

Adaptation Fund Board  
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Bonn, Germany

## **Decisions by CMP19, CMA6 and COP29 relating to the Adaptation Fund and Relevant Matters to be Considered by the Adaptation Fund Board**

### **Strategic Issues**

- a) The Adaptation Fund was established in 2001 by decision 10/CP.7 to finance concrete adaptation projects and programmes in developing country Parties under the guidance of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) (Decision 10/CP.7 and Decision 28/CMP.1).
- b) In 2018, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to this Agreement (CMA) decided that “the Adaptation fund shall serve the Paris Agreement under the guidance of, and be accountable to, the CMA with respect to all matters relating to the Paris Agreement, effective 1 January 2019, subject to decision on this matter made by the CMP”. The CMA also recommended to the CMP that “the Adaptation Fund shall exclusively serve the Paris Agreement once the share of proceeds under Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement becomes available” (Decision 13/CMA.1).
- c) In 2018, upon this recommendation by the CMA, the CMP decided that “the Adaptation Fund shall exclusively serve the Paris Agreement and shall no longer serve the Kyoto Protocol once the share of proceeds under Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement becomes available”, and that the Adaptation Fund shall continue to receive share of proceeds, if available, from activities under Articles 6, 12 and 17 of the Kyoto Protocol. The CMP also decided that the Adaptation Fund shall serve the Paris Agreement under the guidance of the CMA and be accountable to the CMA with respect to all matters relating to the Paris Agreement, effective 1 January 2019.<sup>1</sup>
- d) The CMP and CMA, as a governing bodies of the Fund and its Board, provide guidance and/or mandates to the Adaptation Fund and its Board through their decisions taken at the annual climate change conference, which significantly affect the work program of the Adaptation Fund Board and its committees.

### **Purpose**

1. This board document is to inform the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) of decisions relating to or referring to the Adaptation Fund (the Fund), taken by the CMP at its 19<sup>th</sup> session (CMP19), the CMA at its 6<sup>th</sup> session (CMA 6), and the COP at its 29<sup>th</sup> session (COP29) in Baku, Azerbaijan, in November 2024 and matters to be considered by the Board in response to such decisions. The Annex to this document contains key decisions by the

CMP19, CMA6, and COP29 which provide guidance, recommendations, or mandates to the Fund and its Board as well as a secretariat's proposal for actions to be taken by the Board in response to the respective decisions.

### **Recommended Decision**

2. Having considered document AFB/B.44/2 and its annex, the Adaption Fund Board decides to take note of the decisions relating to the Adaptation Fund which were taken by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) at its nineteenth session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to this Agreement (CMA) at its sixth session, and the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its twenty-ninth session.

### **Background**

3. This is a standing agenda item considered by the Board at its first meeting after the annual climate change conference in which the Board considers the decisions taken by the CMP, CMA and COP relating to and/or referring to the Fund and its Board.
4. At the Baku Climate Change Conference in November 2024, several decisions were taken relating to and/or referring to the Fund. These include: (i) CMP19 decision and CMA 6 decision on matters relating to the Fund; (ii) CMA 6 decision on new collective quantified goal on climate finance; (iii) CMP19 decision on guidance relating to the clean development mechanism; (iv) CMA 6 decisions on matters relating to cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement, and guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6.4 of the Paris Agreement; (v) CMA 6 decision on global goal adaptation; (vi) COP29 decision on gender and climate change.
5. The attached Annex A compiles all decisions taken by CMP19, CMA6, and COP29 in November 2024 which provide guidance, recommendations, or mandates to the Fund and its Board as well as the Secretariat's proposal for actions to be taken by the Board in response to the respective decisions.

## Annex A: CMP19/CMA6/COP29 Decisions Relating to the Adaptation Fund and Proposed Actions by the Board and its Secretariat

Relevant Decision/Guidance	Proposed Actions by the Board/ Its Secretariat
<a href="#">Decision -/CMP.19</a> and <a href="#">Decision -/CMA 6</a> on Matters relating to the Adaptation Fund (AFB Report to CMP and CMA in 2024)	
<b>9. Encourages</b> the achievement of the goals set out in the <b>Medium-Term Strategy of the Adaptation Fund for 2023–2027</b> with the expectation that its implementation will generate significant outcomes in terms of promoting locally led adaptation, scaling up projects and replicating their results, and strengthening linkages and synergies between the Strategy’s strategic pillars of action, innovation, and learning and sharing.	<i>Ongoing work.</i>
<b>10. Welcomes</b> the establishment by the Adaptation Fund Board <b>of a new global aggregator programme for channelling small grants for locally led adaptation projects and programmes</b> to non-accredited entities, and of <b>a new funding window for regional projects and programmes on locally led adaptation</b> , as well as the approval of 13 single-country proposals and 1 regional proposal, and <i>notes with appreciation</i> the efforts of developing country Parties to access funding under the Adaptation Fund for implementing concrete adaptation activities.	<i>The secretariat has been working to operationalize new funding window for global aggregator programme for LLA and will present to the PPRC at its 35<sup>th</sup> meeting the draft operational policy for regional projects and programmes for LLA</i>
<b>11. Welcomes</b> the approval of additional financing and delivery partners for the <b>global aggregator programme under the Adaptation Fund innovation facility</b> and <b>requests</b> Adaptation Fund Board <b>to accelerate efforts to implement the programme.</b>	<i>Ongoing work.</i>
<b>14. Takes note of</b> the information in the report referred to in paragraph 1 above, welcomes the <b>consideration by the Adaptation Fund Board of the funding caps</b> , noting that the Board had requested the secretariat to prepare an analysis for consideration at its 43rd meeting, and <b>requests the Board to complete its consideration in a timely manner.</b>	<i>The Board will consider the funding caps at its 44<sup>th</sup> meeting in April</i>

<p><b>15. Welcomes</b> the decision of the Adaptation Fund Board to outline an enhanced readiness programme and <b>looks forward to receiving an update on progress</b> in this regard.</p>	<p><i>The secretariat will present the proposal for the Fund's enhanced readiness programme to the Board for its consideration at its 45<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Board may report on the matter to the CMP 20 and CMA 7 as part of the Board's annual report to the CMP and the CMA.</i></p>
<p><b>16. Welcomes</b> the progress of the Adaptation Fund Board in <b>implementing the updated gender policy and action plan of the Adaptation Fund and the gender scorecard</b>, including by developing the first Adaptation Fund e-learning course on gender mainstreaming to help strengthen the capacity of implementing entities to develop gender-responsive adaptation projects, and <b>requests the Adaptation Fund Board to further increase the gender responsiveness of the resources of the Adaptation Fund.</b><sup>1</sup></p>	<p><i>Ongoing work. The relevant progress will be reported through the Board's report to CMP 20 and CMA 7.</i></p>
<p><b>17. Invites</b> the Adaptation Fund Board <b>to consider areas for improvement in the context of the gender-responsiveness of the work of the Adaptation Fund</b>, taking into account relevant insights, including from the summary report on the 2024 Standing Committee on Finance Forum on accelerating climate action and resilience through gender-responsive finance.</p>	<p><i>Ongoing work.</i></p>
<p><b>18. Welcomes</b> the decision of the Adaptation Fund Board to develop and adopt a <b>standalone Adaptation Fund policy on sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment</b> and reiterates the importance of the Adaptation Fund Board completing its work in this regard.</p>	<p><i>Ongoing work. The secretariat will present a draft strategy for consideration by the Board at its 45<sup>th</sup> meeting.</i></p>
<p><b>19. Welcomes</b> the work of the Adaptation Fund Board on <b>complementarity and coherence with other multilateral climate funds</b><sup>2</sup> and <i>encourages</i> the Board to</p>	<p><i>Ongoing work.</i></p>

<sup>1</sup> Document FCCC/CP/2024/6/Add.5–FCCC/PA/CMA/2024/8/Add.5.

<sup>2</sup> Including the declaration by the Adaptation Fund, the Climate Investment Funds, the Global Environment Facility and the Green Climate Fund on enhancing access to climate finance and increasing the effectiveness of multilateral climate funds (see <https://www.adaptationfund.org/enhancing-access-and-increasing-impact-the-role-of-the-multilateral-climate-funds/>).

<p>continue this work with a view to simplifying its access modalities, as appropriate, and maximizing its impact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Same text in Decision by CMA 6, para. 20.</b></li> </ul>	
<p>20. <b>Welcomes</b> the continued collaboration between the Adaptation Fund and the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network, including through the Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator, and <i>encourages</i> continued collaboration in this regard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Same text in Decision by CMA 6, para. 21</b></li> </ul>	<i>Ongoing work</i>
<p>21. <b>Also encourages</b> the Adaptation Fund Board to complete, as a matter of priority, its work related to implementing its <b>mandates in decisions 1/CMP.14 and 13/CMA.1 and to report thereon</b> in its annual report to the CMP at its twentieth session (November 2025) and the CMA at its seventh session (November 2025).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Same text in Decision by CMA 6, para. 23.</b></li> </ul>	<i>The Board will continue considering the arrangements for the Fund's transition to the Paris Agreement at its 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> meetings and report thereon to CMP 20 and CMA 7.</i>
<p>22. <b>Emphasizes</b> the need for <b>maintaining continuity in implementing the activities of the Adaptation Fund Board during the transition</b> of the Adaptation Fund from the Kyoto Protocol to the Paris Agreement, including <b>continued access of developing countries to support for adaptation.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Same text in Decision by CMA 6, para. 24.</b></li> </ul>	<i>The transition has not affected the operations of the Fund and the Board and developing countries have continued accessing the Fund's resources. The Board may want to consider any matter constituting a risk to continuity while addressing the Fund's transition at its 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> meetings.</i>
<p>23. <b>Requests</b> the <b>Subsidiary Body for Implementation to consider, at its sixty-second session (June 2025), the matter of the arrangements for the Adaptation Fund to exclusively serve the Paris Agreement and to make recommendations on this matter for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its twentieth session.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Similar text in Decision by CMA 6, para. 25: "Requests the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to consider, at its sixty-second session (June 2025),</b></li> </ul>	<i>The Board will continue considering the arrangements for the Fund's transition to the Paris Agreement at its 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> meetings. Following the SBI's consideration at its 62<sup>nd</sup> session in June 2025, the Board may consider any outcome at its 45<sup>th</sup> meeting and report thereon in its annual report to CMP 20 and CMA 7.</i>

<p>the matter of the arrangements for the Adaptation Fund to exclusively serve the Paris Agreement and to make recommendations on this matter for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its seventh session”</p>	
<p><a href="#">Decision -/CMA 6</a> on Matters relating to the Adaptation Fund</p>	
<p><b>19. Welcomes</b> the decision of the Adaptation Fund Board to <b>update and strengthen the Adaptation Fund strategic results framework</b> in alignment with the Medium-Term Strategy of the Adaptation Fund for 2023–2027 and to enable reporting on the results of Adaptation Fund funded projects, in line with the global goal on adaptation.</p>	<p><i>The Board will consider the updated AF strategic results framework at its 44<sup>th</sup> meeting.</i></p>
<p><b>22. Recognizes</b> the potential for the share of proceeds from the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement to increase the capitalization of the Adaptation Fund;</p>	<p><i>No action needed.</i></p>
<p>26. Also <b>requests</b> the Adaptation Fund to <b>provide updates on its activities and scope of support in relation to assisting developing country Parties in their efforts towards the implementation of the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience, including towards achieving the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5.</b></p>	<p><i>The updates to the Fund’s strategic results framework, which will be considered by the Board at its 44<sup>th</sup> meeting, addressed targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5.</i> <i>Relevant updates will be provided through the Board’s annual report to CMP 20 and CMA 7.</i></p>
<p><a href="#">Decision -/CMA 6</a>: New collective quantified goal on climate finance</p>	
<p>13. <b>Recognizes</b> that multilateral climate funds, including the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, <b>the Adaptation Fund</b>, the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund, <b>are key in supporting developing country Parties</b> and <b>encourages</b> Parties to work through the governing bodies on which they serve to continue enhancing climate finance, including with respect to coherence, complementarity and access.</p>	<p><i>No action needed.</i></p>
<p>16. <b>Decides</b> that <b>a significant increase of public resources should be provided through</b> the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, <b>the Adaptation Fund</b>, the</p>	<p><i>The Board may consider this decision at its 44<sup>th</sup> meeting.</i></p>

Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund and <b>also decides to pursue efforts to at least triple annual outflows from those Funds from 2022 levels by 2030 at the latest with a view to significantly scaling up the share of finance delivered through them in delivering on the goal contained in paragraph 8 above.</b>	
<p>24. <b>Calls on multilateral climate funds, including</b> the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, <b>the Adaptation Fund</b>, the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund, <b>to strengthen their efforts to enhance access and promote effectiveness, including by, as appropriate:</b></p> <p>(a) Scaling up and prioritizing direct access;  (b) Simplifying and harmonizing application pre-approval and post-approval requirements and disbursement processes;  (c) Establishing flexible information requirements;  (d) Promoting programmatic approaches;  (e) Streamlining reporting requirements;</p>	<i>Information on relevant progress will be provided through the annual Board report to the CMP 20 and CMA 7.</i>
<b><a href="#">Decision -/CMP.19</a> on Guidance relating to the Clean Development Mechanism</b>	
5. Welcomes the adoption by the Executive Board of the procedure for submitting requests for transferring certified emission reductions in accordance with paragraph 11 of decision 2/CMP.17.	<i>No action needed by the Board.</i>
<b><a href="#">Decision -/CMA.6</a> on Matters relating to cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement</b>	
16. Further decides that, where applicable, when <b>authorized mitigation outcomes are transferred to the Adaptation Fund</b> to voluntarily contribute resources for adaptation, pursuant to decision 2/CMA.3, annex, paragraph 37, <b>such transfers shall be recorded as a first transfer</b> , consistent with that Party's authorization, except where the mitigation outcomes have already been first transferred.	<i>No action needed by the Board.</i>

[Decision -/CMA.6](#) on **Guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement**

2. Takes note of the adoption by the Supervisory Body of the “Standard: Application of the requirements of Chapter V.B (Methodologies) for the development and assessment of Article 6.4 mechanism methodologies” and the “Standard: Requirements for activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism.

*No action needed by the Board. The secretariat informed the trustee of the decision as part of the Article 6.4 mechanism development status update.*

3. Notes that the Supervisory Body will expeditiously elaborate and implement the standards referred to in paragraph 2 above, while striving to ensure regulatory stability, and will report on the progress made on the implementation of those standards in its annual report to the CMA, including on the need for further guidance, if any.

*No action needed by the Board.*

[Decision -/CMA.6](#) on **Further guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement**

6. Urges the Supervisory Body and the secretariat to expedite the establishment of the mechanism registry and the relevant procedures therefor.

*No action needed.*

14. **Also requests** the secretariat, with the approval of the Supervisory Body, to establish necessary guidelines for and operationalize the process referred to in paragraph 12 above, ensuring that:

- (a) Respective mitigation contribution Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions are still held by the mitigation activity participants and have not been transferred in or out of the mechanism registry;
- (b) Corresponding adjustments pursuant to decision 2/CMA.3, annex, chapter III (Corresponding adjustments), are applied by the host Party as if the authorization had been provided no later than at issuance;
- (c) **Respective shares of proceeds for adaptation received by the Adaptation Fund pursuant to decision 3/CMA.3, annex, chapter VII (Levy of**

*No action needed. The secretariat informed the trustee of the decision as part of the Article 6.4 mechanism development status update*



share of proceeds for adaptation and administrative expenses), are comprised of authorized Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions rather than of mitigation contribution Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions.	
19. Notes the annual reports of the Supervisory Body for 2023 and 2024, in which it is <b>recommended that Article 6, paragraph 4, activities in the least developed countries be exempted from the share of proceeds for adaptation, while recognizing that the least developed countries may choose not to make use of this exemption.</b>	No action needed.
20. <b>Decides to exempt Article 6, paragraph 4, activities in the least developed countries and small island developing States from the share of proceeds for adaptation</b> , while acknowledging that the least developed countries and small island developing States may choose not to make use of this exemption.	No action needed.
<a href="#"><u>Decision -/CMA.6 on Global Goal on Adaptation</u></a>	
21. Further decides that the final outcome of the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme should include, where applicable;  (a) Information on the intended purpose of and potential data sources for each of the indicators referred to in paragraph 26(b) below, as well as the mechanisms needed to develop data standards for each indicator; (b) Outcome and output indicators for the thematic targets; (c) Qualitative, quantitative, input, output, outcome, impact and process indicators, including existing and new ones; (d) Indicators that capture information pertaining to, inter alia, social inclusion, Indigenous Peoples, participatory processes, human rights, gender equality, migrants, children and young people, and persons with disabilities; (e) Indicators that are relevant to specific ecosystems, <sup>3</sup> and highlight them, where appropriate, to Parties with similar geographical conditions;	No action is needed.

<sup>3</sup> See decision 2/CMA.5, para. 9(d).

<p><i>(f) Indicators that reflect the unique vulnerabilities of children to climate change impacts across the thematic targets and, potentially, cross-cutting indicators related to education and the health of children and young people;</i></p> <p><i>(g) Quantitative and qualitative indicators for enabling factors for the implementation of adaptation action, including means of implementation.</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><a href="#">Decision -/CP.29: Gender and Climate Change</a></b></p>	
<p><b>13. Requests</b> the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to <b>initiate the development of a new gender action plan at its sixty-second session</b> (June 2025) taking into account the inputs to and outcome of the review of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan in 2024 and the workshops referred to in paragraphs 14 and 16 below with a view to recommending a draft decision for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its thirtieth session (November 2025).</p>	<p><i>No action is needed.</i></p>
<p><b>18. Requests all constituted</b> bodies to continue to include in their regular reports information on progress towards integrating a gender perspective into their processes;</p>	<p><i>The secretariat will support the Board in continuing to report on this matter through its annual report to CMP 20 and CMA 7.</i></p>