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GEF & UNFCCC Cooperation: COP 17 Action Items

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GEF is an Operating Entity of the UNFCCC Financial Mechanism

• 53 COP Decisions passed to GEF by Parties!





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COP 17 Decisions Relevant to GEF

- Long-Term Cooperative Action (LCA) under the Convention
- Technology Executive Committee (TEC)
- Green Climate Fund report of the Transitional Committee
- Financial Mechanism of the Convention (includes decisions on LDCF and "other matters")
- National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)
- Adaptation Fund Review of the Adaptation Fund (Kyoto Protocol)
- National Communications for Non-Annex I Parties
- Development and Transfer of Technologies: Climate Technology Center and Network (CTCN) Host



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Long-term Cooperative Action (LCA)

- GEF is requested to support non-Annex I Parties in preparing their 1st Biennial Update Report (BUR)
- REDD: GEF is encouraged to provide results-based finance for developing national strategies, action plans, policies and measures, and capacity-building
- GEF is requested to participate in Climate Technology Center and Network
- GEF will continue support of capacity building activities



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Technology Mechanism: CTCN

- CTCN: Climate Technology Center and Network
- 2012: Call for proposals to host CTCN
- GEF is requested to support, without prejudging host selection
- GEF already supports CTCN-related activities
 - ✓ Under Poznan Long Term Programme
 - ✓ ADB-UNEP regional pilot centre project (GTF and SCCF)



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Green Climate Fund (GCF)

- Independent US \$100 billion fund to address climate change
- GEF and UNFCCC have established the Interim Secretariat of GCF
- GCF Board has met twice
- Songdo, Republic of Korea, selected to host the independent Secretariat of the GCF



Financial Mechanism

COP requests GEF to:

- Work with implementing agencies to further simplify procedures, and ensure effectiveness and efficiency of the process through which non-Annex I Parties receive funding to meet their obligations under the Convention, ensuring timely disbursement of funds
- Enhance transparency of project review process
- Clarify additional cost concept (LDCF/SCCF)
- Provide financial resources to developing countries for strengthening and establishing national and regional systematic observation and monitoring networks (LDCF/SCCF)
- Support other non-Annex I Parties, as appropriate, to conduct or update their Technology Needs Assessments (TNAs)



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Financial Mechanism (Cont'd)

On LDCF, GEF is requested to:

- Continue clarifying "project baselines" and application for accessing funding from LDCF;
- Support programmatic approach for NAPA implementation;
- Explore further opportunities to streamline LDCF project cycle;
- Improve provision of information to LDCs on project development process



National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)

- Introduced at COP16 as means to allow developing countries to "identify medium- and long-term adaptation needs and to develop and implement strategies to address those needs"
- GEF is invited to consider how to enable activities for the preparation of the NAPs for the LDCs through the LDCF
- Developed country Parties are urged to mobilize financial support for NAPs for LDCs
- Non-LDCs are invited to employ NAP modalities



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National Communications

 Subsidiary Body of Implementation (SBI) invites GEF to continue reporting activities relating to the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties, including information on the dates of approval of funding and disbursement of funds



Development and Transfer of Technologies

- SBI appreciates GEF progress on Poznan Program including support for pilot projects, Technology Needs Assessments (TNAs), and long-term programme
- GEF and Parties to expedite process for early implementation of projects.
- SBI encouraged Parties to develop and submit project proposals, for adaptation technologies
- GEF invited to raise awareness of the long-term programme



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Additional resources

- GEF Report to COP18: posted on UNFCCC website on September 20,
 - http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2012/cop18/eng/06.pdf
- UNFCCC COP Guidance and GEF Responses (booklet to be released by COP 18)

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Thank you for your attention Questions?

