

Decision 5/CP.14

Further guidance for the operation of the Least Developed Countries Fund

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention,

Also recalling decisions 6/CP.9 and 3/CP.11,

Further recalling the least developed countries work programme as defined in decision 5/CP.7,

Noting the importance of the national adaptation programme of action process as a first step towards the scaling up of adaptation and integration of climate change into national development plans,

Recognizing the value of lessons learned from the preparation and implementation of the national adaptation programmes of action to the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention, in particular its work on action on adaptation and financing,

Recognizing also that 39 least developed country Parties have submitted their national adaptation programmes of action,

Recognizing further that the least developed countries have initiated the implementation of national adaptation programmes of action,

Reiterating the need to implement national adaptation programmes of action as soon as possible after completion,

Taking note of the efforts by the Global Environment Facility to improve access to the Least Developed Countries Fund for implementation of national adaptation programmes of action,

Acknowledging that least developed country Parties experience challenges in accessing funding for the implementation of national adaptation programme of action project activities,

1. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention operating the Least Developed Countries Fund:
 - (a) To work with its agencies to improve communication with least developed country Parties and to speed up the process through, for instance, establishing a time frame within which least developed country Parties can access funding and other support for the preparation and implementation of projects identified in national adaptation programmes of action;
 - (b) To assist, as appropriate, and in collaboration with its agencies and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, the remaining least developed country Parties that have not submitted their national adaptation programmes of action, in completing and submitting their national adaptation programmes of action as soon as possible;
2. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility, in parallel to supporting the ongoing implementation of the national adaptation programmes of action, to facilitate the implementation of the remaining elements of the least developed countries work programme;
3. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to inform its agencies of relevant provisions of the Convention and decisions of the Conference of the Parties on the operation of the Least Developed Countries Fund, in order to allow the agencies to take these into account in fulfilling their Global Environment Facility obligations;

4. *Invites* Parties and relevant organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 17 August 2010, information on the preparation and implementation of national adaptation programmes of action, including on accessing funds from the Least Developed Countries Fund for compilation by the secretariat as a miscellaneous document, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its thirty-third session;

5. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report on the national adaptation programme of action process including preparation and implementation, taking into account information from the Global Environment Facility and its agencies, the submissions referred to in paragraph 4 above, reports of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and other relevant sources of information, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its thirty-third session;

6. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility and its agencies to consider the views of, and any concerns expressed by, Parties regarding their experiences with the Global Environment Facility and its agencies in relation to the provision of financial and technical support for the preparation and implementation of national adaptation programmes of action and related elements of the least developed countries work programme, as contained in documents FCCC/SBI/2007/32, FCCC/SBI/2008/14 and FCCC/SBI/2008/MISC.8;

7. *Requests* the secretariat to mobilize relevant organizations to assist in making national adaptation programme of action documents and related information materials available in multiple languages, upon request by least developed country Parties;

8. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to raise awareness of the need for adequate and predictable resources under the Least Developed Countries Fund to allow full implementation of the least developed countries work programme, in particular national adaptation programmes of action;

9. *Also invites* Parties to continue contributing to the Least Developed Countries Fund for the implementation of all elements of the least developed countries work programme;

10. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to review, at its thirty-third session, the experiences gained from implementing the least developed countries work programme, including those in accessing funds from the Least Developed Countries Fund;

11. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility to include, in its reports to the Conference of the Parties, information on steps it has taken to implement this decision, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at subsequent sessions;

12. *Decides* to assess progress made in implementing this decision and to consider the adoption of further guidance, as appropriate, at its sixteenth session.

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12 December 2008*