CMP 6 AF CG1 Matter Relating to the Adaptation Fund 13-11-2024

15:00 - 15:30
Room 12:
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Co-chair:
Welcome to parties, and introduction from co-chairs. Please scan the code for the finance mailing list (parties only). The contact group is open to observers in line with standard practice. The CMP decided the AF reports at each session according to 1CMP3 and 1CMP4, every year we submit annual report (FCCC/KP/2024/4, FCCC/PA/CMA/2024/6) including an addendum with the updates. Our agenda is packed, we have been asked to produce a draft decision text as quickly as possible in this and the subsequent CMA session. We ask for views for what you would like to see in this year's decision text on the fund. With that I open the floor.

I was just going to say we don't have any contributions but I see the EU.

EU:
Congratulations to the co-chair. The EU is one of the biggest contributors to the fund and we see its importance. We welcome the AFP report and its addendum. We highlight the following:

1. Welcome progress and imp of medium term strategy, Facility for locally lead implementation, small grants to non-accredited entities.
2. Welcome the gender action planned and learning course on gender mainstreaming.
3. Welcome work undertaken by AF, especially joint action plan on complementarity and coherence.
4. Recognise progress of A6.4 and anticipate its integration into the fund.

We suggest the board take the necessary steps flowing from this, and encourage the board on operationalising the fund.

EIG:
There is a second ice-breaker need here. Congratulations to the board. The AF is important for EIG, we are contributors and members of the board. This decision must address the transition of the AF from KP to PA. The AF will soon exclusively serve CMA as 6.4 becomes operational. All statutory documents need to be adopted accordingly. As this was not addressed by the board in recent meetings, the AF board should prioritise this going forwards. The two decisions should acknowledge progress to date, and identify areas where advancement is needed. Including that work grounded in local context knowledge, this has been mentioned in the report. Also that the AF enhances gender integration, building on progress made thus far. Then, CMP and CMA have previously recommended invitation and request to sexual exploitation and harassment safety and environmental safeguards - these are proposed by us now.

Bhutan (on behalf on LDC):
Congratulations to co-chairs. We appreciate hard work done by the AF board and secretariat. We welcome the report. This fund is very important to our group. We appreciate the work done in the interest of LDCs. Half of the adaptation fund support portfolio is focused

on LDCs and SIDS, this is very encouraging. The fund is doing crucial work, but is falling short due to limited resources. We decided to double finance from 2019 in the last COP, we remind you. Emphasis need for increased and predictable contributions. This year the AF board has agreed to a 300 million USD target and this needs to be realised. Last year a similar target was put forward but only 188 was realised. In 2021, the fund has a 120 target, and the pledge was greater. We are therefore backsliding now. The group welcomes the funds direct access.

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We would like to stress the importance of simplified accreditation programmes. We understand that soon it may exclusively serve CMA. Coherence with GCF and GEF is crucial.

Arab Group:
Share of proceeds from A6 have yet to be made available so we cannot pre judge that. We should not discuss this issue until the share of proceeds has become available to the adaptation fund. This year we expect to follow the same structure we generally see to AF decisions.

India:
Agree with the Arab group. We suggest that membership pattern can only change once A6.4 is available to AF. AF should be maintained to continue serving the needs of developing countries.

African Group:
Meeting started without us in the room, I hope that does not repeat itself. For us the AF remains a critical component of finance. We welcome the work of the board and developing country parties accessing the fund. For us, it is central in our belief in the important role of UNFCCC funds. We would like to ensure continued funding for adaptation. We have a number of questions about core gaps in the report:

1. Gap in pledges made and pledges converted
2. There are board members with unfulfilled pledges
3. We can’t find the documents on the trustee arrangements, we expect these are confidential. When will proceeds be available for instance? We would like to understand when and how the proceeds will be monetised. This relates to the unfortunate hierarchy of authority over this fund with the CMP in charge and the CMA only providing guidance. The trustee arrangement should be amended. That will be a key factor in whether proceeds will be available.

Co-chair:
We waited until quarter past and missed you were not here, apologies. In your question, are you directing your questions to the AF secretariat or us?

African Group:
To you, as they have no role in the board.

AILAC:
We welcome the AF efforts to continue and increase contribution of resources in line with MTS 2, we welcome adaptation finance in this critical decade. We require multiannual pledges in line with CMA and in line with doubling of adaptation funding. Through the MTS countries need to access funding for adaptation projects. Developed countries should double their contribution per 2019 by 2025.

Co-chair:
On the basis of this we will draft a first decision text. We invited submissions by 8pm tonight. Otherwise we will write on the basis of what we have heard.