

# Making the Green Climate Fund Relevant and Responsive to Indigenous Peoples COP18 DOHA

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# Green Climate Fund

- ◆ Green Climate Fund as per the decision in COP16, Cancun 2010
- ◆ Four meetings of Transitional Committee
- ◆ Green Climate Fund Board with 24 members established

# Governing Instrument

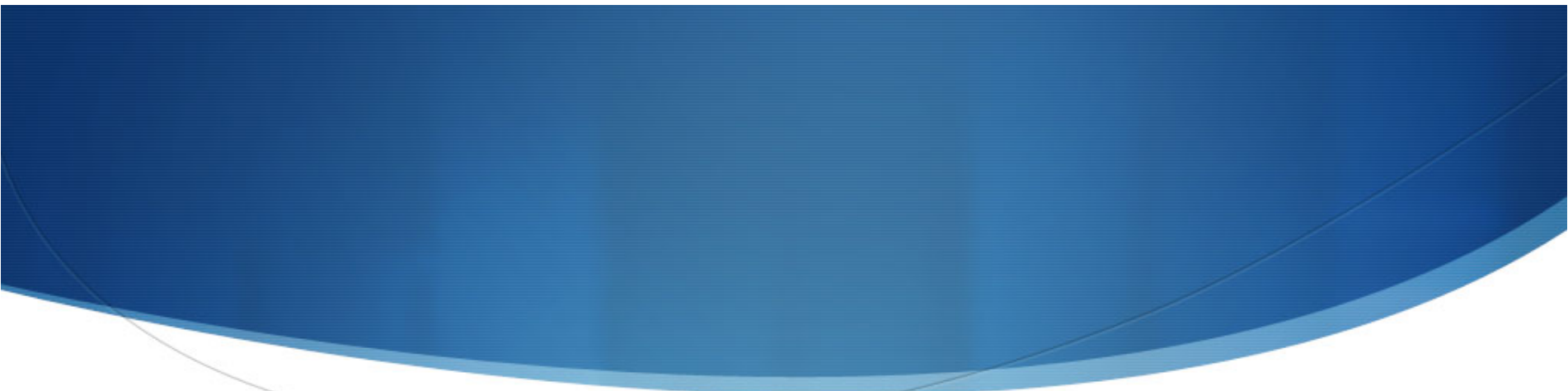
- ◆ Governing Instrument adopted in COP17, Durban
- ◆ What are in the Governing Instrument?
- ◆ **C. Rules of procedure of the Board**
- ◆ **D. Role and functions of the Board** (e) Develop environmental and social safeguards and fiduciary principles and standards that are internationally accepted;

# Mandate of Green Climate Fund

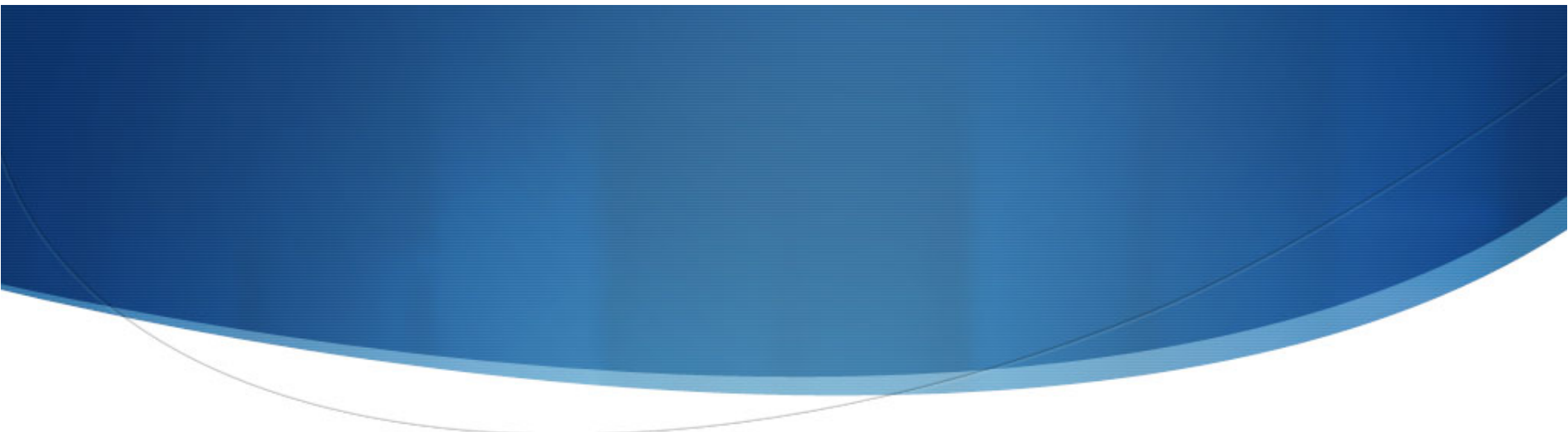
## ◆ Mandate and governance

- ◆ Given the urgency and seriousness of climate change, the purpose of the Fund is to make a significant and ambitious contribution to the global efforts towards attaining the goals set by the international community to combat climate change.

The Fund will contribute to the achievement of the ultimate objective of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). In the context of sustainable development, the Fund will promote the paradigm shift towards low-emission and climate-resilient development pathways by providing support to developing countries to limit or reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to the impacts of climate change, taking into account the needs of those developing countries particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change. The Fund will be guided by the principles and provisions of the Convention.

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- ◆ The Fund will operate in a transparent and accountable manner guided by efficiency and effectiveness. The Fund will play a key role in channelling new, additional, adequate and predictable financial resources to developing countries and will catalyse climate finance, both public and private, and at the international and national levels. The Fund will pursue a country-driven approach and promote and strengthen engagement at the country level through effective involvement of relevant institutions and stakeholders. The Fund will be scalable and flexible and will be a continuously learning institution guided by processes for monitoring and evaluation. The Fund will strive to maximize the impact of its funding for adaptation and mitigation, and seek a balance between the two, while promoting environmental, social, economic and development co-benefits and taking a gender-sensitive approach.

The Fund will provide simplified and improved access to funding, including direct access, basing its activities on a country-driven approach and will encourage the involvement of relevant stakeholders, including vulnerable groups and addressing gender aspects.

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- ◆ The Green Climate Fund was designated as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the UNFCCC, in accordance with Article 11 of the Convention. Arrangements will be concluded between the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the Fund to ensure that it is accountable to and functions under the guidance of the COP.

The Fund is governed and supervised by a Board that will have full responsibility for funding decisions and will receive the guidance of the COP. The Fund will establish an independent Secretariat. The Fund will have a Trustee with administrative competence to manage the financial assets of the Fund.

# V. Operational modalities

- ◆ **A. Complementarity and coherence**
- ◆ **C. Funding windows and fund structure**
- ◆ **D. Access modalities and accreditation**
  - ◆ 1. direct access
  - ◆ 2. international access
  - ◆ 3. accreditation

# Governing Instrument

- ◆ VII. Monitoring
- ◆ VIII. Evaluation
- ◆ IX. Fiduciary standards
- ◆ X. Environmental and social safeguards
- ◆ XI. Accountability mechanisms
- ◆ XIII. Stakeholder input and participation



# Active Observer Participation

- ◆ Two Board meetings took place in Geneva and in Songdo
- ◆ Two observers from CSO and Two from Private Sector, Indigenous Peoples are under CSO.

# Active Observer Participation

- ◆ Observers can speak only if the Co-chairs invite and once only for the entire meeting.
- ◆ Documents are not made available in advance.
- ◆ No Financial Support for the Observers.
- ◆ All other observers have to JUST listen to discussion in the Overflow room.
- ◆ The Co-chairs meet with the observers during Lunch.

# Some Key Concerns of Indigenous Peoples

- ◆ (i) Full and effective Participation at all levels from Designing to the Implementation.
- ◆ (ii) Respect of FPIC and International Standards such as UNDRIP and ILO 169
- ◆ (iii) Direct Access to funding

# Recommendations

- ◆ Still need to work to ensure effective participation of IPs in the entire process of this GCF;
- ◆ Transparency and accountability, flow of information
- ◆ In particular the Board will develop and adopt social and environmental standards and safeguards as well as compliance and monitoring tools in the first half of 2013

# Recommendations

- ◆ Sensitization the Board members is necessary
- ◆ Fund/financial support for IP participant should be from the GCF
- ◆ Representation of UNPFII Indigenous Expert Member in the Board Meeting
- ◆ Need to have concrete proposals on each agenda item for the coming board meetings.