

Office of the LDC Chair



The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
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United States of America

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Dear Governor Brown,

As Chair of the UNFCCC Group of Least Developed Countries (LDCs), I would like to bring to your attention a proposal for a Fund to collect contributions for multilateral climate finance, in particular for the United Nations LDC Fund, from States and Provinces in or around the Western Climate Initiative.

The LDCs, that is the world's 48 poorest countries with total population of more than 880 million people, are particularly vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change and in immediate need of support to deal with the factors that contribute to fragility, conflict and ultimately, migration. The needs of LDCs to access resources for such purposes have become increasingly urgent due to the impacts of climate change that can already be felt on the ground through changing weather and rainfall patterns, increasingly severe droughts and floods, and a deteriorating natural resource base.

We are deeply concerned that the United States will not meet its climate finance commitments pursuant to the Paris Agreement. This failure has the potential to derail the international progress on climate action. We see an opportunity for states, businesses, and philanthropies to mitigate this risk through the proposed Fund and also to take the lead in contributing to innovative, more predictable climate finance for the poorest and most vulnerable countries in the longer term.

We strongly support the proposal outlined in the enclosed concept note, and we hope that you might be able to endorse it, and that it could be given a showcasing platform at the San Francisco Global Climate Action Summit.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Gebru Jember Endalew". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

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