

Decision -/CP.11

Further guidance for the operation of the Least Developed Countries Fund¹

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention,

Recalling its decision 6/CP.9,

1. *Decides* that the operation of the Least Developed Countries Fund should be consistent with the following principles:

- (a) A country-driven approach, supporting the implementation of urgent and immediate activities identified in national adaptation programmes of action, as a way of enhancing adaptive capacity
- (b) Supporting the implementation of activities identified in national adaptation programmes of action, and of other elements of the least developed countries work programme identified in decision 5/CP.7, in order to promote the integration of adaptation measures in national development and poverty reduction strategies, plans or policies, with a view to increasing resilience to the adverse effects of climate change
- (c) Supporting a learning-by-doing approach;

2. *Decides* that full-cost funding shall be provided by the Least Developed Countries Fund to meet the additional costs¹ of activities to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change as identified and prioritized in the national adaptation programmes of action;

3. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to develop a co-financing scale for supporting activities identified in national adaptation programmes of action, taking into account the circumstances of least developed countries;

4. *Decides* that activities, identified in national adaptation programmes of action, that are not supported through full-cost funding as described in paragraph 2 above, will be co-financed through the scale referred to in paragraph 3 above;

5. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to develop flexible modalities that ensure balanced access to resources given the level of funds available, in accordance with decision 6/CP.9;

6. *Invites* Parties included in Annex II to the Convention to continue contributing to the Least Developed Countries Fund for the implementation of national adaptation programmes of action;

7. *Decides* that, given the unique circumstances of the Least Developed Countries Fund, the operation of the fund shall not set a precedent for other funding arrangements under the Convention;

8. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to review, at its twenty-sixth session (May 2007), the experiences gained from the implementation of national adaptation programmes of action, including those in accessing funds from the Least Developed Countries Fund;

9. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to ensure the separation of the administration and activities of the Trust Fund of the Global Environment Facility and the Least Developed Countries Fund;

¹ FCCC/SBI/2005/L.14/Add.1 (see also FCCC/SBI/2005/10, para. 44).

¹ For the purpose of this decision “additional costs” means the costs imposed on vulnerable countries to meet their immediate adaptation needs.

10. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to include, in its reports to the Conference of the Parties, information on the specific steps it has taken to implement this decision, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at subsequent sessions;

11. *Decides* to assess progress in the implementation of this decision and consider the adoption of further guidance, as appropriate, at its fourteenth session (December 2008).