

CMA4 agenda item 5 (a)

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Informal consultation – CMA 5 (a): Provision of financial and technical support to developing country Parties for reporting and capacity-building

Agenda Item	CMA 5 (a): Provision of financial and technical support to developing country Parties for reporting and capacity-building
Date	08.11.2022
Time	10:00-11:00 EET
Chair(s)	
Dynamic	
Key outcomes of session/Progress achieved during session	• AILAC, China ask for GEF to double the proposed financial resources for reporting and CB. • Calls from G77 and China, India, LDC, Brazil, Bangladesh to improve timely access as well as adequacy of financial support. • Several countries stressed the need for consistent and sustainable support with focus on building local capacities and relying less on external support. • Reiteration of the principle of 'no one should be left behind'. • Significant capacity building is still required for developing country Parties to meet their reporting requirements. • GEF asked to clarify its assessment methodology and its funding procedure

Introduction

Cofacilitator [Alan .. and ?]

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COP27-CMA4-5a>: mailing list for negotiators on CMA4 agenda item 5a
- Importance and consideration of financial and technical support to developing countries for implementation of ETF
- Need for enhanced support from various channels
- GEF to contribute to supporting reporting under ETF (particularly for developing countries) (includes costs for capacity building for reporting)
- CGE mandate → to provide technical advice and support to developing countries for meeting their reporting obligations
- 3 meetings (08.11-10:00-11:00 am; 10.11 – 11:00am-12:00am; 11.11 – 3:00-4:00pm)

Interventions

GROUP/ COUNTRY	NAME (IF POSSIBLE)	INTERVENTION
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Paraguay obo AILAC		• welcome work done on MPGs of this framework • No more than ¼ of developing countries have the capacities to meet reporting obligations (BTR) • Effective BTR implementation will be a significant • 5% increase in resources recommended is not sufficient to meet BTR reporting obligations → GEF should double the resources. At least \$ 1 million per country should be provided
Mozambique obo G77 and China		• This agenda is of major importance to the group and G77 and China willing to do their part • Implementation part has started and the delegations of the group are willing to go ahead to prepare the reports based on the guidance provided by the CMA • Process can be improved with regards to improving access to financial resources • Aware of the challenges countries face with respect to understanding the full implications of implementing the rules and guidance of the CMA • consistent and sustainable support needs to be provided • Resources should be adjusted in a manner that fulfils the mandate as well as recognizes the circumstances of developing countries • Creation of local/national expertise → important for the entire cycle of the ETF (to be able to meet the deadlines mentioned in the decision text)
Malawi obo LDC		• Align with G77 and China • This item is of utmost importance as the is the implementation COP • LDCs need support for implementation • No one should be left behind • Less than 20 LDCs have been able to report the first BUR → this is due to lack of capacity to meet this reporting requirement • Strengthening capacities is of utmost importance for LDCs • CB should be comprehensive and sustainable • Want to reduce relying on external experts → build national expertise
China		• Agree with AILAC, G77 and China • Need to learn from lessons learnt previously • Accessing funds from GEF is a very long process → needed to meet reporting deadlines • ETF has increased a lot of burden on developing countries but are willing to provide more information to promote transparency → But there support must be provided to do this

		• Double the scale of support for developing countries • Leave no one behind due to lack of support
India		• important agenda item for implementation of the PA and the NDCs • Need to learn from the part experiences of reporting on BUR • Developing countries have not been able to submit even 1 BUR • Implementation of ETF should be better than what was done in the last 10 years • Continuous and adequate financial support as well as access of financial support is a crunch issue • Accessing financial support has been delayed in several cases. Timely access of financial support is absolutely crucial • India has received letter of support from GEF but has not received any financial support till now • This must seriously be looked into • On adequacy of funds → The amount recommended in the text is insufficient (~0.5million).
South Africa obo Arab Group		• Process related questions: • Will this item be considered at SBs and CMA? • A number of decisions were made at Glasgow that provide technical support to dev countries during transition. We would like to use the session to work through both provision of financial support, CBIT but also provision technical support that the Secretariat will be providing and how this will be provided? Also how it links to the report back to the CGE? Additional guidance needs to be provided to GEF by the end of the day → tight deadline. How do we get about it? • Use of financial support provided by the GEF needs to be thought through → sustainable national institutional capacity building on the core reporting obligations is required. Less reliance on external consultants
Kenya		• Important agenda item for Kenya • support AGN comments • Would have been better if the agenda item comes after GEF reporting session • How do we create sustainable capacity building for preparing reports over time. • Timelines → Kenya has not reported any BURs but now there are multiple deadlines coming up for reporting and Kenya is having a discussion on how to meet these deadlines • Timely support from GEF is crucial

		• Lot of CB is required for meeting reporting obligations
Brazil obo ABU		• Align with G77 • Support needed to timely deliver on reporting obligations • Facing difficulties due to untimely delivery of support → needs to be addressed → GEF and other agencies can report on this on what has been done • Lack of local expertise → needs to improved
UK		• This is an implementation COP • This space should be used to discuss how to develop institutional capacity for the long-term • Should make use of the existing wealth of knowledge • The ongoing work has already led to 30% increase in overall GEF funding, more than 30% increase in CBIT funding → this is already a significant increase • There are big challenges ahead. We have increased the funding. But now we need to focus on how best to use this and meet reporting obligations
EU		• Happy to have this space under the CMA to discuss this agenda item • Timeliness, access to funding → can the GEF Secretariat clarify the agreed funding costs and how this has been allocated? • GEF can report on how many countries have been allocated funding and whether these countries are developing countries, EIT, SIDS, LDCs? • GEF can report on the process and how long each stage of the process this takes • The above clarifications if provided by the GEF can help answer questions around the room. ◦ Chair responded saying that these clarification questions can be answered by the GEF in the next session • Guidance to GEF is important → guidance issues should not be address here (?)
Bangladesh		• Align with LDC • face enormous difficulties in accessing financial support in a timely manner
US		• There has been good progress made over the past year but there is still room for improvement • GEF did increase funding (agree with UK) • But would like to seek clarity from GEF on resources available for reporting and different modalities, efforts of GEF for interacting with relevant stakeholders

		• Need to consider guidance to GEF (agree with South Africa) • Asked for the next steps to address the concerns raised in the session
Saudi Arabia obo Arab Group		• Important to secure sufficient funding from GEF on reporting, CB, systems establishment • Support needed in terms of finance, technical support and CB • Enhance support for developing countries to be able to deliver on enhanced transparency
South Africa obo AGN		• We are making significant progress made by GEF • Concern: • GEF methodologies to undertake assessment → is not representative of developing countries • Lack of actual detailed feedback from GEF to countries • We did not agree to funding costs → so do not refer to this as 'agreed funding costs' • Thorough work needs to be done by GEF → interview transparency teams across the world • Increasing funding does not get to the root of the supporting needs of the developing countries • Significant lack of transparency in the GEF work and assessments → needs to be facts-based • Need to take a step back and see from a developing country perspective on what is really needed

- Information note containing all views discussed today will be made available prior to the next informal consultation
- GEF asked to present answers and clarifications at the beginning of the next meeting
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