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**Decisions of the Board –  
sixth meeting of the Board,  
9–11 July 2025**

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**Summary**

This document contains the collection of decisions of the Board of the FRLD adopted at the sixth meeting of the Board, in Cebu, Philippines, from 9 to 11 July 2025.

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## Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The meeting was opened by the Co-Chairs, on Wednesday, 9 July 2025.

## Agenda item 2: Organizational matters

### (a) Adoption of the agenda

2. The Board adopted the agenda as set forth below:
  1. Opening of the meeting
  2. Organizational matters
    - (a) Adoption of the agenda
    - (b) Organization of the work of the meeting
  3. Report of the fifth meeting of the Board
  4. Report of the Secretariat
    - (a) Report on the activities of the Secretariat
    - (b) Report on the execution of the administrative budget
  5. Operationalizing the Barbados Implementation Modalities
  6. Establishment of the new, dedicated and independent Secretariat: organizational structure of the Secretariat
  7. Long-term resource mobilization strategy and plan to mobilize financial resources
  8. Report of the Co-Chairs
  9. Report of the Board to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change at its thirtieth session and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its seventh session
  10. Performance management process for the Executive Director
    - (a) Performance evaluation of the Executive Director for 2024–2025
    - (b) Performance management process for the Executive Director for 2025 onward
  11. Status of resources
  12. Matters related to active observers and other stakeholders
  13. Dialogue with civil society
  14. Other matters
  15. Closure of the meeting

### (b) Organization of the work of the meeting

3. No decision was adopted under this agenda item.

## Agenda item 3: Report of the fifth meeting of the Board

4. Document FRLD/B.5/14 titled “Report of the fifth meeting of the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage” was issued to the Board under this agenda item.

5. The Board adopted the report of the fifth meeting of the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage.

## Agenda item 4: Report of the Secretariat

### (a) Report on the activities of the Secretariat

6. Document FRLD/B.6/2 titled “Report on the activities of the Secretariat” was issued to the Board under this agenda item.
7. This agenda item was not opened.

### (b) Report on the execution of the administrative budget

8. Document FRLD/B.6/2 titled “Report on the activities of the Secretariat”, including its annex II containing the report on the execution of the administrative budget, was issued to the Board under this agenda item.
9. This agenda item was not opened.

## Agenda item 5: Operationalizing the Barbados Implementation Modalities

10. No document was issued under this agenda item.
11. The Board adopted the following decisions.

### *DECISION B.6/D.1: Barbados Implementation Modalities*

*The Board:*

(a) *Takes note* of the state of the Barbados Implementation Modalities document, as contained in the annex to this decision (annex I to this document), and the oral and written comments made by the Board during its sixth meeting;

(b) *Requests* the Secretariat, under the guidance of the Co-Chairs, to continue consultations on the Barbados Implementation Modalities document on the basis of the annex to this decision, the views expressed by the Board at its sixth meeting, and through open, inclusive and transparent consultations with the Board, with a view to circulating an updated document in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for consideration and adoption at the seventh meeting of the Board.

### *DECISION B.6/D.2: Operationalizing the Barbados Implementation Modalities: Guidance to the Co-Chairs for engagement with the interim Trustee*

*The Board:*

*Recalling* its decision B.5/D.4,

(a) *Requests* the Co-Chairs of the Board, with the assistance of the Secretariat, to engage with the interim Trustee to identify the modalities for facilitating **direct access via direct budget support** as part of the Barbados Implementation Modalities as well as for the long-term model of the Fund, while noting the precedent practices of direct budget support provided by the World Bank and other relevant entities both multilateral and bilateral including on areas outside of climate change, in compliance with UNFCCC decisions 1/CP.28 and 5/CMA.5, and to present the result of this engagement, with different options, their associated implications and, where relevant, further guidance for implementation, to the Board at its seventh meeting;

(b) *Decides* that, in fulfilling the mandate referred to in paragraph (a) above, the Co-Chairs are guided to engage on the basis of the Governing Instrument and the following understanding:

- (i) *All developing countries are allowed to directly access resources from the Fund, including through national and regional entities, consistent with the policies and procedures to be established by the Board of the Fund and applicable safeguards and fiduciary standards (para. 20(e) of decisions 1/CP.28 and 5/CMA.5);*
- (ii) *Parties to the Convention and the Paris Agreement that are not member countries of the World Bank are ensured access to the Fund without requiring decisions or waivers from the World Bank Board of Directors on individual funding requests (para. 20(g) of decisions 1/CP.28 and 5/CMA.5);*
- (c) *Requests the Co-Chairs of the Board, as part of the engagement referred to in paragraph (a) above, to explore and present options for possible arrangements for direct access including via direct budget support to be provided to national public entities instead of the country's Treasury and/or Ministry of Finance, at the request of the focal point of the Fund and with the agreement of the country's Treasury and/or Ministry of Finance, consistent with the policies and procedures to be established by the Board of the Fund and applicable safeguards and fiduciary standards;*
- (d) *Also requests the Co-Chairs to ensure that, for the purpose of the Co-Chairs' engagement described in paragraphs (a)–(c) above, and without prejudice to the full operationalization of the Barbados Implementation Modalities or the development of the long-term model of the Fund, the modalities to be explored for the Barbados Implementation Modalities will support bottom-up, country-led and country-owned approaches to loss and damage that promote and strengthen national responses to and systems for loss and damage, including through the development and implementation of:*
  - (i) *Rapid disbursement modalities to respond to climate-induced extreme weather events;*
  - (ii) *National-level loss and damage response activities;*
  - (iii) *Other forms of budget support related to policies and programmes for responding to loss and damage;*
- (e) *Further requests the Co-Chairs, based on the outcomes of the engagement with the interim Trustee described in paragraphs (a)–(c) of this decision, to consult with other relevant entities as may be required.*

*DECISION B.6/D.3: Guidance for FRLD focal points*

*The Board,*

- (a) *Adopts the guidance for FRLD focal points as contained in annex II to this document, to apply to both national authorities and national focal points;*
- (b) *Requests the Secretariat to provide FRLD focal points with relevant background and guidance to facilitate their entry into this role, and to maintain regular communication with them;*
- (c) *Also requests the Secretariat to review the guidance for FRLD focal points at the conclusion of the Barbados Implementation Modalities and present updated guidance for consideration by the Board at its twelfth meeting, and to review the guidance every three years thereafter to ensure the guidance remains fit for purpose.*

## **Agenda item 6: Establishment of the new, dedicated and independent Secretariat: organizational structure of the Secretariat**

12. Document FRLD/B.6/2 titled “Report on the activities of the Secretariat”, including its annex I containing the organizational structure of the Secretariat, was issued to the Board under this agenda item.

13. No decision was adopted under this item.

## **Agenda item 7: Long-term resource mobilization strategy and plan to mobilize financial resources**

14. No document was issued to the Board under this agenda item.

*DECISION B.6/D.4: Long-term resource mobilization strategy and plan to mobilize financial resources*

*The Board:*

- (a) *Reaffirms the Board workplan adopted by decision B.2/D.10, and refers, in particular, to annex VII, paragraph 5(e) of that decision;*
- (b) *Requests the Secretariat to prepare, in accordance with decision B.4/D.3(b), a draft long-term resource mobilization strategy and plan through an inclusive and iterative consultation process with the Board, to be presented for consideration by the Board no later than at its seventh meeting;*
- (c) *Also requests that the strategy be guided by UNFCCC decisions 5/CP.29 and 11/CMA.6, paragraph 16, and decisions 1/CP.28 and 5/CMA.5, paragraph 12, and paragraphs 54–56 of the Governing Instrument.*

## **Agenda item 8: Report of the Co-Chairs**

15. Document FRLD/B.6/3 titled “Report of the Co-Chairs” was issued to the Board under this agenda item.
16. This agenda item was not opened.

## **Agenda item 9: Report of the Board to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change at its thirtieth session and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its seventh session**

17. Document FRLD/B.6/4 titled “Report of the Board to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change at its thirtieth session and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its seventh session” was issued to the Board under this agenda item.

18. The Board adopted the following decision.

*DECISION B.6/D.5: Report of the Board of the FRLD to the Conference of the Parties at its thirtieth session and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its seventh session.*

*The Board, having considered document FRLD/B.6/4, titled “Report of the Board to the Conference of the Parties at its thirtieth session and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its seventh session”, including the proposed actions in response to the guidance received from the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties and the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement:*

- (a) *Requests the Co-Chairs, with the assistance of the Secretariat, to finalize the report, taking into consideration the comments made and decisions taken at the sixth meeting of the Board, and to submit the revised report to the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement;*
- (b) *Also requests the Co-Chairs, with the assistance of the Secretariat, to develop an addendum to the report capturing the progress and decisions that will be adopted during*

*the seventh meeting of the Board and submit the addendum to the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement.*

## **Agenda item 10: Performance management process for the Executive Director**

### **(a) Performance evaluation of the Executive Director for 2024–2025**

- 19. No document was issued under this item.
- 20. This agenda item was not opened.

### **(b) Performance management process for the Executive Director for 2025 onward**

- 21. No document was issued under this item.
- 22. This agenda item was not opened.

## **Agenda item 11: Status of resources**

- 23. Document FRLD/B.6/5/Rev.1 “Status of resources” was issued to the Board under this agenda item.
- 24. This agenda item was not opened.

## **Agenda item 12: Matters related to active observers and other stakeholders**

- 25. No document was issued under this item.
- 26. The Board adopted the following decision.

*DECISION B.6/D.6: Matters related to active observers and other stakeholders*

*The Board:*

(a) *Requests the Secretariat to continue inclusive and iterative consultations with the Board and the representatives of the nine observer constituencies of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;*

(b) *Also requests the Secretariat, in collaboration with these observer representatives, to co-convene consultations with other relevant stakeholders on a draft policy on the participation of active observers in Board meetings and related proceedings and on a draft proposal for guidelines on consultative forums for engaging and communicating with stakeholders, and to present the draft policy and proposal for guidelines for consideration by the Board at its ninth meeting;*

(c) *Requests the Budget Committee to review the potential budgetary implications of the implementation of the “blanket approach” for the accreditation of observer organizations agreed by the Board in decision B.4/D.7 and of the design of the comprehensive framework for observer engagement, in accordance with its mandate, and to inform the Board accordingly;*

(d) *Decides that resources will be allocated, taking into account the Budget Committee’s recommendation.*

## **Agenda item 13: Dialogue with civil society**

- 27. No document was issued under this agenda item.
- 28. No decision was adopted under this agenda item.

**Agenda item 14: Other matters**

29. No decision was adopted under this item.

**Agenda item 15: Closure of the meeting**

30. The meeting was closed on Friday, 11 July 2025.

## Annex I

### Outcomes of discussions on the Barbados Implementation Modalities at the sixth meeting of the Board

This annex contains a draft decision and its accompanying annexes I and II to the draft decision as edited during the sixth meeting of the Board. The text below is reproduced, unedited,<sup>1</sup> as the historical record of the discussion as a basis for continuing the work.

### DRAFT DECISION B.6/D.X: Barbados Implementation Modalities

The Board:

#### Project cycle of the Barbados Implementation Modalities

(a) *Adopts* the project/programme cycle for the Barbados Implementation Modalities as contained in the annex [I] of this decision, subject to the outcome of the discussions between the Co-Chairs and the interim trustee and the discussions of the Board at its seventh meeting;

(b) *Requests* the Secretariat to develop a proposal for a funding request cycle for rapid disbursement for climate-induced extreme events, under the Barbados Implementing Modalities, in response to a funding request from a country, and in the absence of pre-arranged mechanisms;

(c) *Requests* the Secretariat to ensure that all access modalities follow a streamlined, rapid, predictable and transparent approval process, based on simplified and fit-for-purpose criteria and procedures. *Also requests* the Secretariat to develop a policy on [post-approval] major changes to funded activities, projects and programmes for consideration by the Board at its ninth meeting;

(d) *Further requests* the Secretariat to elaborate an operations manual for the Barbados Implementation Modalities [to capture its internal processes] by B.7.

#### Funding criteria for the Barbados Implementation Modalities

(e) *Requests* the Secretariat to continue working on a proposal for funding criteria and indicative descriptions for the Barbados Implementation Modalities, through an open, inclusive, and transparent consultations with the Board and Observers, building on the discussions at B.6.

#### Direct access via direct budget support

[Placeholder]

#### Barbados Implementation delivery team

(f) *Requests* the Secretariat to take the necessary measures to develop its internal capacity, including through the establishment of a team of [external] experts and a roster of consultants, as an interim measure.

(g) *Requests* the Budget Committee to review the budget implications of operationalizing the Barbados Implementation Modalities as part of the next 6-month budget which is due to be considered for approval at the seventh meeting of the Board.

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<sup>1</sup> Typographical errors have been corrected.

## Annex I of draft decision

### Project/programme cycle for the Barbados Implementation Modalities

No.	Stage	Indicative description	Role
1	Origination	Proposal/Funding request development led by the country	Countries
2	Call for proposals/funding requests	Launch call for proposals/funding requests for the BIM	FRLD Secretariat
3	Submission of proposals/funding requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single country proposals and/or funding requests: submission by the national focal point or national authority of the country</li> <li>Multi-country proposals and/or funding requests: submission by the national focal point or national authorities of each country</li> </ul>	Countries through the national focal points or national authorities
4	Secretariat review	Completeness and conformity review to the call for proposals terms of reference (tentative timeline: 2 weeks per iteration)	FRLD Secretariat
		Technical review based on the eligible activities and funding criteria (tentative timeline: 3-4 weeks; timelines may be longer depending on resubmission)	FRLD Secretariat
5	Country response to the review	Taking into account the review of the Secretariat, countries may provide responses accordingly.	Countries (with implementing entities (IEs), where relevant, as determined by countries)
6	Submission of proposals/funding requests for Board approval	Submission of proposals/funding requests for Board approval	FRLD Secretariat
7	Board approval	Approval of proposals and/or funding requests by the Board	FRLD Board
8	Signing legal agreements	Interim Trustee signing the legal agreement (framework agreement and/or project-level agreement) with countries and/or IEs, on behalf of the Board as per the Trustee Agreement.	Interim Trustee
9	Implementation	Disbursements	FRLD Secretariat and interim Trustee
		Adaptive management	Countries and IEs (where relevant) Review by FRLD Secretariat
10	Monitoring, evaluation and learning	Reporting, mid-term and final evaluations	Countries and IEs (where relevant) Review by FRLD Secretariat
11	Closure	Operational and financial closure	FRLD Secretariat and interim Trustee

## Annex II of draft decision

### Eligible activities for funding and funding criteria for the Barbados Implementation Modalities

#### Eligible activities for funding

The types of eligible activities, as presented in the Governing Instrument, are:

1. **Activities responding to economic and non-economic loss and damage** associated with the adverse effects of climate change. This may include:
  - a. Activities that are complementary to humanitarian actions taken immediately after an extreme weather event
  - b. Activities for intermediate or long-term recovery, reconstruction or rehabilitation
  - c. Activities that address slow onset events
  - d. Activities for developing national response plans, addressing insufficient climate information and data; and promoting equitable, safe, and dignified mobility in the form of displacement, relocation, and migration in cases of temporary and permanent loss and damage (Governing Instrument, paras. 8–9)

These may include addressing a variety of challenges associated with the adverse effects of climate change, such as climate-related emergencies, sea level rise, displacement, relocation, migration, insufficient climate information and data, and the need for climate-resilient reconstruction and recovery (Governing Instrument, para. 6).

2. **Activities focused on priority gaps** within the current landscape of institutions, including global, regional, and national institutions that are funding activities related to responding to loss and damage (Governing Instrument, para. 7).
3. **[Activities relevant to preparing and strengthening national processes and support systems.** This may include support for developing proposed activities, projects and programmes, such as planning activities for addressing loss and damage; estimating financial requirements for implementing loss and damage activities; and establishing national loss and damage finance systems (Governing Instrument, para. 47). This will be done ensuring complementarity and coherence of support provided by other institutions.]

#### Funding criteria for the Barbados Implementation Modalities

As part of technical review, the Secretariat will review proposals and/or funding requests against the funding criteria below to assess merit and maturity and will provide the Board with the Secretariat’s assessment to inform the Board’s funding decisions.

The Secretariat will group proposals and/or funding requests, for consideration of the Board, according to their respective merits and maturity [and in accordance with the principles and scope as set out in decision B.5/D.4, paragraph 19(h)] [The Secretariat will also make proposals for the Board to ensure a balanced representation of geographies and contexts (decision B.5/D.4, para. (f)), as well as incorporating elements for resource allocation parameters (Governing Instrument, para. 60) with [the][a] minimum allocation floor for the small island developing States and least developed countries while safeguarding against the over-concentration of support in any given country, group of countries or region (decision B.5/D.4, para. (h)).]

Criteria	Indicative description
[Bottom-up,] country-led and country-owned approaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ [Promote and strengthen] national responses for addressing loss and damage through pursuing country-led approaches (Governing Instrument, para. 43)</li> <li>○ [Responsive to] country priorities and circumstances, and utilizing and strengthening, where appropriate and available, existing national and regional systems and financial mechanisms (Governing Instrument, para. 44)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ [Promote direct engagement at the national and, where appropriate,] subnational and local level to facilitate efficiency and the achievement of concrete results (Governing Instrument, para. 45)</li> <li>○ [Effective involvement of relevant institutions and stakeholders, in particular women, vulnerable communities and Indigenous Peoples (Governing Instrument, para. 43)]</li> <li>○ [Responsive to countries priorities and needs, while taking into consideration the needs of climate-vulnerable communities (Governing Instrument, para. 60(a))]</li> </ul>
<p>[Complementarity and coherence]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ [Promote] coherence in programming at the national level (Governing Instrument, para. 53), including building on best practices and lessons learned</li> <li>○ [Utilize, where appropriate and available, existing national and regional systems and financial mechanisms (Governing Instrument, para 44)] Complements [or relies on] the activities of other relevant bilateral, regional and global funding mechanisms and institutions.[In the alternative or in addition, countries are invited to detail how the funding requests responds to a gap not funded by other funding arrangements]</li> </ul>
<p>Results and [outcomes][impacts for responding to loss and damage]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Proposed measurable results on responding to loss and damage and potential for impacts (decision B.5/D.4, para. (d)), to the extent possible, providing [disaggregated data to measure the impact of FRLD interventions on [marginalized and vulnerable impacts]]</li> <li>○ Include mechanisms to deliver lesson-learning to support FRLD objectives</li> <li>○ Contribute to [environmental, social and] development co-benefits, including gender responsiveness</li> <li>○ Contribution to longer-term development of national loss and damage response, consistent with country needs</li> </ul>
<p>[Efficiency, effectiveness and sound financial management]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ [Ensure efficiency, effectiveness and sound financial management (Governing Instrument, para. 5), regarding the use of grants]</li> <li>○ [Indication of any actual or potential other sources of funding involved in the financial structure of the proposals]</li> <li>○ Ability to effectively deliver on the project in order to achieve concrete results in the short-term, including rapid disbursement</li> <li>○ Rapid disbursement</li> </ul>

## Annex II

### Guidance for FRLD focal points

#### I. Institutional framework for designation of a focal point

##### A. Designation authority

1. Countries may designate a national authority or national focal point (together referred to as “FRLD focal point(s)”) in accordance with paragraph 48 of the Governing Instrument, which states that, “Developing countries may designate a national authority or national focal point to be responsible for overall management and implementation of activities, projects and programmes supported by the Fund. (...)”. Countries are encouraged to designate a national authority or national focal point following approval of this guidance by the Board and before the launch of the call for proposals.

##### B. Selection of focal point(s)

2. Countries may select a national authority or national focal point from within a government agency or entity of their choice taking into consideration already existing focal points relevant to loss and damage with a view to enhancing national coherence, coordination and synergies. The selected institution should have a clear mandate and capacity for cross-sectoral coordination to effectively manage loss and damage programming.

##### C. Contact and structure

3. Each of national authority or national focal point shall maintain:

- (a) One primary senior-level signatory with the authority to sign official correspondence;
- (b) At least one secondary technical-level contact for operational coordination.

#### II. Functions and responsibilities of the focal points

##### A. Communication and documentation

4. The contact of the national authority or national focal point information should be kept up-to-date by the country and be readily available on the FRLD website.

5. The national authority or national focal point will:

- (a) Maintain regular communication with the FRLD Secretariat;
- (b) Retain all relevant documentation related to proposals and/or funding requests;
- (c) Ensure timely submission of required reports and updates;
- (d) Be consulted on any proposals and/or requests for funding through any access modalities, including those referred to in paragraph 49 of the Governing Instrument.

**B. Access modalities**

6. The role of the national authority or national focal point is to sign and submit to the FRLD the proposals and/or funding requests based on the access modalities available, consistent with paragraph 49 of the Governing Instrument.

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