

Decision -/CP.19

Coordination of support for the implementation of activities in relation to mitigation actions in the forest sector by developing countries, including institutional arrangements

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.16, 2/CP.17 and 1/CP.18,

Noting the outcomes of the process as referred to in decision 1/CP.18, paragraphs 34 and 35,

Recognizing the need for adequate and predictable support for the implementation of the activities and elements referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 70, 71 and 73,

Also recognizing the need for effective and transparent coordination of support for the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70,

1. *Invites* interested Parties to designate, in accordance with national circumstances and the principles of sovereignty, a national entity or focal point to serve as a liaison with the secretariat and the relevant bodies under the Convention, as appropriate, on the coordination of support for the full implementation of activities and elements referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 70, 71 and 73, including different policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation, and to inform the secretariat accordingly;
2. *Notes* that the national entities or focal points of developing country Parties may, in accordance with national circumstances and the principles of sovereignty, nominate their entities to obtain and receive results-based payments, consistent with any specific operational modalities of the financing entities providing them with support for the full implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70;
3. *Recognizes* that in order to address issues related to the coordination of support for the implementation of the activities and elements referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 70, 71 and 73, needs and functions were identified:
 - (a) Strengthen, consolidate and enhance the sharing of relevant information, knowledge, experiences and good practices, at the international level, taking into account national experiences and, as appropriate, traditional knowledge and practices;
 - (b) Identify and consider possible needs and gaps in coordination of support, taking into consideration relevant information communicated under the Convention and other multilateral and bilateral arrangements;
 - (c) Consider and provide opportunities to exchange information between the relevant bodies established under the Convention and other multilateral and bilateral entities financing and funding the activities and elements referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 70, 71 and 73, related to actions and support provided and received for these activities;
 - (d) Provide information and any recommendations, as appropriate, considering the elements contained in paragraph 3(a–c) above, to improve the effectiveness of finance, including results-based finance, technology and capacity-building for developing country

Parties when implementing the activities and elements referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 70, 71 and 73, to the Conference of the Parties;

(e) Provide information and recommendations, as appropriate, on improving the effectiveness of finance to entities including bilateral, multilateral and private sector entities that finance and implement the activities and elements referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 70, 71 and 73, and on how these activities, including results-based actions, can be more effectively supported;

(f) Encourage other entities providing support for the activities and elements referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 70, 71 and 73, to enhance efficiency and coordination and to seek consistency with the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention, as appropriate;

(g) Exchange information on the development of different approaches, including joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests;

4. *Encourages* national entities or focal points, Parties and relevant entities financing the activities referred to in decision 1/CP. 16, paragraph 70, to meet on a voluntary basis, in conjunction with the first sessional period meetings of the subsidiary bodies, in order to discuss the needs and functions identified in paragraph 3 above;

5. *Also encourages* these national entities or focal points, Parties and relevant entities referred to in paragraph 4 above to hold their first meeting in conjunction with the second sessional period meetings of the subsidiary bodies in 2014 and thereafter annually in conjunction with the first sessional period meetings of the subsidiary bodies;

6. *Requests* the secretariat to facilitate the organization of the meetings referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, beginning, if possible, in conjunction with the forty-first sessions of the subsidiary bodies (December 2014);

7. *Encourages* national entities or focal points, Parties and relevant entities financing the activities referred to in paragraph 4 above at their first meeting to consider procedural matters to facilitate the discussions;

8. *Decides* that at the meetings referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, participants may seek input from relevant bodies established under the Convention, international and regional organizations, the private sector, indigenous peoples and civil society in undertaking their work and invite the representatives of these entities to participate as observers in these meetings;

9. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at the latest, at its forty-seventh session (November–December 2017) to review the outcomes of the meetings referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, to consider existing institutional arrangements or the need for potential governance alternatives for the coordination of support for the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, and to make recommendations on these matters to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-third session (November–December 2017);

10. *Agrees* to conclude at this session the joint work of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, as referred to in decision 1/CP.18, paragraphs 34 and 35, on the coordination of support for the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70;

11. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat pursuant to paragraph 6 above;

12. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.
