

Meeting of the Board 17 – 20 October 2018 Manama, Bahrain Provisional agenda item 2

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Annotations to the provisional agenda

Summary

This document presents the annotations to the provisional agenda of the twenty-first meeting of the Board, as presented in document GCF/B.21/01/Drf.03.



Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The twenty-first meeting of the Board (B.21) will be opened by the Co-Chairs on Wednesday, 17 October 2018 at 9 a.m.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

- 2. **Background:** The provisional agenda for B.21, as determined and confirmed by the Co-Chairs, was circulated to the Board and posted on the GCF website as document GCF/B.21/01/Drf.02 on 17 September 2018.
- 3. **Action:** In accordance with paragraph 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the Board, the Board is invited to adopt the provisional agenda as contained in document GCF/B.21/01/Drf.02 titled "Provisional agenda".

GCF/B.21/01/Drf.02 Provisional agenda

Agenda item 3: Adoption of the report of the twentieth meeting of the Board

- 4. **Background**: On 9 August 2018, document GCF/B.20/26 titled "Report of the twentieth meeting of the Board, 1 4 July 2018", was transmitted to the Board for a two-week review period.
- 5. No substantive comments were received during the review period. On 23 August 2018, document GCF/B.20/26 was sent to the Board with a view to it being adopted at B.21.
- 6. **Action**: The Board is invited to adopt the report of its twentieth meeting (B.20) as contained in document GCF/B.20/26.

GCF/B.20/26 Report of the twentieth meeting of the Board, 1 – 4 July 2018

Agenda item 4: Board decisions proposed between the twentieth and twenty-first meetings of the Board

- 7. **Background**: Document GCF/B.21/Inf.17 titled "Decisions taken between the twentieth and twenty-first meetings of the Board" informs on the decisions proposed between B.20 and B.21 as at the date of transmission.
- 8. **Action**: The Board is invited to take note of the information provided in document GCF/B.21/Inf.17 and to consider further action on decisions objected to.

GCF/B.21/Inf.17 Decisions taken between the twentieth and twenty-first meetings of the Board

Agenda item 5: Report on the activities of the Secretariat



- 9. **Background**: Document GCF/B.21/21 titled "Report on the activities of the Secretariat" provides an update on the progress made with regard to the activities of the Secretariat, covering the period from 1 May to 31 August 2018.
- A limited distribution addendum titled "Status of accreditation master agreements and funded activity agreements" (GCF/B.21/21/Add.01) was also transmitted to the Board for consideration.
- Action: The Board is invited to take note of the information provided in document GCF/B.21/21, and to consider the decision in annex I of document GCF/B.21/21/Add.01.

GCF/B.21/21	Report on the activities of the Secretariat
GCF/B.21/21/Add.01 (limited distribution)	Status of accreditation master agreements and funded activity agreements

Agenda item 6: Reports from Board committees, panels and groups

- Background: Document GCF/B.21/Inf.10 titled "Reports from committees, panels and groups of the Board of the Green Climate Fund" contains the reports on the activities of the following committees and panels of the Board, covering the reporting period from May to September 2018:
- (a) Accreditation Committee;
- (b) Accreditation Panel;
- (c) Ethics and Audit Committee;
- (d) Independent Technical Advisory Panel;
- (e) Investment Committee;
- (f) Private Sector Advisory Group; and
- (g) Risk Management Committee.
- Addendum I to this document (document GCF/B.21/Inf.10/Add.01) was transmitted later and contains reports of the following committees and panels of the Board:
- (a) Budget Committee; and
- (b) Ad hoc Trustee Selection Committee.
- Action: The Board is invited to take note of the information provided in documents GCF/B.21/Inf.10 and GCF/B.21/Inf.10/Add.01.

GCF/B.21/Inf.10	Reports from committees, panels and groups of the Board of the Green Climate Fund
GCF/B.21/Inf.10/Add.01	Reports from committees, panels and groups of the Board of the Green Climate Fund – Addendum I

Agenda item 7: Reports from the independent units

Background: Reports of the independent units are presented to the Board for their consideration in the following documents:



- (a) Document GCF/B.21/Inf.06 titled "Report on the activities of the Independent Redress Mechanism"; and
- (b) Document GCF/B.21/Inf.09 titled "2018 Annual Report of the Independent Evaluation Unit".
- Action: The Board is invited to take note of the information provided in documents GCF/B.21/Inf.06 and GCF/B.21/Inf.09.

GCF/B.21/Inf.06	Report on the activities of the Independent Redress Mechanism
GCF/B.21/Inf.09	2018 Annual Report of the Independent Evaluation Unit

Agenda item 8: Report on the activities of the Co-Chairs

(a) Co-Chairs' report, including the implementation of the workplan for 2018

- Background: The Board by decision B.18/01, paragraph (a) approved the workplan of the Board for 2018. By decision B.18/01, paragraph (b), the Board requested the Co-Chairs to update the workplan following each meeting of the Board. Document GCF/B.21/Inf.14 titled "Report on the activities of the Co-Chairs" responds to this request by the Board.
- 18. **Action**: The Board is invited to take note of the information provided in document GCF/B.21/Inf.14.

GCF/B.21/Inf.14	Report on the activities of the Co-Chairs
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(b) Outcome of Co-Chairs consultations: guidelines on decisions without a Board meeting

- Background: This document proposes for the Board's consideration (i) guidelines to determine in which cases decisions without a Board meeting may be requested, (ii) guidance with respect to the implementation of paragraph 43 of the Rules of Procedure, and (iii) a proposal to increase transparency of decisions proposed for approval between meetings.
- Action: The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision in annex I of document GCF/B.21/23.

GCF/B.21/23	Guidelines on decisions without a Board meeting, including on
	funding proposals: Co-Chairs' Proposal

(c) Outcome of Co-Chairs consultations: decision-making in the absence of consensus

- Background: This document provides information on the steps taken by the Board and the Co-Chairs to develop procedures for decision-making in the absence of consensus, and presents the Co-Chairs' proposal for a voting mechanism in the absence of consensus for the Board's consideration.
- Action: The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision in annex I of document GCF/B.21/12.



GCF/B.21/12 Decision-making in the absence of consensus: Co-Chairs' proposal
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Agenda item 9: Workplan of the Board for 2019

- Background: By decision B.18/01, the Board approved the workplan of the Board for 2018 and requested the Co-Chairs to update the workplan following each meeting of the Board. Document GCF/B.21/16 titled "Workplan of the Board for 2019" presents the workplan of the Board for 2019, as updated following B.20.
- Action: The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.21/16.

GCF/B.21/16 Workplan of the Board for 2019

Agenda item 10: Selection of the Executive Director of the independent Secretariat

- Three decisions proposed between meetings relating to the selection of the Executive Director of the Secretariat are to be considered at B.21. These proposed decisions are:
- (a) The draft decision in document GCF/BM-2018/18 titled "Appointment of the Executive Director ad interim":
- (b) The draft decision in document GCF/BM-2018/21 titled "Selection process for the appointment of the Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund Secretariat"; and
- (c) The draft decision in document GCF/BM-2018/24 titled "Establishment of the ad hoc Committee to commence the selection process for the appointment of the Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund Secretariat".
- 26. The Board will be invited to consider these matters.

Agenda item 11: Matters related to the selection of the Permanent Trustee

- Document GCF/B.21/Inf.10/Add.01 includes the report on the activities of the ad hoc Trustee Selection Committee. The ad hoc Trustee Selection Committee agreed to the following recommendation to the Board: taking account of its interest to continue as the Trustee, the ad hoc Trustee Selection Committee recommends the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) (i.e. the World Bank) as the final nominee to the Board for its approval, and for the Secretariat to negotiate a contract in accordance with the approved TOR and the direct contracting method of procurement as set out under the procurement guidelines.
- The ad hoc Trustee Selection Committee requests the Board to consider the abovementioned recommendation, and to provide guidance and its decision.
- With this recommendation, the ad hoc Trustee Selection Committee has fulfilled its TOR to "report and recommend the final nominee to the Board for its decision". Therefore, in accordance with the TOR, the ad hoc Trustee Selection Committee considers this recommendation to be the conclusion of the selection process and seeks guidance from the Board on whether the ad hoc Trustee Selection Committee may be terminated.



Agenda item 12: Review of the effectiveness of the committees, panels and group established by the Board: status update

- Background: This document provides an update on the status of the review of the effectiveness, including the continued necessity, of the committees, panels and group established by the Board in accordance with decision B.20/04.
- Action: The Board is invited to take note of document GCF/B.21/Inf.15.

GCF/B.21/Inf		eview of the effectiveness of the committees, panels and group
	e	stablished by the Board: status update

Agenda item 13: Secretariat matters

(a) Report on the execution of the administrative budget for 2018

- Background: This document presents an update of actual expenditures for the seven months to 31 July 2018 against the approved administrative budget. It is based on actual expenditures relating to activities of the Board, the independent accountability units and the Secretariat for the period of 1 January to 31 July 2018 and estimated expenditures for the Interim Trustee.
- Action: The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.21/14.

GCF/B.21/14	Report on the execution of the 2018 administrative budget of GCF as at 31 July 2018
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(b) Work programme and administrative budget for 2019

- Background: This document presents the work programme and proposed administrative budget for the Secretariat, the GCF Board and the Interim Trustee for 2019. It includes a draft decision for consideration by the Board on page 10, a provisional results framework designed to support the Secretariat and the Board in assessing GCF progress on key work programme targets in appendix I, and a consolidated overview of the budget that includes the budgets of the independent units in appendix II.
- Action: The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.21/19.

GCF/B.21/19	Work programme of the Secretariat for 2019 and administrative budget	
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(c) Revised legal framework on human resources management - Code of Conduct

Background: At its eighth meeting, the Board created the current legal framework on human resources management through the adoption of the "Administrative Guidelines on Human Resources" (the HR Guidelines) for the GCF.



- The Code of Conduct is part of the current HR Guidelines and the legal framework; however, in order to meet the evolving requirements of the GCF, it has now been revised to clarify obligations and expectations on conduct.
- This document sets out the revised Code of Conduct for adoption by the Board.
- Action: The Board is invited to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to the limited distribution document GCF/B.21/07.

GCF/B.21/07	Revised Legal Framework on Human Resources Management
(limited distribution)	– Code of Conduct

Agenda item 14: Work programmes and budgets of the independent units for 2019

- Background: Document GCF/B.21/09 titled "Independent Redress Mechanism Work Plan and Budget for 2019" presents the 2019 workplan and budget of the Independent Redress Mechanism (IRM) of the GCF. The Board has mandated the IRM to complete several tasks in 2019. This workplan seeks to give effect to the Board decisions concerning the IRM. The work plan has two components:
- (a) Operate the IRM; and
- (b) Process complaints and requests for reconsideration of funding decisions.
- Document GCF/B.21/13 titled "2019 Work Plan and Budget and Update of its Three-year Rolling Work Plan of the Independent Evaluation Unit" summarizes the key elements of the workplan and budget of the Independent Evaluation Unit (IEU) for 2019. It contains two elements that were promised at its nineteenth meeting (B.19): (1) key elements and budget of the annual (2019) IEU workplan and budget; and (2) an update of the rolling three-year workplan of the IEU.
- Document GCF/B.21/22 titled "Workplan and Budget of the Independent Integrity Unit for 2019" contains a draft workplan and budget for the Independent Integrity Unit for Budget Year 2019. This workplan reviews the activities of the Independent Integrity Unit (IIU) in 2018 and, building on the achievements of previous years, sets out new targets for 2019 as part of a three-year development plan for the establishment of an efficient and effective IIU.
- Action: The Board is invited to adopt the draft decisions contained in annex I to documents GCF/B.21/09, GCF/B.21/13 and GCF/B.21/22, respectively.

GCF/B.21/09	Independent Redress Mechanism Work Plan and Budget for 2019
GCF/B.21/13	2019 Work Plan and Budget and Update of its Three-year Rolling Work Plan of the Independent Evaluation Unit
GCF/B.21/22	Workplan and Budget of the Independent Integrity Unit for 2019

Agenda item 15: Status of GCF resources and portfolio performance

(a) Status of the initial resource mobilization process



- Background: This document provides an update for the Board on the initial resource mobilization process, including the status of signing contribution agreements/arrangements; the current commitment authority highlighting the current cash and promissory notes available; and the forecast of available resources for commitment and disbursement. The financial report of the GCF Trust Fund is also provided in this document. The report, which encompasses financial information as at 30 June 2018, was prepared by the World Bank in its capacity as the Interim Trustee of the GCF.
- 45. **Action**: The Board is invited to take note of document GCF/B.21/Inf.05.

GCF/B.21/Inf.05	Status of the initial resource mobilization process	
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(b) Status of the GCF pipeline, including the status of Project Preparation Facility requests

- Background: This document provides an update of the GCF pipeline of projects and programmes, including the status of Project Preparation Facility applications, for the reporting period of 1 May to 31 August 2018.
- Two limited distribution addenda were also transmitted to the Board.
- 48. **Action**: The Board is invited to take note of document GCF/B.21/Inf.11/Rev.01 and its addenda.

GCF/B.21/Inf.11/Rev.01	Status of the GCF pipeline, including the status of Project Preparation Facility requests
GCF/B.21/Inf.11/Add.01 (limited distribution)	List of funding proposals and project preparation facility requests
GCF/B.21/Inf.11/Add.02 (limited distribution)	List of concept notes

(c) Annual portfolio performance report

- 49. **Background:** The annual portfolio performance report presents a review and analysis of the GCF-funded activities under implementation as well as the performance of Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme activities as at 31 December 2017.
- Action: The Board is invited to take note of document GCF/B.21/Inf.12.

GCF/B.21/Inf.12	Annual portfolio performance report (2017)	
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(d) Status of the GCF portfolio: approved projects and the fulfillment of conditions

- Background: This document provides an update on approved projects in the GCF portfolio and fulfilment of conditions for the reporting period from 1 May to 31 August 2018.
- Action: The Board is invited to take note of document GCF/B.21/Inf.07.

GCF/B.21/Inf.07	Status of the GCF portfolio: approved projects and fulfilment of conditions
	of conditions



(e) Analysis of options for the financial planning of the commitment authority of GCF for the remainder of the initial resource mobilization period and in 2019

- Background: This document presents an analysis of options for financial management of the commitment authority of GCF for the remainder of the initial resource mobilization period, 2019 and 2020. It incorporates a forward-looking analysis of the implications of the options for pipeline management to guide the GCF replenishment process. It also includes information on the Secretariat's experience in applying decision B.20/07 in managing the pipeline for B.21. A draft decision is presented for the Board's consideration in annex I, and a detailed analysis of options is presented in annex II.
- Action: The Board is invited to adopt the decision in annex I to document GCF/B.21/33/Rev.01.

GCF/B.21/33/Rev.01	Analysis of options for the financial planning of the commitment authority of the Green Climate Fund for the remainder of the initial resource mobilization period, 2019, and 2020
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Agenda item 16: Consideration of funding proposals

- Background: Document GCF/B.21/10/Rev.01 titled "Consideration of funding proposals" presents the funding proposals presented to the Board for consideration at B.21. It also presents an overview of the projected GCF portfolio and a brief guide to the funding proposal packages contained in the addenda.
- Action: The Board is invited to take note of the information provided and to adopt the draft decision contained in annex I to document GCF/B.21/10/Rev.01.

GCF/B.21/10/Rev.01	Consideration of funding proposals
GCF/B.21/10/Add.01	Funding proposal package for FP082
GCF/B.21/10/Add.02/Rev.01	Funding proposal package for FP083
GCF/B.21/10/Add.03	Funding proposal package for FP084
GCF/B.21/10/Add.04	Funding proposal package for FP085
GCF/B.21/10/Add.05	Funding proposal package for FP086
GCF/B.21/10/Add.06	Funding proposal package for FP087
GCF/B.21/10/Add.07/Rev.01	Funding proposal package for FP088
GCF/B.21/10/Add.08	Funding proposal package for FP089
GCF/B.21/10/Add.09	Funding proposal package for FP090
GCF/B.21/10/Add.10	Funding proposal package for FP091
GCF/B.21/10/Add.11	Funding proposal package for FP092
GCF/B.21/10/Add.12	Funding proposal package for FP093
GCF/B.21/10/Add.13	Funding proposal package for FP094



GCF/B.21/10/Add.14 (confidential distribution)	Addendum to the funding proposal of FP082
GCF/B.21/10/Add.15 (confidential distribution)	Addendum to the funding proposal of FP086
GCF/B.21/10/Add.16 (confidential distribution)	FP package for FP093, including the full funding proposal, the full independent TAP assessment, the full response of the AE to the independent TAP assessment, and the Secretariat's assessment
GCF/B.21/10/Add.17	Funding proposal package for FP095
GCF/B.21/10/Add.18	Funding proposal package for FP096
GCF/B.21/10/Add.19	Funding proposal package for FP097
GCF/B.21/10/Add.20	Funding proposal package for FP098
GCF/B.21/10/Add.21/Rev.01	Funding proposal package for FP099
GCF/B.21/10/Add.22 (confidential distribution)	FP packages for FP095, including the full funding proposals, terms sheets and the Secretariat's assessments
GCF/B.21/10/Add.23 (confidential distribution)	FP packages for FP096, including the full funding proposals, terms sheets and the Secretariat's assessments
GCF/B.21/10/Add.24 (confidential distribution)	FP packages for FP097, including the full funding proposals, terms sheets and the Secretariat's assessments
GCF/B.21/10/Add.25 (confidential distribution)	FP packages for FP098, including the full funding proposals, terms sheets and the Secretariat's assessments
GCF/B.21/10/Add.26/Rev.01 (confidential distribution)	FP packages for FP099, including the full funding proposals, terms sheets and the Secretariat's assessments
GCF/B.21/10/Add.27/Rev.01	Secretariat's assessments (FP082 – 092 and 094)
GCF/B.21/10/Add.28/Rev.01	Independent Technical Advisory Panel's assessment (FP082 – 099)
GCF/B.21/10/Add.29/Rev.01 (limited distribution)	List of proposed conditions and recommendations (FP082 – 099)
GCF/B.21/10/Add.30/Rev.01 (limited distribution)	Term sheets (FP082 – 094)
GCF/B.21/10/Add.31/Rev.01	Response of the AE to the Independent Technical Advisory Panel's assessments
GCF/B.21/10/Add.32/Rev.01	Gender assessments and action plans
GCF/B.21/10/Add.33	Funding proposal package for SAP002
GCF/B.21/10/Add.34 (limited distribution)	List of proposed conditions and recommendations, and terms sheet for SAP002
GCF/B.21/10/Add.35	Funding proposal package for SAP003
GCF/B.21/10/Add.36 (limited distribution)	List of proposed conditions and recommendations, and term sheet for SAP003
GCF/B.21/10/Add.37	Funding proposal package for SAP004



GCF/B.21/10/Add.38 (limited distribution)	Full funding proposal, Secretariat's assessment, the list of proposed conditions and recommendations, and the term sheet
	for SAP004

Agenda item 17: Consideration of accreditation proposals

- Background: This document presents an overview of accreditation progress up to 31 August 2018, including that associated with the accreditation process; an overview of the pipeline of applicant entities with information on support to direct access entities; and an overview of the portfolio of accredited entities, including the status of accredited entities addressing accreditation conditions. The document also presents accreditation proposals for consideration by the Board.
- Three limited distribution addenda were also transmitted to the Board.
- 59. **Action**: The Board is invited to adopt the decision in annex I to document GCF/B.21/17.

GCF/B.21/17	Consideration of accreditation proposals
GCF/B.21/17/Add.01 (limited distribution)	Consideration of accreditation proposals – Addendum I
GCF/B.21/17/Add.02 (limited distribution)	Consideration of accreditation proposals – Addendum II: Template for questions and answers on recommended entities
GCF/B.21/17/Add.03 (limited distribution)	Consideration of accreditation proposals – Addendum III: Board questions on recommended entities

Agenda item 18: Performance review of the GCF for the initial resource mobilization period

- Background: This document presents the draft decision for a performance review of the GCF during its initial resource mobilization period. An initial synthesized draft laying out recommendations will be presented to the Board on 28 March 2019. The final review will be presented to the Board on 30 June 2019.
- 61. **Action**: The Board is invited to adopt the decision in annex I to document GCF/B.21/27.

GCF/B.21/27 Performance review of the Green Climate Fund
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Agenda item 19: Arrangements for the first formal replenishment of the GCF

Background: GCF adopted an ad hoc resource mobilization process at its inception, with the Board deciding to transition subsequently to a formal replenishment process. This document presents for Board consideration a proposed process for the first formal replenishment of GCF, including an indicative timeline, structure and format, matters relating to governance and participation, inputs and strategic direction-setting, and financial components, among others. It includes in annex I a draft decision of the Board; in annex II a proposed process for the first formal replenishment; in annex III an indicative timeline; in annex IV a comparison



with replenishment processes of other funds; and in annex V a budget proposal for conducting arrangements for the first formal replenishment.

Action: The Board is invited to adopt the decision in annex I to document GCF/B.21/30/Rev.01.

GCF/B.21/30/Rev.01	Arrangements for the first formal replenishment of the Green Climate Fund
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Agenda item 20: Updated gender policy and action plan

- Background: This document presents an update of the Gender Policy and Action Plan originally adopted in decision B.09/11. This update follows the request made by the Board in decision B.12/16 for the Secretariat to prepare a review and update of the Gender Policy and Action Plan and was made based on the terms of reference approved by the Board in decision B.BM-2016/12. The terms of reference required the review to focus on the implementation and integration of the Gender Policy and Action Plan in the full range of GCF functions and activities in terms of accountability, learning and engendering climate change.
- 65. **Action**: The Board is invited to adopt the decision in annex I to document GCF/B.21/02.

GCF/B.21/02 Updated Gender Policy and Action Plan 2018 – 2020	
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Agenda item 21: Risk management framework: compliance risk policy

- Background: Through decision B.17/11, the Board adopted the first set of components of the updated risk management framework and requested the Secretariat to "continue the development of the risk management framework and its remaining components". At B.19, the Board, through decision B.19/04, adopted the second set of components of the risk management framework, which comprised three risk policies covering investment, nonfinancial and funding risks.
- To uphold and commit to achieving the highest standards of integrity, ethics and transparency in the conduct and governance of all its activities, and to minimize reputational risks that GCF may encounter, a compliance risk policy is essential in providing a framework to deal with such risks. This document presents the Risk Management Committee proposal on the compliance risk policy, which forms an important part of the risk management framework.
- 68. **Action**: The Board is invited to adopt the decision in annex I to document GCF/B.21/15.

GCF/B.21/15	Risk management framework: compliance risk policy –
	Proposal by the Risk Mangement Committee

Agenda item 22: Accreditation framework review

- Background: In line with decisions B.18/04, paragraphs (a) and (b), and B.19/13, this document presents the full review of the accreditation framework and proposes a project-specific assessment approach as a complementary modality to accreditation in order to accelerate proposals submitted under the Simplified Approval Process Pilot Scheme and requests for proposal approved by the Board.
- 70. **Action**: The Board is invited to adopt the decision in annex I to document GCF/B.21/08.



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Accreditation framework review

Agenda item 23: Baseline on the overall portfolio of accredited entities

- Background: In paragraph 35 of the GCF monitoring and accountability framework, adopted in decision B.11/10, to advance the goal of the GCF to promote the paradigm shift towards low-emission and climate-resilient development pathways in the context of sustainable development, the re-accreditation decision by the Board will take into account the Secretariat and Accreditation Panel's assessment of the extent to which the accredited entity's overall portfolio of activities beyond those funded by the GCF has evolved in this direction during the accreditation period.
- In accordance with decision B.12/30, paragraph (d), in which the Board requested the Accreditation Panel to establish a baseline on the overall portfolio of accredited entities, this document presents information on the Accreditation Panel's work towards establishing such a baseline.
- 73. **Action**: The Board is invited to take note of document GCF/B.21/Inf.13.

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Baseline on the overall portfolio of accredited entities

Agenda item 24: Whistle-blower and witness protection policy

- Background: The Board, by decision B.18/01, paragraph (a), adopted the workplan of the Board for 2018, which included the Board's plan to adopt "fiduciary compliance and integrity policies/policies relating to Prohibited Practices, anti-money laundering, and countering the financing of terrorism". This policy on the protection of whistleblowers and witnesses is presented by the IIU in accordance with its terms of reference for consideration by the Board at B.21.
- 75. **Action**: The Board is invited to adopt the decision in annex I to document GCF/B.21/25.

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Policy on the Protection of Whisteblowers and Witnesses

Agenda item 25: Prohibited practices policy

- Background: This document proposes a GCF policy on prohibited practices in accordance with decisions B.12/31, paragraph (i); B.14/01, paragraph (e); and B.15/13.
- The terms of reference of the IIU and decision B.15/20 require the IIU to develop policies and procedures that define and prescribe integrity violations for GCF operations.
- The purpose of this policy is to establish the specific conduct and activities that are prohibited by GCF; the obligations of covered individuals and counterparties to uphold the highest standards of integrity and to avoid prohibited practices; and the actions that the GCF may take when prohibited practices occur in GCF-related activities.
- 79. **Action**: The Board is invited to adopt the decision in annex I to document GCF/B.21/26.

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Policy on Prohibited Practices



Agenda item 26: Policy matters related to the approval of funding proposals

(a) Integrated approach to addressing policy gaps

- Background: This document provides an overview of the policy papers to be presented to the Board at B.21 and subsequent meetings, considers their interlinkages, and explains how they are related to the integrated policy approach of GCF. It also proposes a schedule for the elaboration of policies and tools to address policy gaps identified in the approval of funding proposals in order to ensure climate impact.
- Action: The Board is invited to take note of document GCF/B.21/Inf.01.

GCF/B.21/Inf.01	An integrated approach to addressing policy gaps to ensure climate impact: an overview of policies related to the consideration of funding proposals

(i) Incremental and full cost calculation methodology

- Background: This document identifies potential methodologies and measures for GCF to apply the principles of incremental and full cost to its project approval processes. The document examines the concept of incremental and full cost and its applications to climate change projects. It describes some key issues that GCF will need to consider in developing an approach to incremental and full cost. Finally, it recommends an approach to applying incremental and full cost methodologies.
- 83. **Action**: The Board is invited to adopt the decision in annex I to document GCF/B.21/03.

GCF/B.21/03 Incremental and full cost calculation methodology

(ii) Co-financing matters

- **Background:** This document outlines a proposal for a GCF approach to co-financing in its activities. The document presents a brief overview of the historical/political setting as well as an outline of existing methodologies more widely used in the area of climate finance reporting.
- The document introduces key definitions, including a differentiation between direct and indirect co-finance, mobilized finance, and sequenced financing, in order to account for more granularity in reporting and for attribution purposes. This policy takes into consideration principles and guidelines based on best international practice. Key principles are also introduced to provide guidance internally and externally on the applications of GCF policies and guidelines.
- Action: The Board is invited to adopt the decision in annex I to document GCF/B.21/29/Rev.01.

GCF/B.21/29/Rev.01 Co-financing matters

(iii) Options for further guidance on concessionality



- Background: This document presents the key principles around the concept of concessionality, and provides guidelines aimed at aiding the implementation of concessionality principles in GCF operations. The paper also provides a portfolio analysis with quantitative information on grant equivalency as well as interest rates applied.
- 88. **Action**: The Board is invited to adopt the decision in annex I to document GCF/B.21/24.

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Options for further guidance on concessionality

(b) Policy on restructuring and cancellation

- 89. **Background:** The document outlines a policy on cancellation and restructuring of approved GCF projects. It builds on a review of the practices of other institutions and the relevant accreditation master agreement text and other relevant policies and procedures of GCF.
- 90. **Action**: The Board is invited to adopt the decision in annex I to document GCF/B.21/32.

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Policy on restructuring and cancellation

(c) Revision of the structure and operations of the independent Techincal Advisory Panel

- Background: This document presents various options to revise the structure of the independent Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) to respond to new modalities for funding proposal assessment adopted by the Board after the terms of reference for the independent Technical Advisory Panel were established and to fluctuations in the pipeline of funding proposals, both in terms of volume and thematic expertise areas.
- Additionally, it is recommended that the Board re-appoint, as an exception to paragraph 12 of annex I to decision B.BM-2018/09, three members of the independent Technical Advisory Panel for a two-year term starting on the date of the expiration of their current term.
- 93. **Action**: The Board is invited to adopt the decision in annex I to document GCF/B.21/04.

GCF/B.21/04	Revision of the structure and operations of the independent
	Technical Advisory Panel

(d) Two-stage proposal approval process

- Background: This document outlines three options for a policy for a two-stage approval process for GCF funding proposals. The policy aims at strengthening the design, screening and appraisal process for concept notes (defined as the initial or first stage), with a view to inform and support the second stage defined as the appraisal and approval of funding proposals. At the same time the policy intends to enhance the strategic role of the Board in guiding the Secretariat through the first stage while strengthening the operational functions of the divisions at the Secretariat.
- 95. **Action**: The Board is invited to adopt the decision in annex I to document GCF/B.21/11.

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Two-stage proposal approval process

(e) Programmatic policy approach



- **Background:** This document provides guidance on the GCF programmatic approach to funding proposals, including the definition and principles of a programme, the requirements for preparing a programmatic funding proposal and its sub-projects, and process-related aspects for submission review and approval of appropriate programmatic proposals.
- 97. **Action**: The Board is invited to adopt the decision in annex I to document GCF/B.21/31.

GCF/B.21/31 Programmatic policy approach

(f) Investment criteria indicators

- Background: This document outlines the proposal by the Secretariat on the investment criteria indicators. It builds on a two-phase process led by the Investment Committee to produce indicative minimum benchmarks with support from the Secretariat and an external consultancy firm. The document has been updated in the light of the discussions during B.19 on document GCF/B.19/04/Rev.01 titled "Indicative Minimum Benchmarks" and the written comments submitted to the Secretariat following the Board meeting. The document also discusses the application of the indicators to the GCF portfolio.
- 99. **Action**: The Board is invited to adopt the decision in annex I to document GCF/B.21/18.

GCF/B.21/18 Investment criteria indicators

(g) Review of the financial terms and conditions of the GCF financial instruments

Background: This document provides a report on the review of the financial terms and conditions of the GCF financial instruments in accordance with decision B.09/04, in which the Board decided to review the financial terms and conditions of the GCF financial instruments on an annual basis, and decision B.15/05, wherein the Board adopted the terms of reference for the review. The review was led by the Investment Committee with the support of the Secretariat and an external consultancy firm.

101. **Action**: The Board is invited to adopt the decision in annex I to document GCF/B.21/05.

GCF/B.21/05	Review of the financial terms and conditions of the Green Climate Fund financial instruments
GCF/B.21/05/Add.01	Review of the financial terms and conditions of the Green Climate Fund financial instruments – Addendum: Review of the financial terms and conditions of the Green Climate Fund financial instruments

(i) Results management framework: Independent Evaluation Unit recommendations to improve the Results Management Framework

- Background: This report presents the findings and recommendations of an independent review of the results management framework of GCF. This follows decision B.19/21, in which the Board approved the 2018 workplan of the IEU. This document includes a review of the use and implementation of the GCF results management framework and performance measurement framework and provides recommendations.
- Action: The Board is invited to adopt the decision in annex I to document GCF/B.21/20.



Agenda item 27: Policy matters for information

(a) Mapping of elements related to project or programme eligibility and selection criteria

Background: This document identifies all the elements related to project or programme eligibility and selection criteria that have been included in: guidance from the Conference of the Parties; the Governing Instrument for the GCF; previous Board decisions; conditions imposed by the Board on funding proposals; and a review of the approach taken by other institutions on eligibility.

Action: The Board is invited to take note of document GCF/B.21/Inf.02.

GCF/B.21/Inf.02	Mapping of elements related to project or programme	
	eligibility and selection criteria	

(b) Steps to enhance the climate rationale of GCF-supported activities

Background: This document outlines the approach that the Secretariat is undertaking to strengthen climate rationale and thereby enhance the quality of GCF projects and programmes. It discusses approaches used by comparable funds and proposes activities to further support national designated authorities and accredited entities in ensuring their projects and programmes have a strong climate rationale.

Action: The Board is invited to take note of document GCF/B.21/Inf.08.

GCF/B.21/Inf.08	Steps to enhance the climate rationale of GCF-supported
	activities

(c) Approach and scope for providing support to adaptation activities

Background: This document outlines the status of the review of the support GCF has provided in adaptation activities and puts forward a set of guiding approaches and next steps to enhance quality project/programme development. The findings call for GCF to focus in particular on (a) strategic engagement with accredited entities to improve climate rationale in adaptation projects and programmes submitted to GCF; (b) in-depth guidance and improvement in review criteria of project preparation, national adaptation plans and other readiness support to enhance climate rationale in project pipelines; (c) incremental and full cost calculation development; (d) further development of adaptation performance measurement frameworks; and (e) opportunities to increase private sector engagement in adaptation to complement the recommendations of the Private Sector Advisory Group on private sector engagement in adaptation.

Action: The Board is invited to take note of document GCF/B.21/Inf.03 and its addendum.



GCF/B.21/Inf.03	Approach and scope for providing support to adaptation activities
GCF/B.21/Inf.03/Add.01	Approach and scope for providing support to adaptation activities – Addendum I: The GCF's approach to adaptation: analysis and implications for the Fund

(c) Identification of results areas where targeted GCF investment would have the most impact

Background: This document identifies areas where targeted GCF investment would have greater impact. It analyses the GCF portfolio through the eight GCF results areas and compares it with analyses of country programme briefs. A review of the quality of climate information and data used in the approved funding proposals is presented. In addition, the removal of barriers is identified as key to achieving the most impact, including by mobilizing investment in insurance and reinsurance in both the public and private sectors. The document also includes several follow-up actions to be pursued by the Secretariat in areas where targeted GCF investment would have the most impact.

Action: The Board is invited to take note of document GCF/B.21/Inf.04.

GCF/B.21/Inf.04	Identification of results areas where targeted GCF investment
	would have the most impact

Agenda item 28: Country programming and readiness: report of the independent evaluation of the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme

- Background: This report presents the findings and recommendations of the independent evaluation of the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme of the GCF. This follows decision B.17/07 in which the Board invited the IEU to undertake an independent evaluation of the Readiness Programme as per the terms of feference of the evaluation (decision B.19/43).
- Addendum I presents the Secretariat management's response to the report of the independent evaluation of the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme.
- Action: The Board is invited to adopt the decision in annex I to document GCF/B.21/28.

GCF/B.21/28	Report of the independent evaluation of the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme
GCF/B.21/28/Add.01	Report of the independent evaluation of the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme – Addendum I: Secretariat management response

Agenda item 29: Dates and venues of the meetings of the Board in 2019

Background: This document has been prepared to assist the Board in deciding the dates and venues of the meetings of the Board in 2019.



Action: The Board is invited to take note of document GCF/B.21/06.

GCF/B.21/06

Dates and venues of the meetings of the Board in 2019

Agenda item 30: Status of the selection of Board members for the term 2019-2021

- Background: This document reports on the status of the selection of Board members for the third term of Board membership to GCF in accordance with paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the Governing Instrument on the composition of the Board, the selection of Board members and the initial term of membership as well as paragraphs 3, 4 and 6 of the Rules of Procedure.
- Action: The Board is invited to take note of document GCF/B.21/Inf.16.

GCF/B.21/Inf.16	Status of selection of Board members for the third term of
	Board membership

Agenda item 31: Election of Co-Chairs for 2019

Agenda item 32: Other matters

Any other matters that the Board may wish to consider as indicated at the adoption of the agenda for B.21 will be taken up under this agenda item.

Agenda item 33: Report of the meeting

A draft compilation of decisions adopted at B.21 will be transmitted to the Board on conclusion of the meeting.

Agenda item 34: Close of the meeting

B.21 is expecting to close on Saturday, 20 October 2018.
