

Annex VII: Indicative list of activities to be included in the readiness programme

Establishing and strengthening national designated authorities or focal points

- Enabling national designated authority (NDA) coordination mechanisms with accredited entities to identify and prioritize national priorities for country programming;
- Strengthening institutional capacities so that the NDA or focal point can effectively fulfill its role;
- Developing national arrangements for promotion, consideration and facilitation of funding proposals;
- Funding for training of NDA or focal point staff members in areas relevant to the objectives of the GCF such as project and programme development, international procurement, accounting, oversight, planning and monitoring and evaluation processes;
- Supporting the ongoing engagement of stakeholders at national and subnational levels, including government, civil society and private sector actors;
- Engaging in and holding dialogues with existing and prospective implementing entities (IEs)/intermediaries;
- Extracting lessons learned from other countries (including through exchange visits, workshops, etc.);
- Supporting the appropriate oversight of GCF activities at the national level; and
- Developing and disseminating informational and awareness-raising materials.

Strategic frameworks, including the preparation of country programmes

- Developing a country programme that identifies strategic priorities for engagement with the GCF, disseminating information and engaging stakeholders in the country programme;
- Identifying strategic investment priorities and taking stock of existing strategies, policies, and needs assessments, including intended nationally determined contributions, low-emission development strategies, nationally appropriate mitigation actions, national adaptation plans, and national adaptation programmes of action;
- Identifying programmes and projects that advance national priorities and align with the results management framework of the GCF, including support for ensuring an appropriate enabling environment for projects or programmes;
- Developing tools, methods and templates to scale up successful models through programmatic approaches and across geographies;
- In the context of country programmes, formulating concept notes, drawing on intended nationally determined contributions and other climate strategies and plans;
- Activities that would crowd in private and capital market financing for the implementation of country programmes; including providing institutional support to enhance the efficiency of the procurement and tendering processes; and
- Enabling private sector participation, including by supporting the preparation of preliminary studies, tender documents or advisory services for the establishment of public-private partnerships.

Support for accreditation and accredited direct access entities

- Raising awareness of the GCF accreditation process, fiduciary standards and environmental and social safeguards (ESS);
- Understanding the roles of existing institutions and identifying potential IEs and intermediaries;

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- Conducting an institutional gap analysis of potential applicants against the fiduciary standards and ESS;
 - Developing and implementing a personalized readiness and preparatory support plan that will support applicant institutions to address identified gaps in order to comply with the fiduciary standards and ESS (may include the development of new policies and procedures);
 - Enabling lesson-learning from other institutions that have been through similar accreditation processes; and
 - Building the capacity of accredited direct access entities in relation to the GCF activities, in areas such as environmental and social safeguards, gender, and monitoring and evaluation.

Information sharing, experience exchange and learning

- Conducting regional workshops with NDAs or focal points, existing and potential IEs, civil society and other stakeholders to raise awareness of the emerging modalities of the GCF and opportunities to engage;
- Convening of stakeholders at the regional level to share lessons and experiences from their readiness activities; and
- Distilling lessons from the experience of readiness programming to support practical implementation at the national level and facilitating access to these knowledge products and those of other actors in the international climate finance space (e.g. through online platforms, webinars, etc.).

Formulation of national adaptation plans and/or other adaptation planning processes