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**LoCAL Programme Board
Annual Session 2017**

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Decision

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- 1. Considering that, in Least Developed Countries, climate change adaptation endeavours largely fall under the core mandate and responsibilities of local governments;*
- 2. Considering further that climate change adaptation requires effective coordination between various stakeholders with different mandates and interests, and local governments' mandate, role and convening power to coordinate, co-finance and interact with relevant stakeholders;*
- 3. Considering that the objective of LoCAL is to become a standard and recognized country-based mechanism for Least Developed Countries, that supports direct access to the Green Climate Fund with the objective to transfer resources to local governments through national institutions and systems for building verifiable climate change adaptation and resilience.*

The LoCAL Programme Board

4. Decides to endorse the progress report 2016 and the annual workplan and budget 2017 presented by the Local Programme Manager.
5. Takes note with appreciation of the efforts of the LoCAL programme team during 2016 that resulted in growth from 11 to 12 countries with more in the queue.
6. Congratulates Benin, Mali and Cambodia for the preparation and submission of concept notes to the Enhanced Direct Access programme of the Green Climate Fund.
7. Welcomes the efforts of the LoCAL Secretariat to document and share LoCAL experiences with performance-based climate resilience grants.
8. Notes that LoCAL has almost reached the 13 countries foreseen in the Programme Document. Therefore the board requests the Secretariat to increase to 20 the number of LDCs covered by the Programme document and circulate a detailed plan for this to Board members for consideration and approval within 90 days.
9. Encourages the LoCAL Secretariat to further explore, pilot and test the expansion of the LoCAL methodology to urban areas and municipalities including its support to public private partnerships and project finance for larger climate resilient investments and looks forward to a report on progress to be presented at the 2018 Board.
10. Commits the Secretariat to work with LoCAL members to support efforts of countries that have completed phase I to mobilize resources for Phase II
11. Encourages the LoCAL Secretariat to further explore, pilot and test the expansion of the local methodology to engage the private sector to accelerate local resilience in selected LoCAL

participating countries and expects a report on progress at the 2018 Board.

12. Encourages the Korea Environment Institute and the World Resources Institute to pursue their work for the quality assurance of the LoCAL mechanism.

13. Encourages the LoCAL Secretariat and the International Institute for Environment and Development to explore a strategic partnership in support of the mechanism

14. Re-appoints Luc Gnacadja as special representative of LoCAL programme board and acknowledges his critical role in the follow up of the Paris agreement.

15. Affirms the programme board desire for a strong LoCAL engagement with COP23 and with the LDC group at UNFCCC to consolidate and deepen the progress towards LoCAL's objective, as expressed in paragraph 3 and encourages the LoCAL Secretariat to explore a deeper institutional relationship between LoCAL and UNFCCC.

16. Commits to further engage with the Board and Secretariat of the Green Climate Fund, and with other climate finance institutions and development partners with the objective of promoting the fundamental role of local governments in delivering the Paris Agreement.

17. During 2017, commits to update the cover page of the Country Agreement with each LoCAL member state to ensure alignment with the UNDAF and other relevant policies.

18. Commits to a bilingual LoCAL that caters for countries whose working language is English and French.