

Decision 5/COP.6Review of the policies, operational modalities and activities
of the Global Mechanism

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 21, paragraphs 4, 5 and 7, of the Convention,

Recalling further its decisions 24/COP.1, 25/COP.1, 18/COP.2 and 9/COP.3 on the Global Mechanism (GM),

Having considered the report by the Managing Director of the GM on behalf of the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), as contained in document ICCD/CRIC(2)/4, and the independent evaluation of the GM conducted at the request of the President of the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties, as contained in document ICCD/CRIC(2)/5,

Welcoming the collective efforts of the members of the Facilitation Committee of the GM in supporting the preparation of the Business Plan 2003-2006,

1. *Requests* the GM to focus mainly on its primary role of mobilizing financial resources to support UNCCD implementation by broadening the funding base for implementation while giving greater emphasis to identifying sources of co-financing for GEF projects and facilitating funding rather than providing technical advice on project design in the light of the three main objectives of the Business Plan;
2. *Further requests* the Global Mechanism to expand its reach through networking approaches and, in particular, to foster the supply side of bilateral and multilateral finance and partnership building for UNCCD implementation;
3. *Further requests* the Global Mechanism to continue to provide support to affected countries in mainstreaming national action programmes (NAPs) into national development frameworks, such as Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSP);
4. *Further requests* the Global Mechanism to assist in mobilizing new sources of financing such as private capital, foreign direct investment, funding from multilateral institutions and grants from private foundations;
5. *Recommends* that the Managing Director of the GM strengthen the GM's relationship with IFAD with a view to improving programmatic coherence and to channelling more of IFAD's resources into UNCCD implementation;
6. *Requests* the Global Mechanism and the secretariat to adopt a joint work programme within the framework of the GM's Business Plan aimed at maximizing the impact of resources and actions, avoiding duplication and overlap, and tapping into the expertise, added value and network of each organization in a collaborative manner as action programmes are implemented;

7. *Urges* the members of the Facilitation Committee of the GM to enhance substantially collaboration with and support to the Global Mechanism in order to improve programmatic convergence in the implementation of their activities within the UNCCD framework, notably with regard to the role of the implementing agencies of the Global Environment Facility in developing actions and projects relating to the new operational programme of the Global Environment Facility on sustainable land management;
8. *Invites* country Parties which are members of the governing bodies of institutions represented on the Facilitation Committee of the GM to encourage consistency between their respective policy and strategy frameworks and the objectives of the UNCCD;
9. *Further invites* developed country Parties to liaise more proactively with the GM so as to advise on the channelling of bilateral financial and technical assistance to UNCCD implementation;
10. *Further invites* the members of the Facilitation Committee including the Managing Director of the GM, to take all necessary measures for effectively implementing its Business Plan and improving coordination among the members of the Facilitation Committee;
11. *Notes* that the third comprehensive review of policies, operational modalities and activities of the GM will take place at the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties in 2007, in the light of the review of the secretariat's activities provided for under decision 2/COP.6, with a view to assessing the continued relevance, impact, effectiveness and efficiency of the GM in delivering its mandate under the Convention;
12. *Requests* the GM to report to the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties on progress made in carrying out the activities set forth in this decision.

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3 September 2003*