

Decision -/CP.19

Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 12/CP.2, 3/CP.16, 5/CP.16, 7/CP.16, 11/CP.17 and 9/CP.18,

Also recalling decision 5/CP.7, paragraph 7(a)(iv),

Taking note with appreciation of the annual report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties,¹

Noting the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Finance contained in its report to the Conference of the Parties with regard to the provision of draft guidance to the Global Environment Facility,²

1. *Welcomes* the inclusion of information on mitigation impacts in the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties;
2. *Also welcomes* the pledges and contributions made to the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund and calls for continued and increased support for these funds;
3. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to clarify the concept of co-financing and its application in the projects and programmes of the Global Environment Facility;
4. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility to further specify the steps that it has undertaken in response to the request contained in decision 9/CP.18, paragraph 1(c);
5. *Further requests* the Global Environment Facility to include, in its report to the Conference of the Parties at its twentieth session (December 2014), information on the modalities that it has established in response to paragraph 5 of the memorandum of understanding³ between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility;
6. *Welcomes* the ongoing work of the Global Environment Facility on defining the focal area strategies pertaining to climate change for the sixth replenishment period as well as the development of the draft Global Environment Facility 2020 strategy;
7. *Also welcomes* the efforts of the Global Environment Facility to promote synergies between its focal areas, including through multifocal programmes and projects;
8. *Emphasizes* the need for the Global Environment Facility to consider lessons learned from past replenishment periods in its deliberations on the strategy for the sixth replenishment in order to continue to increase the effectiveness of its operations;
9. *Calls upon* developed country Parties, and *invites* other Parties that make voluntary financial contributions to the Global Environment Facility, to ensure a robust sixth replenishment in order to assist in providing adequate and predictable funding;

¹ FCCC/CP/2013/3 and Add.1 and 2.

² FCCC/CP/2013/8.

³ FCCC/CP/1996/15/Add.1.

10. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to give due consideration in its sixth replenishment period to funding for small island developing States and the least developed countries in order to enable them to address their urgent needs and to comply with their obligations under the Convention;
11. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility to support, within its mandate, the implementation of country-driven projects identified in the technology needs assessments prepared by developing country Parties;
12. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to continue with its voluntary National Portfolio Formulation Exercise, which has been proved to enhance coordination and coherence at the national level;
13. *Invites* developing country Parties that wish to do so to apply for the National Portfolio Formulation Exercise before the start of the sixth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility;
14. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to finalize the accreditation of new project agencies and assess the possibilities for further expanding the direct access modality;
15. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility and all of its implementing agencies and recipient countries to continue to work together to improve institutional arrangements, giving special consideration to expediting the project cycle;
16. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to continue to increase the overall transparency and openness of its operations;
17. *Also encourages* the Global Environment Facility to strengthen its collaborative efforts with the Standing Committee on Finance;
18. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, to include in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties information on the steps that it has taken to implement the guidance provided in this decision.
