

Submission by the Republic of Senegal on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Group (LDCs) on views and recommendations on elements of guidance for the Global Environment Facility.

The LDC Group welcomes the invitation to provide views and recommendations on elements of guidance for the Global Environment Facility, as expressed in decision 7/CP.26, paragraph 19.

Although progress has been made in some areas, several issues remain. The following additional elements are provided as views and recommendations for developing guidance for the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

Topic	Views and recommendations on elements of guidance	Context/ background
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Welcomes</i> progress made in negotiations for the eighth replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund (GEF-8), including changes made to the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources. – <i>strongly urge</i> additional voluntary financial contributions to the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility to implement the convention and the Paris Agreement 	<p>Paragraph 4, decision 7/ CP26: Calls upon developed country Parties to make financial contributions to the Global Environment Facility to contribute to a robust eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility to support developing countries in implementing the Convention and encourages additional voluntary financial contributions to the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility;</p> <p>Paragraph 2, Decision 12/CMA.3: Calls upon developed country Parties to make financial contributions to the Global Environment Facility to contribute to a robust eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility to support developing countries in implementing the Paris Agreement and encourages additional voluntary financial contributions to the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility;</p> <p><i>GEF report to COP27</i>: Negotiations for the eighth replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund (GEF-8) concluded with pledges of USD 5.33 billion, 30% higher than GEF-7. Resources available for programming in GEF-8 for the climate change focal area</p>

		<p>have increased by 4.6 percent compared to those available in GEF-7.</p> <p>Changes to the GEF-8 System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR) include: moving to full flexibility for countries, enabling them to transfer funding from one area to another; retaining and giving greater weight to a GDP index; and funding for country-driven activities that reflect the national policy landscape.</p>
<p>Scale and adequacy of support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Welcomes changes made to the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR) that should facilitate implementation of country-driven activities, reflecting their needs and priorities. – Welcomes that the new LDCF programming strategy raises the funding cap for LDCs to USD 20 millions. – Welcomes the 30% increase in the allocation to the climate change focal area set-aside window to finance EAs in GEF-8, but express <i>disappointment</i> that overall resources available for programming in GEF-8 for the climate change focal area increased only by 4.6 percent compared to those available in GEF-7. – Stresses the need to scale up and provide predictable funds and strongly urge additional voluntary financial contributions to the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility in line with the article 9.1 of the Paris Agreement. 	<p><i>Paragraph 2, Decision 12/CMA.3:</i> Calls upon developed country Parties to make financial contributions to the Global Environment Facility to contribute to a robust eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility to support developing countries in implementing the Paris Agreement and encourages additional voluntary financial contributions to the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility.</p> <p><i>Paragraph 4, decision 7/ CP26:</i> Calls upon developed country Parties to make financial contributions to the Global Environment Facility to contribute to a robust eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility to support developing countries in implementing the Convention and encourages additional voluntary financial contributions to the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility.</p> <p><i>GEF report to COP27:</i> Resources available for programming in GEF-8 for the climate change focal area have increased by 4.6 percent compared to those available in GEF-7. In line with the guidance received in paragraph 6 of decision 12/CMA.3, participants to the replenishment negotiations decided to increase the allocation to the climate change focal area set-aside window to finance EAs by more</p>

		<p>than 30 percent (from \$110 million in GEF-7 to \$145 million in GEF-8).</p>
<p>Loss and damage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Urges to make additional efforts to provide enhanced and additional support for activities addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change. 	<p><i>Decision 1/CMA.3, Paragraph 64:</i> Urges developed country Parties, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, United Nations entities and intergovernmental organizations and other bilateral and multilateral institutions, including non-governmental organizations and private sources, to provide enhanced and additional support for activities addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change;</p>
<p>Assessment of needs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Urges</i> to further explore ways to provide support to developing country Parties in assessing their needs and priorities in a country-driven manner, including technology and capacity-building needs, and in translating climate finance needs into action. 	<p><i>Paragraph 18, decision 7/CP26:</i> Also requests the Global Environment Facility, as part of the eighth replenishment process, to take note of the needs and priorities for climate finance, including those identified in the first report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement, nationally determined contributions, national communications and national adaptation plans, as well as in other sources of available information, including the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows and other relevant reports.</p> <p><i>Paragraph 22, Decision 4/CP26:</i> Reiterates that the secretariat, in collaboration with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, United Nations agencies and bilateral, regional and other multilateral channels, will continue to explore ways and means to assist developing country Parties in assessing their needs and priorities in a country-driven manner, including their technological and capacity-building needs, and in translating climate finance needs into action.</p>

<p>Access and eligibility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Urges to continue considering and promptly implementing ways to enhance access to finance by, among others, engaging with agencies and simplifying procedures of GEF programmes and activities. – Urges to continue enhancing the participation of additional national and regional entities from developing country Parties in the GEF Partnership, including by allowing them to serve as executing agencies, as appropriate. 	<p><i>Decision 1/ CMA.3, Paragraph 81:</i> Welcomes decision 7/CP.26, in which the Global Environment Facility is encouraged, as part of the eighth replenishment process, to duly consider ways to increase the financial resources allocated for climate, and recognizes that the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency, established pursuant to decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 84, will continue to support developing country Parties, upon their request, in building their institutional and technical capacity in relation to the enhanced transparency framework</p> <p><i>Decision 7 /CP26, Paragraph 6:</i> Takes note of the ongoing work of the Global Environment Facility in monitoring the concentration and geographical and thematic coverage, as well as the effectiveness, efficiency and engagement, of the Global Environment Facility Partnership and encourages the Global Environment Facility to consider ways to enhance participation of additional national and regional entities from developing country Parties in the Partnership, including by allowing them to serve as executing agencies, as appropriate;</p> <p><i>Paragraph 51, Decision 1/ CMA.3:</i> Emphasizes the challenges faced by many developing country Parties in accessing finance and encourages further efforts to enhance access to finance, including by the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism.</p>
<p>Support for ETF implementation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Welcomes the update made to the cost structure for support for producing reports under the Enhanced Transparency Framework. – Urges to continue enhancing access to support, including through implementing agencies, for 	<p><i>Paragraph 6, decision 12 /CMA.3:</i> Also requests the Global Environment Facility to consider increasing its support for the enhanced transparency framework as part of its eighth replenishment process;</p> <p><i>Paragraph 7, decision 12/CMA.3:</i> Further requests the Global Environment Facility to</p>

	<p>implementing the Enhanced Transparency Framework.</p>	<p>contribute to the consideration of the support provided to developing country Parties referred to in paragraph 42 of decision -/CMA.3 by:</p> <p>(a) Estimating the cost to developing countries of implementing the enhanced transparency framework, which includes establishing and enhancing a reporting system, as well as the full agreed cost of reporting and the cost of capacity-building for reporting;</p> <p>(b) Considering how to adequately incorporate the costs referred to in paragraph 7(a) above into the set-aside of the eighth replenishment process of the Global Environment Facility, while taking the necessary measures to ensure, as appropriate, that the set-aside does not impact the allocation of resources to developing countries under the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources;</p> <p>(c) Reporting to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its fourth session (November 2022) on any actions taken to implement the guidance contained in paragraph 7(a–b) above and any changes to the estimated costs referred to in paragraph 7(a) above;</p> <p>(d) Reporting to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement on activities and provision of support under the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency and on the provision of support for reporting under the Paris Agreement, as well as monitoring and reporting on the timeliness of project review, approval and preparation, including disaggregated tracking of each element of project development (from project identification form approval to submission of chief executive officer</p>
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<p>Technology development and technology transfer</p>	<p>– <i>Urges to further enhance</i> its support for activities related to technology training, funding for technology development and scale up South–South cooperation and triangular cooperation with the Technology</p>	<p><i>Paragraph 16, decision 7/ COP26:</i> Urges the Global Environment Facility to enhance its support for projects that engage with stakeholders at the local level, and to continue to provide funding for projects related to technology training and scale up</p>

	Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network.	South–South cooperation and triangular cooperation with the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network
Collaboration and synergies with other institutions relevant climate finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Encourages to continue efforts to strengthen and enhance coordination with other major climate funds, with the view to enhance complementarity and maximize synergies. 	<p><i>Paragraph 17, decision 7/ CP26: Welcomes the long-term vision on complementarity, coherence and collaboration between the Green Climate Fund and the Global Environment Facility and requests the Global Environment Facility Council to enhance coherence and complementarity with other climate finance delivery channels with a view to enhancing the impact and effectiveness of its work.</i></p>