circumstances;*
- (d) *Ratifies the decision of the Co-Chairs to move the venue of the twenty-fifth meeting of the Board to Geneva, Switzerland; and*
- (e) *Welcomes with appreciation the decision of the Government of Switzerland and the Canton of Geneva to host the twenty-fifth meeting of the Board at short notice.*

3. The Board also adopted the following decision:

### *DECISION B.25/02*

*The Board, having considered the risks relating to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus as well as the prevailing uncertainty and current extraordinary circumstances arising out of the COVID-19 virus outbreak:*

- (a) *Recognizes its duty to act in the best interests of the GCF and its duty of care towards staff, consultants and interns of the GCF;*
- (b) *Takes note of the measures which have been put in place by the Executive Director to protect the health and welfare of GCF staff, consultants and interns, including the option for staff, consultants and interns to work remotely under special flexible working arrangements;*
- (c) *Decides to ban all GCF-related events organized by the Secretariat effective Monday, 16 March 2020 for a period of 30 calendar days;*
- (d) *Also decides that the independent units shall take the same measures with respect to recall of their respective staff, consultants and interns; official travel; and organization of events, as well as other measures relating to the response to the COVID-19 virus outbreak as those taken by the Secretariat, and in the event that the head of the relevant independent unit wishes to deviate from the measures put in place by the Secretariat, such deviation shall require the approval of the Board;*
- (e) *Authorizes the Executive Director to explore options for hosting a core group of up to 35 Secretariat staff in partner organizations in the event that alternative working*

*arrangements need to be put in place in response to the COVID-19 virus outbreak, without establishing a second formal country presence of the GCF, on the basis of the following criteria:*

- (i) The willingness or expression of interest of prospective partner organizations to host a core group of GCF personnel on a temporary basis in its network of offices;*
- (ii) The existence of a bilateral agreement on privileges and immunities between the relevant countries in which the partner organization may offer office space to the GCF, or the ability of such prospective country to provide privileges and immunities to the GCF as are necessary for the fulfilment of its purposes and to the officials of the GCF as are necessary for the independent exercise of their official functions in connection with the GCF, on a temporary basis;*
- (iii) The availability of adequate local facilities necessary to support the operations of the GCF and the core group of staff, including in relation to financial services; housing options; local and international transport facilities, taking into consideration any existing travel restrictions; and state-of-the-art teleconference and videoconference facilities;*
- (iv) The willingness of the prospective partner organization(s) or countries to consider shared financial and administrative arrangements;*
- (v) The prevalence and ability of the relevant countries to respond promptly and effectively to the COVID-19 virus; and*
- (vi) The diplomatic representations and the presence of other international organizations in the relevant countries;*
- (f) Also authorizes the Executive Director to activate the alternative working arrangements referred to in paragraph (e) above, in the event it becomes necessary, to mitigate the impact of the spread of the COVID-19 virus on the achievement of the Secretariat's key performance indicators, it being understood that while the alternative working arrangements may need to be put in place until the twenty-seventh meeting of the Board, such arrangements will only be used on an "as needed" basis and activated for the minimum amount of time necessary;*
- (g) Approves a contingency budget in an amount equal to 2 per cent of the administrative budget of the Secretariat to cover costs relating to the activation of alternative working arrangements until the originally scheduled dates for the twenty-seventh meeting of the Board;*
- (h) Requests the Executive Director to consult with the Budget Committee on how such contingency budget should be allocated to specific line items;*
- (i) Decides that although reallocation between line items in the contingency budget is permitted, no reallocation from the contingency budget to the administrative budgets of the Secretariat and the independent units is permitted;*
- (j) Requests the Executive Director to ensure that there is a standing delegation of authority to a competent official who can implement or activate the measures referred to in paragraphs (e) and (f) above in a prompt manner in the event that the Executive Director is unavailable to take a decision on such matters and an urgent decision is required;*
- (k) Also requests the Executive Director and the Co-Chairs to hold regular discussions, as appropriate, in relation to any measures implemented pursuant to this decision;*

- (l) *Confirms that if the Executive Director, or his delegate, proposes measures which fall outside of the authorities provided in this decision, such measures may not be implemented without the approval of the Board;*
- (m) *Reaffirms that the Headquarters of the GCF remain in Songdo, Incheon, Republic of Korea, in accordance with decision 6/CP.18 of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and in accordance with the Agreement between the Republic of Korea and the Green Climate Fund concerning the Headquarters of the Green Climate Fund; and*
- (n) *Decides to review the implementation of this decision on the originally scheduled dates for the twenty-seventh meeting of the Board (22 to 24 October 2020).*

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

- 4. The Board adopted the agenda as set forth below:
  - 1. Opening of the meeting
  - 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
  - 3. Adoption of the report of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Board
  - 4. Report on the activities of the Secretariat
  - 5. Reports from Board committees, panels and groups
  - 6. Report on the activities of the independent units
  - 7. Report on the activities of the Co-Chairs
    - (a) Co-Chairs' report
    - (b) Updated workplan of the Board for 2020–2023
    - (c) Co-Chairs proposal on the review of committees, panels and groups
    - (d) Board decisions without a Board meeting
  - 8. Guidance from the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
  - 9. Updated Strategic Plan for the GCF
  - 10. Matters related to the results management framework: Addressing gaps in the current portfolio for measurement
  - 11. Matters related to accreditation
  - 12. Matters related to the approval of funding proposals
    - (a) Review of the simplified approval process pilot scheme
    - (b) Policy guidelines on programmatic approach
  - 13. Matters related to the evaluation functions of the GCF
  - 14. Evaluations conducted by the Independent Evaluation Unit
    - (a) Country ownership evaluation
    - (b) Evaluation of the environmental and social safeguards system of the GCF
  - 15. Matters related to the independent Technical Advisory Panel

16. Status of GCF resources, pipeline and portfolio performance
17. Consideration of funding proposals
18. Consideration of accreditation proposals
19. Dates and venues of upcoming Board meetings
20. Other matters
21. Report of the meeting
22. Close of the meeting

### **Agenda item 3: Adoption of the report of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Board**

5. The Co-Chairs drew the attention to the Board to the report of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Board as circulated to the Board in document GCF/B.24/18 titled “Report of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Board, 12 – 14 November 2019”.
6. The Board took note of the report of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Board.

### **Agenda item 4: Report on the activities of the Secretariat**

7. The Board took note of document GCF/B.25/Inf.07 titled “Report on the activities of the Secretariat”, its limited distribution addendum GCF/B.25/07/Add.01 titled “Status of accreditation master agreements and funded activity agreements”, and its addenda GCF/B.25/Inf.07/Add.02 titled “Report on the execution of the 2019 administrative budget of the GCF” and GCF/B.25/Inf.07/Add.03 “Development of sector guidance and consultation process”.
8. No decision was taken under this agenda item.

### **Agenda item 5: Reports from Board committees, panels and groups**

9. The Board took note of document GCF/B.25/Inf.09 and its addenda Add.01–03 titled “Reports from committees, panels and groups of the Board of the Green Climate Fund”.
10. Limited distribution document GCF/B.25/14 titled “Implementation of the Performance Evaluation and Performance Related Pay for Board-Appointed Officials” was also issued to the Board for consideration under this agenda item.
11. No decision was taken under this agenda item.

### **Agenda item 6: Reports on the activities of the independent units**

12. The Board took note of the following documents:
  - (a) Document GCF/B.25/Inf.01 titled “Report on the activities of the Information Appeals Panel”;
  - (b) Document GCF/B.25/Inf.02 titled “Report on the activities of the Independent Evaluation Unit”;

- (c) Document GCF/B.25/Inf.03 titled “Report on the activities of the Independent Redress Mechanism”;
  - (d) Document GCF/B.25/Inf.08 titled “2019 Independent Redress Mechanism Annual Report”; and
  - (e) Document GCF/B.25/Inf.10 titled “Independent Integrity Unit Annual Report 2019”.
13. No decision was taken under this agenda item.

## **Agenda item 7: Report on the activities of the Co-Chairs**

### **(a) Co-Chairs’ report**

14. The Board took note of document GCF/B.25/Inf.11 titled “Report on the activities of the Co-Chairs” and its addendum Add.01 titled “Addendum I: Linkages between the Integrated Results Management Framework and the Results Tracking Tool”.
15. No decision was taken under this agenda item.

### **(b) Updated workplan of the Board for 2020–2023**

16. The Board took note of document GCF/B.25/Inf.13 titled “Updated workplan of the Board for 2020–2023”.
17. No decision was taken under this agenda item.

### **(c) Co-Chairs proposal on the review of committees, panels and groups**

18. The Board adopted the following decision:

#### *DECISION B.25/03*

##### *The Board:*

- (a) *Takes note of the “Final report of the review of the effectiveness of committees and group established by the Board”, the independent review of committees, panels and groups presented at the twenty-fourth meeting of the Board in document GCF/B.24/Inf.15/Add.01;*
- (b) *Notes its decision B.05/12, paragraphs (a) and (b), and document GCF/B.05/12 titled “General Guidelines for Committees and Panels”;*
- (c) *Requests the Co-Chairs to consult Board and alternate members, as well as the various committees, with a view to concluding the review of committees, panels and groups no later than the twenty-sixth meeting of the Board;*
- (d) *Invites Board and alternate members, as well as committees, to present views on the independent review no later than 10 April 2020 in order to inform the Co-Chairs’ consultations;*
- (e) *Requests the Co-Chairs, in accordance with decision B.05/12, paragraph (b), to present updated general guidelines for committees and panels for consideration at the twenty-sixth meeting of the Board; and*



- (f) *Reiterates decision B.23/03, paragraph (c), and urges the Co-Chairs to undertake pre-Board meeting consultations in an open, inclusive, consultative and transparent manner with regard to the documents referred to in paragraphs (c) and (e) above.*

**(d) Board decisions without a Board meeting**

19. The Board took note of document GCF/B.25/Inf.11/Add.02 titled “Report on the activities of the Co-Chairs – Addendum II: Board decisions without a Board meeting”.

20. The Board adopted the following decision:

*DECISION B.25/05*

*The Board, having considered document GCF/BM-2020/01 titled “Implementation matters relating to the GCF’s obligations under the Policy on the Prevention and Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Abuse, and Sexual Harassment”:*

- (a) *Reiterates the commitment of the GCF to the highest standards of integrity, including its zero tolerance for sexual exploitation, sexual abuse and sexual harassment;*
- (b) *Decides that the provisions of the Policy on the Prevention and Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Abuse, and Sexual Harassment relating to third parties (including Counterparties and Victims that are not Covered Individuals, each as defined in the Policy on the Prevention and Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Abuse, and Sexual Harassment) are to be reviewed and revised and, pending the outcome of such review and revision, are inoperative;*
- (c) *Takes note that, subject to paragraph (b) above, the Policy on the Prevention and Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Abuse, and Sexual Harassment is in effect;*
- (d) *Requests the Secretariat to present to the Board, no later than its twenty-seventh meeting, the proposed revisions of the Policy on the Prevention and Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Abuse, and Sexual Harassment, in line with best practices among international financial institutions and the business model of the GCF;*
- (e) *Also requests the Secretariat to assess the cost implications of implementation of the Policy on the Prevention and Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Abuse, and Sexual Harassment and to submit to the Budget Committee a budget request for its consideration prior to its presentation to the Board at its twenty-seventh meeting; and*
- (f) *Further requests the Secretariat to present to the Board for its consideration, no earlier than the consideration of the proposed revisions to the Policy on the Prevention and Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Abuse, and Sexual Harassment described in paragraph (d) above, amendments to the relevant standards, safeguards and policies of the GCF, to address the requirements placed on accredited entities to integrate the obligations set out in the Policy on the Prevention and Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Abuse, and Sexual Harassment.*

21. The Board also adopted the following decision:

*DECISION B.25/06*

*The Board, having considered limited distribution document GCF/BM-2020/04 titled “Status of approved funding proposals: major change to FP027 (Universal Green Energy Access Programme)”:*

- (a) *Takes note of the no-objection letters submitted by Ethiopia and Uganda for FP027;*
- (b) *Approves the inclusion of Ethiopia and Uganda as host countries for FP027;*
- (c) *Also approves the waiver of the drawing condition set out in the approved term sheet for FP027, as described in document GCF/BM-2020/04; and*
- (d) *Authorizes the Secretariat to negotiate the funded activity agreement for FP027, which shall reflect the changes hereby approved, as contained in document GCF/BM-2020/04.*

**Agenda item 8: Guidance from the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**

- 22. The Board took note of document GCF/B.25/06 titled “Co-Chairs proposal: Guidance from the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties”.
- 23. The Board adopted the following decision:

*DECISION B.25/07*

*The Board, having considered document GCF/B.25/06 titled “Co-Chairs proposal: Guidance from the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties”:*

- (a) *Takes note of this report, including the actions to be undertaken by the Board and the Secretariat in 2020 in response to guidance received from the Parties during the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties, as contained in annex I; and*
- (b) *Confirms that, in accordance with paragraph 18(n) of the Governing Instrument for the Green Climate Fund, as well as decision B.13/11 on the relationship of the Green Climate Fund with United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change thematic bodies, the engagement of the Board with United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change constituted bodies is determined by the Board and in the context of the agreed Board workplan and priorities.*

**Agenda item 9: Updated Strategic Plan for the GCF**

- 24. The Board took note of document GCF/B.25/09 titled “Updated Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund: 2020-23 Draft by the Co-Chairs”.
- 25. No decision was taken under this agenda item.

**Agenda item 10: Matters related to the results management framework: Addressing gaps in the current portfolio for measurement**

26. Document GCF/B.25/05 titled “Addressing gaps in the current portfolio for measurement” was issued to the Board for consideration under this agenda item.

27. This agenda item was not opened.

## **Agenda item 11: Matters related to accreditation**

28. This agenda item was not opened.

## **Agenda item 12: Matters related to the approval of funding proposals**

### **(a) Review of the simplified approval process pilot scheme**

29. Document GCF/B.25/12 titled “Review of the simplified approval process pilot scheme”, its limited distribution addendum Add.01 titled “Annexes to the review of the SAP pilot scheme” and document GCF/B.25/Inf.12 titled “Independent Evaluation Unit’s initial assessment of the Secretariat’s review of the simplified approval process pilot scheme” were issued to the Board for consideration under this agenda item.

30. The Board adopted the following decision:

#### *DECISION B.25/08*

*The Board, having considered document GCF/B.25/12 titled “Review of the simplified approval process pilot scheme”, and with reference to decision B.18/06, which mandated the review of the simplified approval process pilot scheme:*

*Requests the Secretariat to further develop the simplified approval process for Board consideration by the twenty-sixth meeting of the Board.*

### **(b) Policy guidelines on programmatic approach**

31. Document GCF/B.25/08 titled “Policy on programmatic approaches” was issued to the Board for consideration under this agenda item.

32. This agenda item was not opened.

## **Agenda item 13: Matters related to the evaluation functions of the GCF**

33. This agenda item was not opened.

## **Agenda item 14: Evaluations conducted by the Independent Evaluation Unit**

### **(a) Country ownership evaluation**

34. Document GCF/B.25/03 titled “Independent Evaluation of the Green Climate Fund’s Country Ownership Approach” was issued to the Board for consideration under this agenda item.

35. This agenda item was not opened.

**(b) Evaluation of the environmental and social safeguards system of the GCF**

36. Document GCF/B.25/07 titled “Independent Evaluation of the Green Climate Fund’s Environmental And Social Safeguards (ESS) and the Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS)” was issued to the Board for consideration under this agenda item.

37. This agenda item was not opened.

**Agenda item 15: Matters related to the independent Technical Advisory Panel**

38. The Board took note of document GCF/B.25/10 titled “Revision of the structure and operations of the independent Technical Advisory Panel”.

39. The Board adopted the following decision:

*DECISION B.25/09*

*The Board, having considered document GCF/B.25/10 titled “Revision of the structure and operations of the independent Technical Advisory Panel”:*

- (a) *Takes note of the independent consultant’s report of the same title as presented in annex II of document GCF/B.25/10;*
- (b) *Decides to reappoint, as an exception to paragraph 12 of annex I to decision B.BM-2018/09, the following members of the independent Technical Advisory Panel for a 1.5-year term starting on the date of the expiration of their current term:*
  - (i) *Mr. Ahsan Ahmed;*
  - (ii) *Ms. Claudia Martinez; and*
  - (iii) *Mr. Joe Yamagata;*
- (c) *Also decides to amend the terms of reference of the independent Technical Advisory Panel to increase the size of the Panel from 6 members to 10 members by the end of 2020;*
- (d) *Requests the Secretariat to launch a call for experts immediately in order to identify suitable candidates to join the independent Technical Advisory Panel as members;*
- (e) *Also requests the Secretariat to recruit one administrative support consultant to report to and work directly with the Chair of independent Technical Advisory Panel, but shall be hosted by and located in the Secretariat for administrative purposes;*
- (f) *Further requests the Investment Committee to nominate additional experts as members of the independent Technical Advisory Panel by the twenty-sixth meeting of the Board, with due consideration given to the geographic and specialty coverage in accordance with the updated terms of reference of the independent Technical Advisory Panel;*
- (g) *Requests the Secretariat to improve the contracting modality for the roster of experts for use by the independent Technical Advisory Panel to ensure quick deployment and utilization;*
- (h) *Approves an additional administrative budget for the Board for the year 2020 in the amount of USD 338,800 to cover the additional four members of the independent Technical*

*Advisory Panel, the administrative support consultant, and the operationalization of the roster of experts. This approval is in addition to the USD 3,673,720 approved via decision B.24/05, paragraph (f), thus bringing the total administrative budget for the Board for the year 2020 to USD 4,012,520; and*

- (i) *Requests the Secretariat, in consultation with the Investment Committee and the independent Technical Advisory Panel, to propose updates to the operational modalities of the independent Technical Advisory Panel to accommodate the increased workload by the twenty-sixth meeting of the Board.*

## **Agenda item 16: Status of GCF resources, pipeline and portfolio performance**

40. The Board took note of document GCF/B.25/Inf.05 titled “Status of the GCF pipeline, including the status of Project Preparation Facility requests” and its addenda Add.01 and Add.02, document GCF/B.25/Inf.06 titled “Status of the GCF portfolio: approved projects and fulfilment of conditions” and its addendum Add.01 titled “Analysis of the experience with and the progress made towards achieving the objectives of the pilot programme for REDD-plus results-based payments: a midterm review”, and document GCF/B.25/Inf.04 titled “Status of the GCF resources”.

41. No decision was taken under this agenda item.

## **Agenda item 17: Consideration of funding proposals**

42. The Board took note of document GCF/B.25/02/Rev.01, its addenda Add.01–06 and its limited distribution addenda Add.07–10 titled “Consideration of funding proposals”.

43. The Board adopted the following decision, which includes approval of funding proposal 126 pursuant to a vote in which 22 of the Board members present voted in favour and none of the Board members present voted against, and in respect of which none of the Board members present abstained from the vote::

### *DECISION B.25/04*

*The Board, having considered document GCF/B.25/02/Rev.01 titled “Consideration of funding proposals”:*

- (a) *Takes note of the following funding proposals:*
- (i) *Funding proposal 124 titled “Strengthening Climate Resilience of Subsistence Farmers and Agricultural Plantation Communities residing in the vulnerable river basins, watershed areas and downstream of the Knuckles Mountain Range Catchment of Sri Lanka”, by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, as contained in document GCF/B.25/02/Add.01 and Add.10/Rev.01;*
  - (ii) *Funding proposal 125 titled “Strengthening the resilience of smallholder agriculture to climate change-induced water insecurity in the Central Highlands and South-Central Coast regions of Vietnam”, by the United Nations Development Programme, as contained in document GCF/B.25/02/Add.02 and Add.10/Rev.01;*
  - (iii) *Funding proposal 126 titled “Increased climate resilience of rural households and communities through the rehabilitation of production landscapes in selected localities of the Republic of Cuba (IRES)”, by the Food and Agriculture*

- Organization of the United Nations, as contained in document GCF/B.25/02/Add.03 and Add.10/Rev.01;*
- (iv) *Funding proposal 127 titled “Building Climate Resilience of Vulnerable Agricultural Livelihoods in Southern Zimbabwe”, by the United Nations Development Programme, as contained in document GCF/B.25/02/Add.04 and Add.10/Rev.01;*
  - (v) *Funding proposal 128 titled “Arbaro Fund – Sustainable Forestry Fund”, by MUFG Bank, Ltd., as contained in document GCF/B.25/02/Add.07; and*
  - (vi) *Simplified approval process (SAP) funding proposal 013 titled “Scaling Smart, Solar, Energy Access Microgrids in Haiti”, by Nordic Environment Finance Corporation, as contained in document GCF/B.25/02/Add.08;*
- (b) *Approves funding proposal 124 for the amount of USD 39,775,000, submitted by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, subject to the conditions set out in annex II and in the respective term sheet set out in document GCF/B.25/02/Add.10/Rev.01;*
  - (c) *Also approves funding proposal 125 for the amount of USD 30,205,367, submitted by the United Nations Development Programme, subject to the conditions set out in annex II and in the respective term sheet set out in document GCF/B.25/02/Add.10/Rev.01;*
  - (d) *Further approves, pursuant to a vote in which 22 of the Board members present voted in favour and none of the Board members present voted against, and in respect of which none of the Board members present abstained from the vote, funding proposal 126 for the amount of USD 38,206,791, submitted by Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, subject to the conditions set out in annex II and in the respective term sheet set out in document GCF/B.25/02/Add.10/Rev.01;*
  - (e) *Approves funding proposal 127 for the amount of USD 26,574,567, submitted by the United Nations Development Programme, subject to the conditions set out in annex II and in the respective term sheet set out in document GCF/B.25/02/Add.10/Rev.01;*
  - (f) *Also approves funding proposal 128 for the amount of USD 25,000,000, submitted by the MUFG Bank, Ltd., subject to the conditions set out in annex II and in the respective term sheet set out in document GCF/B.25/02/Add.07;*
  - (g) *Further approves simplified approval process (SAP) funding proposal 013 for the amount of USD 9,900,000, submitted by the Nordic Environment Finance Corporation, subject to the conditions set out in annex II and in the respective term sheet set out in document GCF/B.25/02/Add.08;*
  - (h) *Reaffirms that, pursuant to annex IV to decision B.17/09, the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into legal agreements on behalf of the GCF with accredited entities and other parties involved in respect of funding proposals approved by the Board, taking into account any condition approved by the Board in this decision and in the decision accrediting the relevant accredited entity; and*
  - (i) *Authorizes the Secretariat to disburse fees for each funded project/programme approved by the Board as per the disbursement schedule to be agreed in the funded activity agreement in accordance with the policy on fees and the general principles and indicative list of eligible costs covered under GCF fees and project management costs adopted by the Board pursuant to decision B.19/09.*



44. The Board took note of limited distribution document GCF/B.25/04 titled “Status of approved funding proposals: Extension of deadline in respect of FP104 (Nigeria Solar IPP Support Program)”.

45. The Board adopted the following decision:

*DECISION B.25/10*

*The Board, having considered limited distribution document GCF/B.25/04 titled “Status of approved funding proposals: Extension of deadline in respect of FP104 (Nigeria Solar IPP Support Program)”:*

- (a) *Recalls decision B.24/10;*
- (b) *Notes with concern the delay in the implementation of FP104;*
- (c) *Decides to extend the deadline until 21 August 2020 for the submission by the accredited entity of a certificate or legal opinion, in form and substance satisfactory to the Secretariat, confirming that the accredited entity has obtained all final internal approvals needed by it and has the capacity and authority to implement the proposed project for the following approved funding proposal:*
  - (i) *FP104, titled “Nigeria Solar IPP Support Program”;*
- (d) *Recognizes that in light of the repeated requests to extend the deadline referred to in paragraph (c) above, the Board may be unwilling to grant any further extension beyond 21 August 2020; and*
- (e) *Requests the Secretariat to present to the Board at its twenty-sixth meeting a status update on the implementation progress of FP104 and, as appropriate, any lessons learned relating to projects whose deadlines have been extended by the Board.*

46. The Board took note of limited distribution document GCF/B.25/11 titled “Status of approved funding proposals: status of further no-objection letters and modality for adding future no-objection letters for FP038 (GEEREF NeXt)”.

47. The Board adopted the following decision:

*DECISION B.25/11*

*The Board, having considered limited distribution document GCF/B.25/11 titled “Status of approved funding proposals: status of further no-objection letters and modality for adding future no-objection letters for FP038 (GEEREF NeXt)”:*

- (a) *Recalls that the Secretariat presented FP038 at the sixteenth meeting of the Board to be implemented in 30 host countries, including Uruguay;*
- (b) *Also recalls decision B.16/02, in which the Board approved FP038;*
- (c) *Confirms, accordingly, that the Board approved FP038 in decision B.16/02 for 30 host countries, including Uruguay;*
- (d) *Takes note of the five new no-objection letters for FP038 submitted by the national designated authorities for the relevant countries;*
- (e) *Approves the inclusion of Morocco, Panama, the Philippines, Saint Lucia and Samoa as host countries for FP038; and*

- (f) *Authorizes the Secretariat to negotiate the funded activity agreement for FP038, which shall reflect the change hereby approved, as contained in document GCF/B.25/11.*

## **Agenda item 18: Consideration of accreditation proposals**

48. The Board took note of document GCF/B.25/13/Rev.01 and its addenda Add.02 and Add.03 titled “Consideration of accreditation proposals”; and its Add.01 titled “Status of the fulfilment of accreditation conditions”.

49. The Board adopted the following decision:

### *DECISION B.25/12*

*The Board, having considered document GCF/B.25/13/Rev.01 titled “Consideration of accreditation proposals”:*

- (a) *Takes note of the explanation provided by the Secretariat and the Accreditation Panel contained within annex VI of document GCF/B.25/13/Rev.01 regarding Applicant 90 (APL090) (the National Committee for Sub-National Democratic Development Secretariat (NCDDS)), which was accredited by the Board pursuant to decision B.24/11;*
- (b) *Recalling decision B.24/11, paragraphs (a) and (b), decides that the accreditation of Applicant APL090 will apply to the National Committee for Sub-National Democratic Development (NCDD) instead of NCDDS, subject to, and in accordance with, the assessments by the Accreditation Panel contained in the relevant annexes for Applicant APL090 in decision B.24/11 and the completion of Stage III of the accreditation process by having an effective accreditation master agreement, in accordance with decision B.23/11; and*
- (c) *Requests the Co-Chairs to transmit to the Board a draft decision containing the paragraphs below with an invitation to approve the decision on a non-objection basis within a period of fourteen (14) days:*
- (i) *Takes note with appreciation of the assessments conducted by the Secretariat and the Accreditation Panel contained within the relevant annexes for the following applicants:*
- (1) *Applicant 097 (APL097) is the Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation (BTFEC) based in Bhutan, as contained in annex III to document GCF/B.25/13/Rev.01; and*
- (2) *Applicant 098 (APL098) is the Trade and Development Bank of Mongolia (TDB Mongolia) based Mongolia, as contained in annex IV to document GCF/B.25/13/Rev.01;*
- (ii) *Approves the accreditation of applicants APL097 and APL098, pursuant to paragraph 45 of the Governing Instrument for the GCF, subject to, and in accordance with, the assessments by the Accreditation Panel contained in the relevant annexes to document GCF/B.25/13/Rev.01 for each of the applicants and the completion of Stage III of the accreditation by having an effective accreditation master agreement, in accordance with decision B.23/11;*
- (iii) *Takes note with appreciation of the assessment conducted by the Secretariat and the Accreditation Panel contained within the relevant annex of document GCF/B.25/13/Rev.01 for the following applicant seeking to upgrade its accreditation type:*



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- (1) *Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), as contained in annex V to document GCF/B.25/13/Rev.01; and*
- (iv) *Agrees to upgrade the accreditation type of the Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation as contained in decision B.10/06, paragraph (c), subject to, and in accordance with, the assessment by the Accreditation Panel contained in annex V to document GCF/B.25/13/Rev.01.*

## **Agenda item 19: Dates and venues of upcoming Board meetings**

50. No decision was taken under this agenda item.

## **Agenda item 20: Other matters**

51. No other matters were considered under this agenda item.

## **Agenda item 21: Report of the meeting**

52. The decisions as adopted and their corresponding annexes are included in this document.

## **Agenda item 22: Close of the meeting**

53. The meeting was closed on Thursday, 12 March 2020 at 8:31 p.m.

## Annex I: Actions to be undertaken by the Board and the Secretariat in 2020 in response to guidance received from the Parties during the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties

**Table 1: Summary of GCF core guidance received from the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC and the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement and proposals on how it will be addressed by the Board and Secretariat**

Relevant Guidance	2020 Work Plan and proposed actions by Board / Secretariat <sup>1</sup>
<b>UNFCCC decision -/CP.25: Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund</b>	
<p>1. Welcomes the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session and its addendum, including the list of actions taken by the Board of the Green Climate Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Board) in response to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties;</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No additional action required from the Board.</p>
<p>2. Also welcomes the progress of the Green Climate Fund in 2019 on the following, including in relation to guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties:</p> <p>(a) The increase in the number of project proposals approved, which brings the total amount approved by the Board to USD 5.6 billion to support the implementation of 124 adaptation and mitigation projects and programmes in 105 developing countries;</p> <p>(b) The increase in the number of entities accredited by the Board, which brings the total number of accredited entities to 95, of which 56 are direct access entities;</p> <p>(c) The adoption of procedures for adopting decisions in the event that all efforts at reaching consensus have been exhausted, as specified in the Governing Instrument for the Green Climate Fund;</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No additional action required from the Board.</p>

<p><i>(d)The adoption of a revised strategy for the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme;</i></p> <p><i>(e)The adoption of the policy on the restructuring and cancellation of projects and programmes;</i></p> <p><i>(f)The adoption of the updated Gender Policy and Action Plan 2020–2023, in particular the support modality for national designated authorities and focal points to implement the policy and action plan, as well as support for direct access entities from the project preparation facility;<sup>2</sup></i></p> <p><i>(g)The adoption of the workplan of the Board for 2020–2023, which establishes a regular policy implementation, learning and review cycle;</i></p> <p><i>(h)The adoption of the Green Climate Fund’s policy on co-financing;</i></p> <p><i>(i)The forward-looking performance review of the Green Climate Fund;</i></p> <p><i>(j)The continued collaboration between the Green Climate Fund, the Climate Technology Centre and Network and the Technology Executive Committee;</i></p> <p><i>(k)The collaboration between the Green Climate Fund, the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group;</i></p> <p><i>(l)The steps agreed at the 24thmeeting of the Board to finalize, at the 25thmeetingof the Board, the draft Strategic Plan 2020–2023;</i></p> <p><i>(m)Policies related to integrity, notably the policy on the protection from sexual exploitation, sexual abuse and sexual harassment and the standard on anti-money-laundering and countering the financing of terrorism</i></p>	
<p><i>3. Further welcomes the pledges made by 28 contributors and the successful conclusion of the first formal replenishment process of the Green Climate Fund, resulting in a nominal pledge of USD9.66 billion</i></p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No additional action required from the Board.</p>

<p>and a notional credit of USD118.47 million that may be earned in the event all contributors make early encashment;</p>	
<p>4. <b>Encourages further</b> pledges and contributions towards the first formal replenishment period;<sup>1</sup></p>	<p><b>Action:</b> GCF Secretariat to continue working on the mobilization of resources to obtain further pledges and contributions for GCF-1, in accordance with Policy for Contributions (decision B.24/01, annex I)</p>
<p>5. <b>Also encourages</b> contributing countries to confirm their pledges to the Green Climate Fund in the form of fully executed contribution agreements or arrangements as soon as possible;</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> GCF Secretariat to continue working with GCF-1 contributing countries to expedite contribution agreements. <b>Note:</b> As at 18 February, <u>12 countries have</u> confirmed part or all of their pledges by executing contribution agreements/arrangements.</p>
<p>6. <b>Reiterates</b> the request to the Green Climate Fund to accelerate the disbursement of funds for already approved projects, including for readiness support, and provide detailed information on disbursement levels and measures taken in this regard in its report to the Conference of the Parties;</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> GCF Secretariat will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Upgrade NDAs and AEs portals in terms of quality and quantity of information, better interaction and tracking of funding proposals, including disbursement status.</li> <li>2. Continue disclosing progress on accelerating disbursements through the annual report to the Conference of the Parties.</li> </ol> <p>Note: As at 18 February, USD 905 million has been disbursed to approved projects.</p>
<p>7. <b>Welcomes</b> the approval of the Board's four-year workplan and <b>requests</b> the Board to complete its work on closing policy gaps, streamlining and simplifying approval processes, including for readiness support and national adaptation plans, and addressing the review of the accreditation framework as soon as possible so as not to disrupt the project and programme approval cycle during the first formal replenishment;</p>	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The GCF Board has on its workplan for 2020 work relating to:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Addressing the following policy gaps and updates needed for programming-critical updates in 2020:                 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Policies for contributions from alternative sources;</li> <li>ii. Updated accreditation framework;</li> <li>iii. Review of initial fiduciary standards;</li> <li>iv. Incremental and full cost methodology;</li> <li>v. Policy on concessionality;</li> <li>vi. Programmatic approach policy guidelines;</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with Green Climate Fund Board document GCF/B.24/02

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vii. Legal risk policy</li> <li>viii. Updated results management framework;</li> <li>ix. GCF support to adaptation.</li> </ul> <p>2. The Board will include progress on these matters in its 9<sup>th</sup> report to COP.</p>
<p>8. <b>Encourages</b> the Board of the Green Climate Fund to continue its efforts to ensure that the Green Climate Fund enjoys privileges and immunities;</p>	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GCF Secretariat, in accordance with Board decision B.08/24, to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Continue engaging with countries on bilateral agreements on privileges and immunities of the GCF.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. GCF Board, in accordance with decision B. 24/04, to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Consider privileges and immunities for the GCF as part of the Workplan of the Board for 2020–2023</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>9. <b>Takes note</b> of the engagement of the President of the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session with the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the matter of granting privileges and immunities for the Green Climate Fund and its officials through a possible institutional linkage between the United Nations and the Green Climate Fund, and <b>requests</b> the President to report on this engagement at its twenty-sixth session (November 2020);</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> The Co-Chairs, with the support of the Secretariat, will remain available to provide any information and support required in the engagement of the President of the Conference of the Parties with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.</p>
<p>10. <b>Decides</b> to continue its consideration of the matter in paragraph 9 above at its twenty sixth session;</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No additional action required from the Board. The Secretariat will provide an update, if any, on the status of bilateral PS&amp;Is in its 2020 report to the COP.</p>
<p>11. <b>Invites</b> Parties to submit to the secretariat their views and recommendations on elements to be taken into account in developing guidance for the Board via the submission portal<sup>2</sup> no later than 10 weeks prior to the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties;</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> GCF Board to consider draft report to COP at B.26 and issue an addendum following the conclusion of B.27.</p>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

<p>12. <b>Requests</b> the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph 11 above when preparing its draft guidance to the Board for consideration by the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> GCF Secretariat will engage and provide clarification to questions raised by the SCF.</p>
<p>13. <b>Also requests</b> the Board to include in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties information on the steps it has taken to implement the guidance provided in this decision;</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> As done in previously annual reports, the GCF Board, with the assistance of the Secretariat, will continue reporting steps taken to implement guidance provided by the COP.</p>
<p>14. <b>Takes note</b> of decision-/CMA.2 and decides to transmit to the Green Climate Fund the guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement contained in paragraphs 15–21 below, in accordance with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 61</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No additional action required from the Board.</p>
<p>15. <b>Welcomes</b> the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session and its addendum,<sup>3</sup> including the list of actions taken by the Board of the Green Climate Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Board) in response to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No additional action required from the Board.</p>
<p>16. <b>Also welcomes</b> the Board's decision<sup>4</sup> confirming that the current Green Climate Fund modalities enable support for the preparation and implementation of nationally determined contributions and adaptation-related elements of the Paris Agreement;</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> 1. The GCF will continue to provide support for the preparation and implementation of nationally determined contributions and adaptation-related elements of the Paris Agreement, in accordance with Decision B.13/09 and B.13/10.</p>
<p>17. <b>Recalls</b> Article 7, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement, in which Parties established a global goal on adaptation for enhancing</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> No additional action required from the Board.</p>

<sup>3</sup> FCCC/CP/2019/3 and Add.1

<sup>4</sup> Green Climate Fund Board decision GCF/B.13/10.

<p><i>adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change;</i></p>	
<p><b>18. Takes note</b> of the encouragement of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement<sup>5</sup> for the Green Climate Fund, among others, to continue channeling support to developing country Parties for the implementation of their adaptation plans and actions in accordance with the priorities and needs outlined in their adaptation communication and/or nationally determined contributions;</p>	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The GCF will continue to provide support for the preparation and implementation of nationally determined contributions and adaptation-related elements of the Paris Agreement, in accordance with Decision B.13/09 and B.13/10.</li> </ol>
<p><b>19. Encourages</b> the Green Climate Fund to continue to enhance its support for adaptation and requests the Green Climate Fund to:</p> <p>(a) Swiftly conclude its work on guidance on the approach and scope for providing support to adaptation activities;<sup>6</sup></p> <p>(b) Continue to enhance its support for the implementation of national adaptation plans, in line with Board decisions on enhancing readiness programming;<sup>7</sup></p>	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Board is scheduled to adaptation support actions at its 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.</li> <li>2. GCF will continue to support preparation of national adaptation plans, and their implementation in accordance with decisions GCF/B.22/10 and GCF/B.22/11.</li> </ol>
<p><b>20. Also encourages</b> the Green Climate Fund to continue to collaborate with the Climate Technology Centre and Network and the Technology Executive Committee with a view to both strengthening cooperative action on technology development and transfer at different stages of the technology cycle and achieving a balance between support for mitigation and support for adaptation;</p>	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GCF Secretariat to continue engaging with CTCN and TEC and explore how this mandate can be integrated to the existing collaboration, in accordance with decisions B.13/11, B.14/02, and B.18/03 with views to promote technology innovation, incubation, acceleration, growth, transfer and deployment. Current engagement with CTCN focuses technical advisory on incubators and accelerators and enhancing the pipeline countries receiving technical support for national innovation systems and local technology production from CTCN through the readiness program. With TEC, the Secretariat also obtains their</li> </ol>

<sup>5</sup> Decision 9/CMA.1, para. 21.

<sup>6</sup> Pursuant to Green Climate Fund Board document GCF/B.17/10

<sup>7</sup> Green Climate Fund Board decisions GCF/B.22/10 and GCF/B.22/11.

	<p>technical advice on incubators and accelerators and engage in exchange on the trends arising from the information presented related to support for technology in the report of the GCF to COP related to support to technology, in accordance with Decision 9/CP.23, paragraph 18.</p>
<p><i>21. Invites the Board of the Green Climate Fund to continue providing financial resources for activities relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in developing country Parties, to the extent consistent with the existing investment, results framework and funding windows and structures of the Green Climate Fund, and to facilitate efficient access in this regard, and in this context to take into account the strategic workstreams of the five year rolling workplan of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts;<sup>8</sup></i></p>	<p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GCF to continue to provide financial resources in accordance with its existing investment, results framework and funding windows and structures.</li> <li>2. The Board will include in the 9<sup>th</sup> GCF report to COP, actions it has taken with this decision and in accordance with GCF Board decision B.13/11.</li> <li>3. In 2020, the Board is scheduled to consider the draft updated Strategic Plan for 2020-23; the current draft of the Strategic Plan considers activities relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in developing country Parties.</li> <li>4. The Secretariat to provide information on existing support available through the GCF Report to COP for consideration by the Board, and engage with the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, consistent with Decision B.13/11 paragraph (f).</li> </ol> <p>Note: Based on countries requests, GCF is helping countries to take steps in that direction. Support already exist for early warning systems, weather insurance or infrastructure resilient to climate stresses, for example - and funding of such projects would likely increase in the coming years.</p>

<sup>8</sup> FCCC/SB/2017/1/Add.1, annex.



## Annex II: List of conditions and recommendations

1. The approval of the funding proposals approved by the Board pursuant to decision B.25/04 shall be conditional upon the satisfaction of the conditions set out in tables 1 and 2.

**Table 1: General conditions applicable to all funding proposals**

FP number	Conditions
<b>All proposals</b>	<p>(a) Signature of the funded activity agreement (“FAA”) in a form and substance satisfactory to the GCF Secretariat within 180 days from the date of Board approval, or the date the accredited entity has provided a certificate or legal opinion set out in paragraph (ii) below, or the date of effectiveness of the accreditation master agreement (“AMA”) entered into with the relevant accredited entity, whichever is later.</p> <p><u>Satisfaction of the following conditions prior to the signing of the FAA:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Completion of the legal due diligence to the GCF Secretariat’s satisfaction; and</li> <li>(ii) Submission of a certificate or a legal opinion in a form and substance that is satisfactory to the GCF Secretariat, within 120 days after Board approval, or the date of effectiveness of the AMA entered into with the relevant accredited entity, whichever is later, confirming that the accredited entity has obtained all final internal approvals needed by it and has the capacity and authority to implement the proposed project/programme.</li> </ul>

**Table 2: Conditions specific to individual funding proposals**

FP number	Conditions
<b>FP124</b> (IUCN Sri Lanka)	<p><i>Relevant independent TAP conditions</i></p> <p><u>Satisfaction of the following condition prior to fourth disbursement under the FAA:</u></p> <p>(a) The fourth disbursement of GCF proceeds under the funding activity agreement shall be conditional upon delivery by the Accredited Entity to the Fund, in a form and of a substance that is to the satisfaction of the Secretariat, of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) A document setting out the final version of the exit strategy for the project, comprising all components that are listed in section D.2 of the funding proposal, developed through a participatory process with all relevant stakeholders by the executing entities and approved by the Accredited Entity; and</li> <li>(ii) A document setting out in detail the water demand-supply management system implemented by the project and how this system is informing water demand-supply planning taking into consideration climate change impacts assessed through application of tools available for assessment of crop-related water deficit, moisture index for water availability, a soil/water assessment tool, hydrological models for demand-supply trends assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>FP125</b> (UNDP Viet Nam)	<p><i>Relevant independent TAP conditions</i></p> <p><u>Satisfaction of the following condition prior to second disbursement under the FAA:</u></p>

	<p>(a) Prior to the second disbursement of the project, the accredited entity shall submit to the Secretariat a report, in a form and substance satisfactory to the Secretariat, which shall contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) An estimate of the area cultivated for each major crop type per cropping season to estimate the potential adverse impacts of climate change and the additional volume of water needed for irrigation in the selected farm areas;</li> <li>(ii) An analysis of the current programmes to conserve and restore water basins that are providing water services to allow the development of the proposed irrigation systems, assessment of water availability based on agricultural land-use planning (by crop), detailing land-use planning actions as well as conservation and restoration activities in order to ensure continued supply of ecosystem services (water, microclimate and soils) favourable to the downstream irrigation systems and the resilience of the agricultural production system, including institutional, financial and operational responsibilities; and</li> </ul> <p><u>Satisfaction of the following condition prior to fourth disbursement under the FAA:</u></p> <p>(b) Prior to the fourth disbursement of the project, the accredited entity shall submit to the Secretariat a report, in a form and substance satisfactory to the Secretariat, which shall contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) A detailed analysis of the sustainability of the project interventions after project completion including an analysis of a possible cross-subsidy water tariff system and an assessment of the willingness to pay by the farmers for water related activities under activity 1.2 of the project to maintain and operate the water assets.</li> </ul>
<p><b>FP126</b> (FAO Cuba)</p>	<p><i>Relevant independent TAP conditions</i></p> <p><u>Satisfaction of the following condition prior to second disbursement under the FAA:</u></p> <p>(a) Prior to the second disbursement in respect of the project, the accredited entity shall submit to the Secretariat a report, in a form and substance satisfactory to the Secretariat, which contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) A detailed report with improved water balance estimates and projections, calculated on the basis of well-established methodologies, in order to support the implementation of the project, including in respect of: (i) the construction of the reservoirs and drip irrigation systems as well as the water security systems; and (ii) the selection of more diversified crops that are less water-dependent based on a crop-specific evapotranspiration analysis; and</li> <li>(ii) An analysis of GHG emission reductions resulting of the food supplements provided to livestock under sub-activity 1.2.1.</li> </ul>
<p><b>FP127</b> (UNDP Zimbabwe)</p>	<p><i>None.</i></p>
<p><b>FP128</b> (MUG Arbaro)</p>	<p><i>None.</i></p>
<p><b>SAP013</b> (NEFCO Haiti)</p>	<p><i>Relevant Secretariat condition</i></p> <p>Execution and effectiveness of the accreditation master agreement within 120 days of the Board approval of this funding proposal.</p>

2. In addition, it is recommended that, for all approved funding proposals, disbursements by the GCF should be made only after the GCF has obtained satisfactory protection against litigation and expropriation in the country where the project/programme will be implemented, or has been provided with appropriate privileges and immunities in that country.

3. It is also recommended that the accredited entity implements the following recommendations during the implementation of the relevant project or programme.

**Table 3: Project-specific recommendations**

FP number	Recommendations
<b>FP124</b> (IUCN Sri Lanka)	<i>None.</i>
<b>FP125</b> (UNDP Vietnam)	The independent TAP further recommends that the Accredited Entity, together with the Government of Viet Nam develop updated agricultural and climate change strategies and plans beyond 2020, supporting the vision of change of the proposed project, presenting the overall pathway to the satisfaction of the GCF Secretariat.
<b>FP126</b> (FAO Cuba)	The independent TAP further recommends that the project coordinate actions with the country programmes aiming to ensure healthy diets and tackle food loss and waste, incorporating pilots in each of the municipalities.
<b>FP127</b> (UNDP Zimbabwe)	<i>None.</i>
<b>FP128</b> (MUG Arbaro)	<i>None.</i>
<b>SAP013</b> (NEFCO Haiti)	<i>None.</i>