



Adaptation Fund Board
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Bonn, Germany

Decisions by CMP20, CMA7 and COP30 relating to the Adaptation Fund and Relevant Matters to be Considered by the Adaptation Fund Board

Strategic Issues

- 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).
- 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).
- 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.
- 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 20th session (CMP20), the CMA at its 7th session (CMA 7), and the COP at its 30th session (COP30) in Belém, Brazil, in November 2025 and matters to be considered by the Board in response to such decisions. The Annex to this document contains key decisions by the CMP20, CMA7, and COP30 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.46/2 and its annex, the Adaption Fund Board decides to take note of the decisions relating to the Adaptation Fund that were taken by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) at its twentieth session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) at its seventh session, and the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its thirtieth 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 Belém Climate Change Conference in November 2025, several decisions were taken relating to and/or referring to the Fund. These include: (i) CMP20 decision and CMA 7 decision on matters relating to the Adaptation Fund; (ii) CMA7 decision on Global Mutirão; (iii) CMA 7 decision on global goal on adaptation; (iv) CMA 7 decision on further guidance for the mechanism established by Article 6.4 of the Paris Agreement; (v) CMP20 decision on guidance relating to the Clean Development Mechanism; (vi) COP30 decision on Belém Gender Action Plan.
5. The attached Annex A compiles all decisions taken by CMP20, CMA7, and COP30 in November 2025.

Annex: CMP20/CMA7/COP30 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
Decision X/CMP.20 and Decision X/CMA.7 on Matters Relating to the Adaptation Fund (AFB Report to CMP and CMA in 2025)	
<p>6. Welcomes the decision of the Adaptation Fund Board to increase the country cap from USD 20 million to USD 40 million, the maximum single-country project and programme size from USD 10 million to USD 25 million, and the maximum regional (multi-country) project and programme size from USD 14 million to USD 30 million and invites the Board to consider measures to further enhance support to regions and groups in a balanced manner.¹</p>	<p>Ongoing work. The Secretariat will submit to the Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC) a paper on the threshold for accessing the full country cap at the Board’s 46th meeting.</p>
<p>7. Welcomes the work of the Adaptation Fund Board on complementarity and coherence with other multilateral climate funds, including its efforts to strengthen collaboration with the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage, the Global Environment Facility and the Green Climate Fund, and encourages the Board to further strengthen this work.²</p>	<p>Ongoing work. The Secretariat is collaborating with the secretariats of other multilateral climate funds (MCFs) to advance complementarity and coherence among all the MCFs, as well as bilaterally with each fund. The Heads of the MCFs meet four times a year in person and virtually. The areas of MCF collaboration include alignment of results monitoring and impact, exploring joint programming and capacity-building, joint workshops on gender-sensitive climate finance, as well as joint knowledge and communications activities such as a joint COP presence. At COP30 the MCFs published their first joint result report, as well as a joint knowledge and guidance note on aligning climate finance with adaptive social protection.</p>

¹ Paragraph 7 in [Decision X/CMA.7](#)

² Paragraph 8 in [Decision X/CMA.7](#)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bilateral collaboration between AF and GCF covers areas such as fast-track reaccreditation, project scale up framework, and readiness for direct access- including the Community of Practice for Direct Access Entities (CPDAE). • Collaboration between the AF and GEF, encompasses efforts to harmonize accreditation, develop joint programming, and organize joint learning and project monitoring missions, as well as exchanging on harmonizing guidance on results indicators. • The AF and FRLD signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) to explore joint programming and further collaboration initiatives.
<p>9. Looks forward to the Adaptation Fund Board completing its work on outstanding matters, including to:</p> <p>(a) Consider the draft updated environmental and social policy at its next meeting with a view to concluding its mandate in line with paragraph 15 of decision 5/CMP.17;</p> <p>(b) Adopt a policy on safeguarding against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment;</p> <p>(c) Continue, with a view to concluding, its discussion on the draft Adaptation Fund vision and guidelines for enhanced civil society engagement, as well as the draft guidelines for participation of active civil society observers;”³</p>	<p>Ongoing work. All three items ((a) updated ESP policy; (b) SEAH policy; and (c) draft vision and guidelines for enhanced civil society engagement as well as the draft guidelines for participation of active civil society observers) are slated for consideration by the Board during its 46th meeting (April 2026).</p>
<p>11. Acknowledges the continued consideration by the Adaptation Fund Board of arrangements for the transition of the Adaptation Fund to exclusively serving the Paris Agreement and requests the Board to complete, as a matter of priority, its consideration of this matter with a view to preparing for a smooth transition and</p>	<p>Ongoing work. The Board will continue considering the arrangements for the Fund’s transition to the Paris Agreement at its 46th and 47th meetings and report to CMP 21 and CMA 8.</p>

³ Paragraph 10 in [Decision X/CMA.7](#)

<p>prompt monetization of the share of proceeds under Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement.⁴</p>	
<p>12. Highlights the need for capacity-building for national accredited entities to improve access to Adaptation Fund funding windows and invites the Adaptation Fund Board to consider, as appropriate, developing a regional capacity-building programme focused on reducing access barriers, accrediting national entities and facilitating direct access with a view to shortening project initiation and approval times.⁵</p>	<p>Ongoing work. The Secretariat has conducted multiple capacity building workshops tailored to Implementing Entities’ needs, including project proposal write-shops for implementing entities. The Secretariat will also present the proposal for the Fund’s enhanced readiness programme (including a focus on regional write-shops) to the Board for its consideration at its 46th meeting.</p> <p>Relevant updates will be included in the Board’s annual report to CMP 21 and CMA 8.</p>
<p>13. Encourages the Adaptation Fund Board to consider measures to improve and strengthen its work with the Green Climate Fund and the Global Environment Facility on their streamlined accreditation process, as appropriate, subject to the limitations of their accreditation and the relevant decisions of the Board of the Green Climate Fund and the Council of the Global Environment Facility, in order to ease access to the Fund.⁶</p>	<p>Ongoing work. Efforts to build complementarity among GCF, AF, and GEF continue. This includes the continuation of the fast-track accreditation/re-accreditation modality between GCF and AF. The AF Re-accreditation process revision has streamlining efforts at its core. In addition, GEF is planning to include similar criteria as AF for their Expanded Portfolio of entities to speed up the process of accreditation.</p>
<p>Decision -/CMA.7 on Matters Relating to the Adaptation Fund</p>	
<p>5. Recalls decision 1/CMA.6 [New collective quantified goal on climate finance] and requests the Board to take into account, as appropriate, relevant paragraphs therein in its upcoming and future related work.</p>	<p>Ongoing work. The Board considered this matter under the agenda titled “Assessment of Implications of NCQG Decision” at its 45th meeting.</p>

⁴ Paragraph 12 in [Decision X/CMA.7](#)

⁵ Paragraph 13 in [Decision X/CMA.7](#)

⁶ Paragraph 14 in [Decision X/CMA.7](#)

<p>15. Invites the Adaptation Fund Board to include, as appropriate, in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its eighth session (November 2026) information on efforts by the Adaptation Fund in contributing towards the global goal on adaptation and the implementation of national adaptation plans and adaptation components of nationally determined contributions.</p>	<p>The Secretariat will compile information on the Fund's work contributing towards the GGA and the implementation of NAPs and adaptation components of NDCs, for consideration by the Board for possible inclusion in its annual report to CMP and CMA.</p>
<p><u>Decision -/CMA.7 on Global Mutirão: Uniting humanity in a global mobilization against climate change</u></p>	
<p>13. Also recognizes the critical role of United Nations organizations, specialized agencies, the Secretariat, regional and international support programmes, bilateral and multilateral agencies, multilateral development banks and other financial institutions in fostering cooperation on and supporting the implementation of the Paris Agreement.</p>	<p>No action needed.</p>
<p>51. Recalls its decision to pursue efforts to at least triple annual outflows from the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the Adaptation Fund, the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund from the 2022 level by 2030 at the latest with a view to significantly scaling up the share of finance delivered through them in delivering on the goal referred to in paragraph 8 of decision 1/CMA.6 and calls for enhanced efforts in this regard.</p>	<p>Ongoing work as related to Decision-/CMA.7, paragraph 6.</p>
<p>53. Calls for efforts to triple adaptation finance compared to 2025 levels by 2030, and urges developed country Parties to increase the trajectory of their collective provision of climate finance for adaptation to developing country Parties.</p>	<p>Ongoing work in relation to the Resource Mobilization Strategy and possible future operational decisions related to the Fund.</p>
<p>54. Decides to establish a two-year work programme on climate finance, including on Article 9, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement in the context of Article 9 of the Paris Agreement as a whole.</p>	<p>No action needed.</p>

Decision -/CMA.7 on Global Goal on Adaptation

19. Further invites the Adaptation Fund to support developing countries in implementing the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience and in ensuring alignment of the Framework with national adaptation plans and monitoring, evaluation and learning systems as a way of scaling up the implementation of adaptation projects identified as priorities within national adaptation plans.

Ongoing work. The current funding proposal review process entails ensuring that proposals are aligned with key national documents including NAPs and other key strategic national and or regional documents as appropriate. Additionally, the Strategic Results Framework of the Adaptation Fund (SRF) has recently been revised to align better with the GGA, and the guidance document on how to apply the SRF also takes into account the GGA indicators. As part of the Secretariat’s monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) capacity building plans, workshops with implementing agencies will help enhance their overall MEL capacity.

The publication “Alignment of Adaptation Fund Portfolio with National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)” produced by the Fund in 2025 and presented to the Board as document AFB/EFC.36/5, indicated a high level of alignment between the Fund’s portfolio and countries’ NDCs and NAPs.

23. Requests the subsidiary bodies to undertake technical work on improving metadata and methodologies for the Belém Adaptation Indicators, to be considered by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its ninth session (November 2027), including by establishing a technical taskforce to contribute to that work.

The Adaptation Fund Board, as a UNFCCC constituted body, may consider participating in the relevant work, as appropriate, **taking into account the need to ensure that the Belem adaptation indicators do not become a barrier or be used as a condition for developing country Parties to access funding under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, per paragraph 7 of Decision -/CMA.7.**

24. Invites the Adaptation Committee, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and other relevant UNFCCC constituted bodies and representatives of relevant processes to participate in the technical work referred to in paragraph 23 above.

<p>27. Agrees that work under the Baku Adaptation Road Map should include consideration of the elements outlined in paragraph 38 of decision 2/CMA.5, focus on implementation of the global goal on adaptation in line with Article 7, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement and be responsive to the impacts of the temperature goal referred to in Article 2, paragraph 1(a), of the Paris Agreement.</p>	<p>Through its project portfolio the Fund supports country driven projects that enhance adaptive capacity. In this regard, the Fund can contribute to ongoing work under the GGA by supporting adaptation implementation in developing countries, in particular by scaling up adaptation actions that respond to risks and needs arising from different warming levels within the temperature goal.</p>
<p><u>Decision -/CMA.7 on Further guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement</u></p>	
<p>11. Also requests the Secretariat, when preparing the annual report of the Supervisory Body, to include information on the numbers of Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions forwarded to the Adaptation Fund as the share of proceeds for adaptation and cancelled to deliver overall mitigation in global emissions.</p>	<p>No action needed by the Board. The UNFCCC Secretariat is responsible for carrying out the mandate. The Secretariat will provide the Board with any relevant updates received from the UNFCCC Secretariat.</p>
<p>32. Welcomes paragraph 18 of decision -/CMP.20, in which a transfer of USD 26.8 million was authorized from the trust fund for the clean development mechanism to the trust fund for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, and affirms that this transfer has the aim of maximizing the long-term benefit for the Adaptation Fund.</p>	<p>No action needed.</p>
<p>35. Agrees that, once it has been determined that the mechanism is self-financing, amounts shall be transferred annually from the trust fund for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, to the Adaptation Fund until the total amount transferred reaches the amount specified in paragraph 18 in decision 2/CMP.16 and the amount specified in paragraph 18 of decision -/CMP.20.</p>	<p>The Secretariat will provide the Board with any relevant updates on the functioning of the mechanism received from the UNFCCC Secretariat. The Board may request the Trustee, subject to the finalization of its revised Terms and Conditions and as soon as applicable, to report on the amounts transferred annually.</p>
<p>36. Also agrees to initiate consideration of the level and frequency of the transfer to the Adaptation Fund referred to in paragraph 35 above at its twelfth session (2030) with a view to initiating the annual transfers no later than in 2035.</p>	<p>No action needed by the Board.</p>

Decision -/CMP.20: Guidance relating to the Clean Development Mechanism

<p>5. Decides that the following operations and processes related to issuance requests under the clean development mechanism shall be discontinued as of the following end dates:</p> <p>(a) Submission of requests for issuance of certified emission reductions for project activities or programmes of activities: 30 June 2026;</p> <p>(b) Submission of requests for transfer of certified emission reductions to the registry for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement pursuant to paragraph 18 of annex I to decision 7/CMA.4: 31 December 2026;</p> <p>(c) Cancellation of certified emission reductions and any other transactions in the clean development mechanism registry: 31 December 2026;</p> <p>(d) Submission of requests for approval of post-registration changes: 30 June 2026.</p>	<p>No action needed.</p>
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<p>15. Requests the Executive Board to review and reduce its expenditure and not to spend more than USD 8.3 million from January 2026 until the closure of the operations of the clean development mechanism with a view to maximizing any remaining balance from this allocation to be transferred to the Adaptation Fund.</p>	<p>No action needed.</p>
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<p>18. Decides, recalling decision 2/CMP.16, to authorize an additional transfer of USD 26.8 million from the trust fund for the clean development mechanism to the trust fund for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement, with the aim of maximizing the long-term benefit for the Adaptation Fund.</p>	<p>No action needed.</p>
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Decision -/CP.30: Belém Gender Action Plan

<p>6. Adopts the Belém gender action plan for 2026–2034 contained in the annex.</p>	<p>No action is needed.</p>
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<p>8. Invites Parties, United Nations entities, the constituted bodies and relevant organizations to submit, in accordance with their respective mandates and priorities, views on progress, challenges and further work to be undertaken in implementing the Belém gender action plan via the submission portal by 23 February 2029 with a view to the submissions informing the review of the implementation of the Belém gender action plan.</p>	<p>The Secretariat will support the Board in contributing to the review of the implementation of the Belém gender action plan, as appropriate.</p>
<p>12. Also invites Parties, United Nations entities, UNFCCC constituted bodies, implementing entities, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and other relevant stakeholders to enhance implementation of the Belém gender action plan.</p>	<p>The Secretariat will support the Board in contributing to the implementation of the Belém gender action plan, as appropriate. It has participated in the UNFCCC Secretariat’s briefing session regarding the implementation of the Belém gender action and is collaborating with the UNFCCC Secretariat, multilateral climate funds and other partner organizations to enhance implementation of the Belém gender action plan.</p>