



Consultants:



GCF No-objection Procedure (NoP) - Suriname

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PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP

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To introduce the procedure the National Designated Authority (NDA – ROM in Suriname) will deploy to review project proposals and accreditation nominations. Participants will have the opportunity to ask for clarifications and provide feedback to improve the procedure (in line with GCF requirements and practicability).

Workshop – No-objection procedure for GCF Funded activities

8:15 – 9:00 am	Registration and breakfast
9:00 – 10:50 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome Remarks - Ministry of Spatial Planning and Environment (10 minutes)• Introduction to the readiness activities and the GCF - Frankfurt School (10 minutes)• Presentation of the No-objection procedure - Frankfurt School (30 minutes)• Discussion (questions and comments) - Frankfurt School and the Ministry of Spatial Planning and Environment (ESS moderation)
10:50 -11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closure

1. OPENING WORDS AND INTRODUCTION



OBJECTIVE OF THE CONSULTANCY

The objective of this consultancy is to enhance Suriname's capacity to engage with the GCF and effectively access finance to respond to national climate change and development priorities.

The expected outcomes are two-fold:

- (a) Strengthened capacities within the National Designated Authority (NDA – ROM Ministry) to facilitate efficient planning and administration of fund-related responsibilities,
- (b) National priorities are elaborated through the development and implementation of a GCF Country Programme.

GCF MANDATE



The Green Climate Fund (GCF) – a critical element of the Paris Agreement - is the world's largest climate fund, mandated to **support developing countries raise and realize their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC)** ambitions towards low-emissions, climate-resilient pathways.

1. Country driven
2. An open, partnership organization
3. A range of financing instruments
4. Balanced allocation
5. Risk-taking, patient capital

BALANCED ALLOCATION

GCF is mandated to invest **50% of its resources to mitigation and 50% to adaptation.**



Health, food, and water security



Livelihoods of people and communities



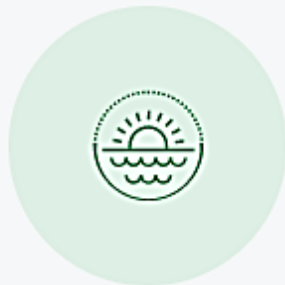
Energy generation and access



Transport



Infrastructure and built environment



Ecosystems and ecosystem services



Buildings, cities, industries, and appliances



Forests and land use

Adaptation

Climate change adaptation aims to improve resilience of communities and ecosystems to climate change.

Mitigation

Climate change mitigation interventions seek to reduce the release of greenhouse gas emissions, or to increase the capacity of carbon sinks.

GCF project/programme activity cycle

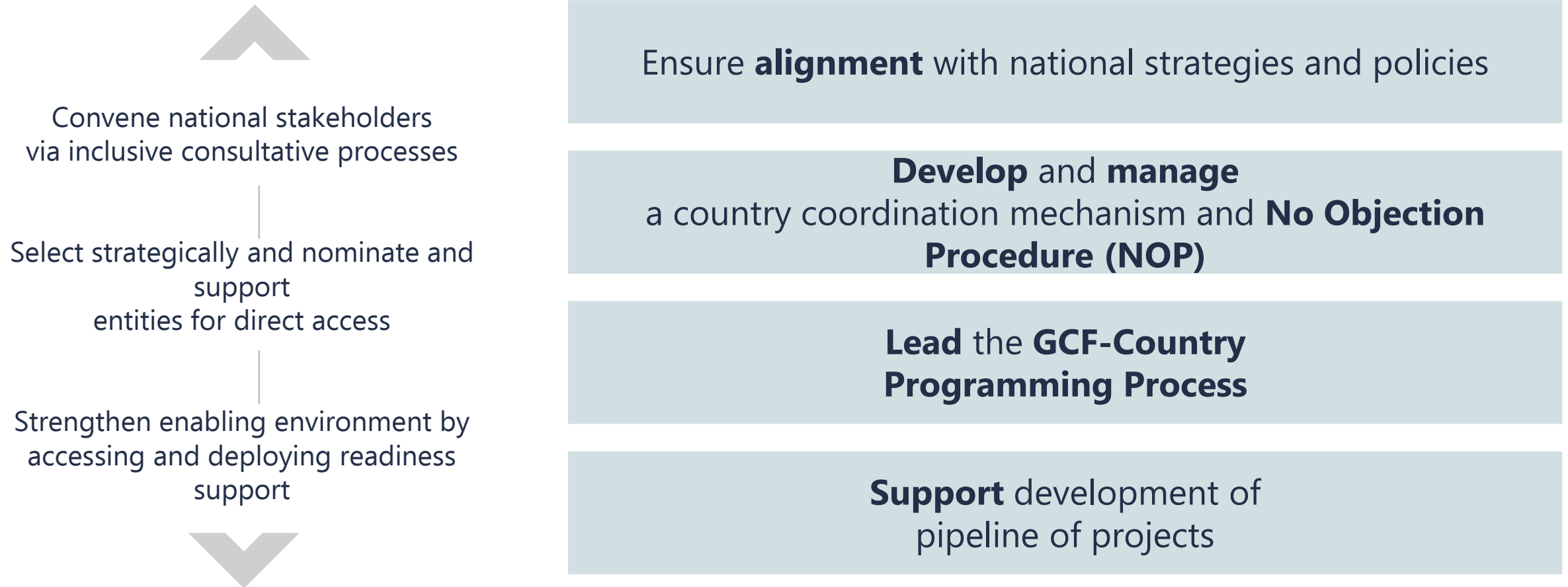


★ Key involvement of the NDA

Abbreviations:
 AE = Accredited Entity
 NDA = National Designated Authority
 ITAP = Independent Technical Advisory Panel

Source: GCF, 2020 Programming Manual

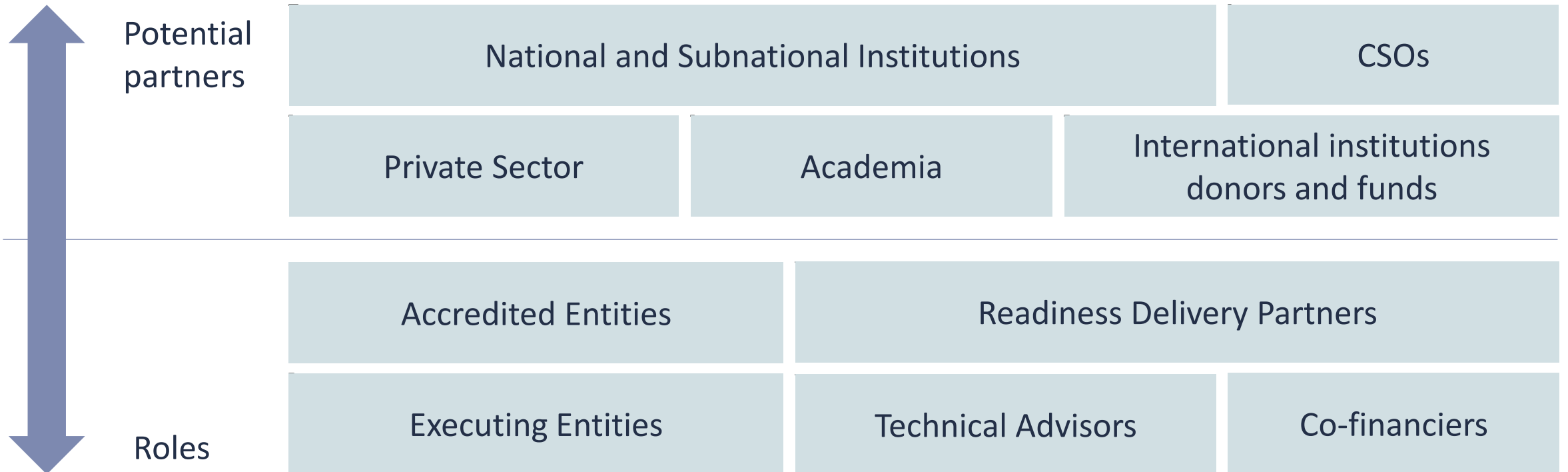
KEY STRATEGIC FUNCTIONS AND REQUIRED CAPACITIES



DIFFERENT TYPES OF PARTNERS AND ROLES



Are you aware about the GCF's and NDA's partners ?



TWO METHODS FOR ENSURING COUNTRY OWNERSHIP

STRATEGIC CONSULTATIONS, INCLUDING COORDINATION MECHANISMS

- Lead consultations with multiple stakeholders
- Ensure that inputs and interests are consistent with national priorities

DEVELOPMENT OF NO OBJECTION PROCEDURE

- Establish objective criteria that meet national priorities
- Ensure strong climate science base is clearly articulated
- Create buy-ins through inclusive consultations





- It is not a project approval
- IT IS A FIRST CHECK – OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE

THE NO-OBJECTION PROCEDURE (NOP)

A No-objection implies that the government has no objection to the proposed initiative, confirmed by the issuance of a **no-objection letter (NoL)**

A No-objection statement assumes that the proposed initiative:

- Meets **national priorities**, plans and strategies
- Conforms with **existing laws and regulations**, including those on Environmental and Social Safeguards, Gender Policy, and Indigenous People Policy
- Has met **other conditions** as prescribed by the NDA and other key country stakeholders

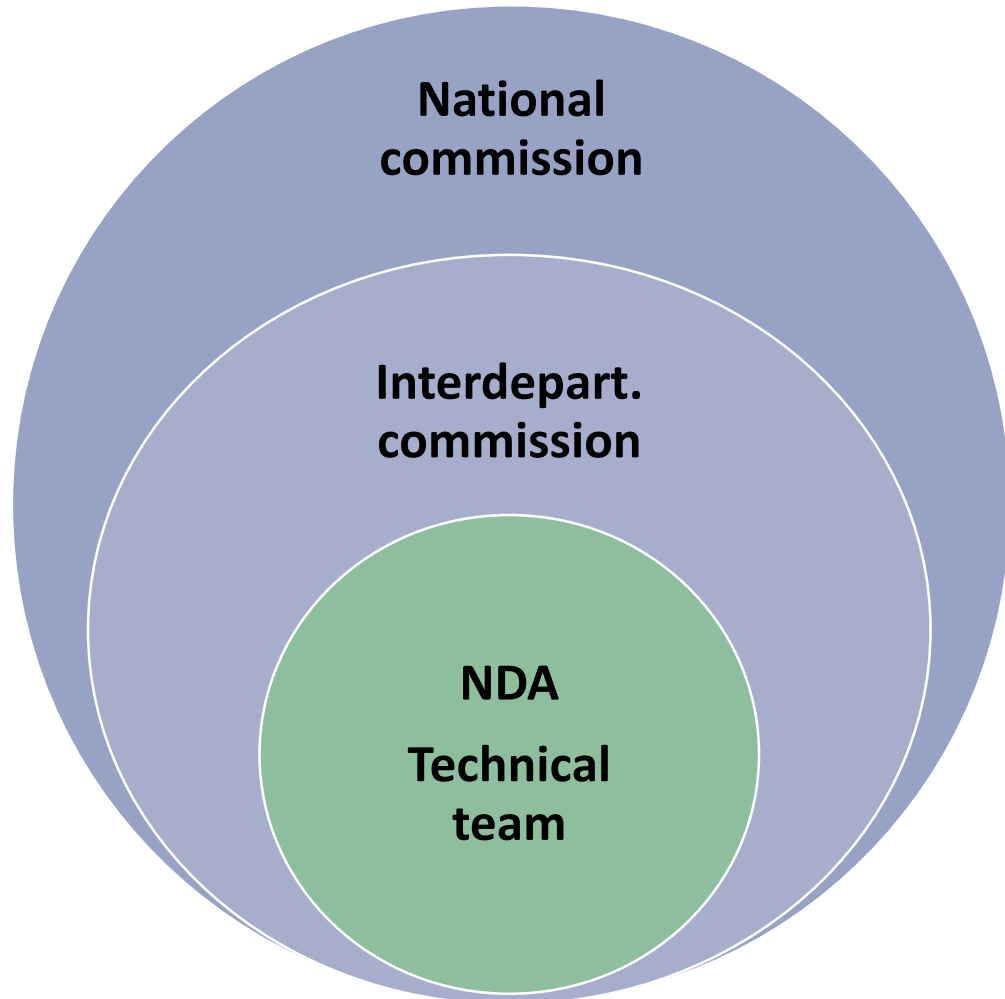
Each country can decide on its **own nationally appropriate process** for ascertaining no-objection to funding proposals according to the country's capacities and existing processes and institutions

CONNECTING THE DOTS

The NoP will be applied to:

- Nomination of potential accredited entities (direct access)
- No-objection of concept notes
- No-objection of funding proposals

Who will lead the process?



PERMANENT TECHNICAL TEAM AT THE NDA (being created)

- Climate expert
- Different environmental experts
- Environmental and social safeguards and gender expert
- Communication expert

PERMANENT PARTICIPANTS FOR THE NOP – representatives from:

- NIMOS
- Ministry of Finance

AD HOC / TEMPORARY MEMBERS: according to the thematic:

- Representatives from relevant ministries
- External consultants



NDA – **No objection procedure** (NoP)

Accreditation Application

Project Preparation Facility
Application

Concept Note

Funding Proposal



Initial NDA assessment by the technical team
and engagement with temporary experts

Technical review and recommendations by
the technical team (permanent/temporary)

NDA endorsement and signing of No-
objection letter / nomination letter

Communication of results at the
Multistakeholder Country Coordination
Mechanism for Climate and other channels

BASIC PROCESS

Step 0: Letter of request for no-objection/ nomination

Step 1: Initial NDA screening (2-3 weeks)

Step 2: Technical review (4 weeks)*

Step 3: NDA endorsement (2 weeks)

Step 4: Communication of results





NOMINATION OF DAE



Selecting accredited entities

Distinct GCF consideration for Accredited Entities

- Independent legal personality and legal capacity
- Evidence of institutional systems, policies and procedures and a track record applying them – part. basic and specialized fiduciary functions, E&S Standards and Gender Policy
- Capacity to pass GCF standards down to EEs and to monitor, report and verify that those are being upheld

Distinct national considerations for strategic selection of Accredited Entities

- Alignment of capacities with country priorities/ Country Programme, e.g.:
 - Balance of adaptation and mitigation
 - Sector focus
 - Diverse financing modalities
- Capacity:
 - Potential of the candidate to develop & implement multiple FPs
 - Need for readiness assistance
 - Development potential over time

GUIDING QUESTION	YES	NO	COMMENT
• Is there a clear and articulated vision of how the applicant intends to use GCF funds?			
• What value can the applicant add to meet GCF and national objectives?			
• Is there evidence and a demonstrated understanding of GCF accreditation standards and process?			
• Is there evidence of the applicant’s status as a legal entity?			
• Is there evidence of the applicant’s complementarity with other DAEs and confirmation there is no duplication or redundancy?			
• Does the applicant have a track record of undertaking and implementing fiduciary standards and EES, of developing innovative project proposals, and of project management skills (M&E/MRV procedures)?			
Does the applicant have a track record of zero tolerance for fraud, which is demonstrated by its top management?			
• Can the applicant demonstrate a working environment free from direct and indirect fraud and corruption, both on the part of its own staff and on the part of third parties?			
• Does the entity have the ability to resolve any allegations of fraud or misconduct in a transparent and complete manner, involving the required authorities as appropriate?			
• Are there no obvious reasons to deny nomination because of reputational issues?			
• Is there an obvious lack of alignment between the applicant’s mission and the GCF objectives?			
• Does the applicant have demonstrable experience of oversight and accountability during a project cycle?			
• Does the applicant have a track record of assessing and handling potential conflicts of interest?			

STEP 1 – INITIAL SCREENING CONCEPT NOTE

WHAT IS A CONCEPT NOTE?

- Concept notes (CNs) provide an opportunity to seek **initial feedback** from the GCF on whether the proposal is aligned with GCF objectives, mandates, policies and investment criteria.
- CN should be able to indicate the **environmental and social (E&S) risk** category that will then inform the type of E&S due diligence required in the development of the funding proposal.
- CN are optional but allow to prepare **better funding proposals** and **identify readiness needs**.

SECTION COMPLETENESS	IS THE SECTION COMPLETE?		
	Yes	No	Comment
Climate context and baseline			
Project description and components			
Project size, suggested financial instruments and other financial information			
Explanation on how the CN meets the GCF investment criteria			
Information on engagement with the NDA and relevant stakeholders			
Optional annexes (which one?): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map indicating the location of the project/programme _; • Diagram of the theory of change _; • Economic and financial model with key assumptions _; • Pre-feasibility study, if applicable _; • Evaluation report of previous project(s), if any _; • Results of E&S risk screening _. 			
Does the technical assessment require the participation of external/temporary experts? If yes, which ones?			

STEP 1 - NOP – FUNDING PROPOSAL



ELEMENT COMPLETENESS	IS THE SECTION COMPLETE?	
	Yes	No
Project description and basic information		
A feasibility study		
A project appraisal report (if applicable)		
A detailed budget		
Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS) / ESIA reports		
Gender assessments and project-/ programme-level action plans		
A draft term sheet		
An evaluation report of baseline projects (if applicable)		
Co-financing or commitment letter(s)		
A project implementation timetable; and		
An economic and/or financial analysis		
Does the technical assessment require the participation of external/temporary experts? If yes, which ones?		

STEP 2 – TECHNICAL REVIEW

SAMPLE OF GUIDING QUESTIONS

1. Is the proposal aligned with national climate change, sustainable development and sector strategies and policies?
2. Is the project aligned with national and sector priorities as described in Suriname's NDC and GCF Country Programme, etc.
3. Does the project comply with the relevant national and sector specific environmental and social safeguards and regulations?
4. Was the stakeholder engagement process inclusive and adequately addressed the feedback?
5. Are institutional capacities in place for the implementation of the project?
6. Does the project proposal list and address all potential risks? If yes, what would be additional risks or negative effects of the project?
7. Are the technical assessment and technological solution chosen for the project implementation sound and do not raise additional concerns?
8. What are additional concerns with regard to the project components?

Based on the structure of the FP template



GCF INVESTMENT CRITERIA	EXPLANATION	COMMENTS ALIGNMENT
Impact potential	Potential of the programme/project to contribute to the achievement of the Fund's objectives and result areas	
Paradigm shift potential	Degree to which the proposed activity can catalyse impact beyond a one-off project or programme investment	
Sustainable development potential	Wider benefits and priorities, including environmental, social, and economic co-benefits as well as gender-sensitive development impact	
Responsive to recipients needs	Vulnerability and financing needs of the beneficiary country and population in the targeted group	
Promote country ownership	Beneficiary country ownership of and capacity to implement a funded project or programme (policies, climate strategies and institutions)	
Efficiency & effectiveness	Economic and, if appropriate, financial soundness of the programme/project, and for mitigation-specific programmes/projects, cost-effectiveness and cofinancing	

STEP 3 – ENDORSEMENT

Application of GCF templates



Application of GCF templates
Commissions' meetings
Communication channels

STEP 4 – COMMUNICATION

DISCUSSION (QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS)

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