

Decision 3/CP.16

Additional guidance to the Global Environment Facility

The Conference of the Parties,

Noting the reports of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties,¹

Recalling decision 12/CP.2,

Further noting the reform of the Global Environment Facility designed to improve its modalities to increase the responsiveness, effectiveness and efficiency of the support given to all developing countries, including the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources,

1. *Calls on* the Global Environment Facility to complete its reforms as early as possible in order to facilitate the successful implementation of the fifth replenishment cycle of the Global Environment Facility;
2. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility in the implementation of these reforms to give full information to countries, in particular in relation to the implications of these reforms on the activities conducted by the Global Environment Facility;
3. *Urges* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, to increase access to funding for activities related to Article 6 of the Convention;
4. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility:
 - (a) To continue to provide funds for technical support for the preparation of national communications of Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties), similar to that provided by the National Communications Support Programme, recognizing that the costs of such technical support are not deducted from the funds provided to non-Annex I Parties for the preparation of their national communications;
 - (b) To ensure that the expedited process under the operational procedures continues to provide timely disbursement of funds to non-Annex I Parties for the preparation of their national communications;
 - (c) To work with its implementing agencies to further simplify its procedures and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the process through which non-Annex I Parties receive funding to meet their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention, with the aim of ensuring the timely disbursement of funds to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with these obligations, and to avoid gaps between enabling activities of current and subsequent national communications, recognizing that the process of preparation of national communications is a continuous cycle;
 - (d) To finalize any remaining operational procedures to ensure the timely disbursement of funds for those Parties that decide to access resources for the preparation of their national communications through direct access;

¹ FCCC/CP/2009/9 and FCCC/CP/2010/5.

(e) To provide detailed information on funding for projects that have been identified in the national communications of non-Annex I Parties in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention and subsequently submitted and approved.

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