

Decision 4/CP.14

Additional guidance to the Global Environment Facility

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 3, Article 4, paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9, Article 11 and Article 12, paragraphs 3, 4 and 7 of the Convention,

Also recalling decisions 13/CP.1, 10/CP.2, 11/CP.2, 12/CP.2, 12/CP.3, 1/CP.4, 2/CP.4, 8/CP.5, 2/CP.7, 3/CP.7, 6/CP.7, 7/CP.7, 5/CP.8, 6/CP.8, 7/CP.8, 3/CP.9, 4/CP.9, 9/CP.9, 8/CP.10, 5/CP.11, 3/CP.12 and 7/CP.13,

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

1. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility:

- (a) To fully address issues raised over the implementation of the Resource Allocation Framework;
- (b) To provide information on a regular basis on the composition and objective of the co-financing for projects funded by the Global Environment Facility;
- (c) To continue to enhance action on mitigation and, as appropriate, adaptation, in developing country Parties, including to promote, facilitate and finance, as appropriate, transfer of, or access to, environmentally sound technologies and know-how;
- (d) To continue to improve access for all developing countries, in particular least developed countries, small island developing States and countries in Africa, to Global Environment Facility resources;
- (e) To continue to encourage its implementing and executing agencies to perform their functions as efficiently and transparently as possible, in accordance with guidance of the Conference of the Parties;
- (f) To ensure, as a top priority, that sufficient financial resources are provided to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention, noting and welcoming that a number of Parties not included in the Annex I (non-Annex I Parties) plan to initiate the preparation of their third or fourth national communications by the end of the fourth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility;

2. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to inform its implementing agencies of the guidelines for the preparation of national communications from non Annex I Parties and of relevant provisions of the Convention, in particular its Article 4, paragraph 3, on the provision of new and additional financial resources to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention;

¹ FCCC/CP/2008/2/Rev.1.

3. *Reiterates* the following requests made by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth session to the Global Environment Facility:

- (a) To continue to ensure that financial resources are provided to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention;
- (b) To refine, as appropriate, operational procedures to ensure the timely disbursement of funds to meet the agreed full costs incurred by those non-Annex I Parties that are in the process of preparing their third and, where appropriate, fourth national communications;
- (c) To assist, as appropriate, non Annex I Parties in formulating and developing project proposals identified in their national communications in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention and decision 5/CP.11, paragraph 2;
- (d) To work with its implementing agencies to continue to simplify their 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;

4. *Also reiterates* the invitation made by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth² session to the Global Environment Facility to continue to provide 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;

5. *Further reiterates* its request to the Global Environment Facility to make continued efforts to provide adequate financial resources to support the implementation of capacity-building activities consistent with decision 2/CP.7;

6. *Further requests* the Global Environment Facility to continue to include, in its regular report to the Conference of the Parties, information responsive to guidance of the Conference of the Parties.

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² FCCC/SBI/2007/34, paragraph 36 (a).