

Decision 4/CP.9

Additional guidance to an operating entity of the financial mechanism

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 3, Article 4, paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9, Article 9, paragraph 2 (c), Article 11, paragraphs 1 and 5, and Article 12, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Convention,

Recalling also its decisions 13/CP.1, 7/CP.2, 10/CP.2, 11/CP.2, 12/CP.2, 9/CP.3, 1/CP.4, 2/CP.4, 4/CP.4, 6/CP.4, 8/CP.5, 9/CP.5, 10/CP.5, 2/CP.7, 3/CP.7, 4/CP.7, 6/CP.7, 7/CP.7, 5/CP.8, 7/CP.8, 9/CP.8 and 10/CP.8,

Recalling further that in accordance with decision 11/CP.1, the Conference of the Parties is to give guidance on policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria to an operating entity of the financial mechanism,

1. *Decides* that the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism, should:
 - (a) On matters relating to national communications:
 - (i) Closely monitor the performance of the global project to support the preparation of national communications, including its effectiveness and efficiency, and continue to ensure that implementation of this project is consistent with the guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties;
 - (ii) Provide finance in a timely manner for the preparation of national communications by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) whose project activities are not covered by the global project;
 - (b) On matters relating to capacity-building:
 - (i) Continue to provide financial support to non-Annex I Parties, in accordance with decision 6/CP.7, for the implementation of the capacity-building framework annexed to decision 2/CP.7;
 - (ii) Take into account, in its work relating to the development of capacity-building performance indicators for the climate change focal area, the capacity-building framework annexed to decision 2/CP.7, and undertake this work in consultation with the Convention secretariat;
 - (iii) Provide financial support to countries with economies in transition, within its mandate, for the implementation of the capacity-building framework annexed to decision 3/CP.7;
 - (c) On matters relating to transfer of technology, continue to support enabling activities relating to technology needs assessments;
2. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility:
 - (a) To continue its support for education, training and public awareness activities relating to climate change;
 - (b) To operationalize the new strategic priority in the climate change focal area (Piloting an operational approach to adaptation) as soon as possible;

(c) To include in its report to the Conference of the Parties at its tenth session information on specific steps undertaken to implement this decision;

3. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to give appropriate consideration to addressing the priority needs identified by non-Annex I Parties in their regional action plans relating to global observing systems for climate, noting the existence of other bilateral and multilateral agencies and mechanisms that support global climate observing systems.

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