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UK–FAO event on **climate finance opportunities** with the Green Climate Fund

Thursday 20 May 2021 – 11.00 to 12.40 pm Rome time
(10.00 to 11.40 am London time / 9.00 to 10.40 am Accra time)

CONCEPT NOTE

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is working to bring all key actors together to raise ambition on tackling the drivers of climate change and biodiversity loss, by catalyzing climate finance to protect and restore critical ecosystems, and kick-starting a just rural transition towards sustainable land use to benefit people, climate and nature.

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) is the world's largest dedicated fund helping developing countries reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and enhance their ability to respond to climate change.

GCF has a crucial role in serving the Paris Agreement, supporting the goal of keeping average global temperature rise well below 2 degrees Celsius. It does this by channeling climate finance to developing countries, with priority given to Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and African countries.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Government of the United Kingdom have organized a Zoom meeting to bring together UK Embassies in Africa, Permanent Representatives of African countries to FAO, and National Determined Authorities (NDAs) to discuss the way forward regarding FAO support to African member countries' efforts to access GCF resources.

MEETING OBJECTIVES

- provide an overview of the GCF (mission, results, funding opportunities, key elements regarding access to resources) and the GCF portfolio in Africa;
- present the FAO-GCF partnership and experience as an Accredited Entity;
- collect feedback on challenges, opportunities and gaps for increased FAO support to African member countries seeking access to GCF resources; and
- identify the way forward.

PARTICIPANTS

- **Terri Sarch**, UK Permanent Representative to FAO (co-chair)
- **Maria Helena Semedo**, FAO Deputy Director-General (co-chair)
- **Abebe Haile-Gabriel**, FAO Assistant Director-General, Regional Representative for Africa (RAF) (co-chair)
- **Josceline Wheatley**, The Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (United Kingdom)
- **UK Climate advisors** (UK Embassies) in Africa
- **Permanent Representatives** of FAO member countries (Africa)
- **National Designated Authorities** (NDAs)
- **FAO Subregional coordinators** for Africa & the Tunis office (covers North Africa, incl. Mauritania)
- **Climate change focal point** for FAO's Regional Office for Africa (RAF)
- **German Velasquez**, Director, GCF Mitigation and Adaptation Division
- **Pa Ousman Jarju**, Director of GCF's Country Programming Division
- **Eduardo Mansur**, Director, FAO's Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment
- **FAO-GCF team** (Africa focus)

AGENDA

Day 1		
Time	Programme	Presenter
15 min	Welcome and introductory remarks. Brief introduction and objectives of the meeting	FAO and UK Permanent Representative
20 min	UK perspective on climate finance	The Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (United Kingdom)
20 min	FAO experience in supporting countries in accessing GCF	Director of FAO's Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment
15 min	GCF in Africa	Director of GCF's Mitigation and Adaptation Division and Director of GCF's Country Programming Division
20 min	Discussion on challenges and opportunities	All participants
10 min	Way forward and closing remarks	Co-chairs

TOTAL: 1 hour, 40'

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