

Annex XII: Initial no-objection procedure

I. Purpose

1. The purpose of the no-objection procedure is to ensure consistency with national climate strategies and plans and country-driven approaches, and to provide for effective direct and indirect public and private sector financing by the Fund. A no-objection is a condition for approval of all funding proposals submitted to the Fund.
2. The no-objection should be provided to the Secretariat in conjunction with any submission of a funding proposal seeking Fund funding.
3. In the case of applications for accreditation by sub-national, national and regional implementing entities and intermediaries, the national designated authority (NDA) or focal point will facilitate the communication of applications of implementing entities and intermediaries for accreditation to the Fund.

II. Communication of no-objection to funding proposals

4. Before communicating its no-objection, each country will 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.
5. To enhance transparency and consistency with paragraph 46 of the Governing Instrument, each proposal by an intermediary or implementing entity will provide a full description of how the country ownership was conducted and, if not satisfactory, the Board may reject it.
6. The NDA or focal point will communicate its no-objection to the Secretariat in conjunction with every submission for approval of a funding proposal by an intermediary or implementing entity. The no-objection letter will be signed by the official representative of the NDA or focal point registered with the Secretariat.
7. The Secretariat will formally acknowledge the receipt of the no-objection letter to the NDA or focal point and respective implementing entity or intermediary.
8. In cases of submissions of proposals for funding that are not accompanied by a no-objection letter, the Secretariat will inform the NDA or focal point that the funding proposal will not be processed for Board consideration unless the NDA or focal point provides its no-objection. The NDA or focal point shall provide its no-objection within 30 days after receiving this information. After the passage of 30 days, the proposal will be suspended and the Secretariat will notify the IE/intermediary.
9. Communication of no-objection by the NDA or focal point in line with the provisions of this procedure will imply that:
 - (a) The government has no-objection to the funding proposal;
 - (b) The submitted funding proposal is in conformity with the country's national priorities, strategies and plans, and that consistency was pursued; and
 - (c) The submitted funding proposal is in conformity with relevant national laws and regulations, in accordance with the Fund's environmental and social safeguards.
10. In order to enhance transparency, all no-objection communications will be made publicly available on the Fund's website. National designated authorities and focal points are

also encouraged to make publicly available their communications of no-objection shortly after being issued, where possible and as applicable.

11. In the case of funding proposals relating to a programme, the no-objection will apply to all projects or activities to be implemented within the approved framework.

III. Dissemination of the no-objection procedure

12. The no-objection procedure will be made available by the Secretariat on the Fund's website and in printed material where it will be explained in a user-friendly manner. Translations into other languages will be made where possible.

13. The Secretariat will assist NDAs and focal points in the understanding of the no-objection procedure upon request.

14. National designated authorities and focal points are encouraged to disseminate this procedure in their countries as appropriate and through their own websites and communication channels, especially in local languages.

IV. Review of the no-objection procedure

15. This no-objection procedure may be revised on the basis of evolving needs and experience gained in its implementation.