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Report on the activities of the Co-Chairs

Summary

This document contains the report on the activities of the Co-Chairs from late August to October 2020.

I. Introduction

1. This document presents the report on the activities of the Co-Chairs from late August to October 2020.

II. Preparations for the twenty-seventh meeting of the Board

2.1 Provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh meeting of the Board

2. Following the Secretariat's submission to the Co-Chairs of a proposed provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh meeting of the Board (B.27), the Co-Chairs consulted with their constituents on the proposal. The provisional agenda for B.27 was transmitted to the Board as document GCF/B.27/01/Drf.01 on 21 October 2020 and published on the GCF website.

2.2 Engagement with the Secretariat and independent units

3. The Co-Chairs, supported by their advisers, engaged regularly with the Secretariat via calls and by email on matters under consultation with the Board and with Committees in line with the Board consultations table; decisions proposed for approval without a Board meeting; and to advance preparations for B.27. The Co-Chairs and their advisers also engaged with the Heads of the Independent Units on those matters led by the independent units.

4. These collaborations culminated into the issuance of the B.27 provisional agenda; decisions proposed for Board approval as decisions without a Board meeting; guidance provided by the advisers acting on behalf of the Co-Chairs to the Secretariat and the independent units in the finalization of documents for Board consultation; and Co-Chairs' clearance of documents for consultation and publication for B.27.

III. Updated Strategic Plan: 2020–2023

5. The Co-Chairs in a Co-Chairs note issued on 8 July 2020 outlined the consultation process on the Updated Strategic Plan: 2020-2023 (USP) with the view to present this to the Board for consideration and approval at B.27.

6. In accordance with the note, the Co-Chairs held an introductory virtual session to the process. Two Board members were appointed as co-facilitators who convened small group discussions regularly on the six key areas identified as requiring convergence. Two Co-Chairs-led virtual sessions were held, informed by the small group discussions that met in seven virtual sessions. The Co-Chairs-led sessions sought to work towards consensus on outstanding areas of divergence with the view to finalize the USP for consideration and adoption by the Board. Further consultations were carried out on major outstanding issues supported by the co-facilitators. The Co-Chairs continued to work with the co-facilitators to encourage progress and Board approval of this strategic framework.

7. The document "Updated Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund: 2020-23" will be presented for consideration and approval by the Board at B.27.

IV. Consultations on items in the Board work plan for 2020

8. On 26 June 2020, the Co-Chairs shared with the Board a consultation plan prepared for the year 2020 to progress various policy matters scheduled for Board consideration in 2020

despite the challenges posed by COVID-19 and in line with the mandate given to the Co-Chairs in decision B.23/03 to continue to enhance the effectiveness of pre-Board meeting consultations in an open, inclusive, consultative and transparent manner.

9. Following B.26, in addition to the consultation sessions for the USP, consultations on the following matters were advanced as follows:
- (a) **Board guidelines for the consideration of reports of the Independent Redress Mechanism:** transmitted to the Board and Active Observers for comments from 14 – 30 September 2020. The document is being presented for consideration and adoption by the Board at B.27;
 - (b) **Evaluation Policy:** transmitted to the Board for consultations from 7 – 21 October 2020. The Co-Chairs engaged with Board members who expressed concerns about the Policy with a view to propose a pathway to address divergences post-B.27;
 - (c) **Integrated Results Management Framework (IRMF) and Results Tracking Tool (RTT):** Following an earlier consultation round, a compilation of comments received from the Board on the IRMF and RTT and the Secretariat's responses to Board and AE comments on the IRMF and RTT were transmitted to the Board on 13 and 15 October 2020. A technical session was held on 15 October 2020 to provide further information and clarification on questions to participants on the paper. The document will be presented for information of the Board at B.27; and
 - (d) **Updated Accreditation Framework:** The Co-Chairs held a meeting and worked with the Accreditation Committee to facilitate the Committee's consideration of the Updated Accreditation Framework prior to Board consideration. The Accreditation Committee has shared a document highlighting the area of divergence, which the committee has not been able to resolve.

V. Decisions without a Board meeting

10. The Co-Chairs approved the transmission of decisions that they determined must be taken by the Board that should not be postponed to the next Board meeting, also outlined in the Co-Chairs consultation plan for 2020.
11. The decisions proposed for approval without a Board meeting are captured in document GCF/B.27/Inf.XX titled "Decisions proposed between the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh meetings of the Board" (publication pending). In accordance with paragraph 44 of the Rules of Procedure of the Board, decisions approved between meetings shall be recorded in the report of the following Board meeting.
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