

Annex XIII: Parameters for a project-specific assessment approach

1. The project-specific assessment approach applies to any funding proposal submitted under the Simplified Approvals process¹ and the following Requests for Proposals approved by the Board:
 - (a) A pilot phase for enhancing direct access;²
 - (b) A pilot scheme to support micro-, small-, and medium-sized enterprises;³ and
 - (c) A pilot programme to mobilize funds at scale.⁴
2. Entities submitting such funding proposals may include entities not yet accredited to the GCF, as well as accredited entities (AEs) who submit or have submitted funding proposals in relation to the pilot programmes referred to in paragraph 1 above which go beyond such AEs existing approved accreditation scope. In accordance with the initial no-objection procedure per decision B.08/10, a no-objection letter from the national designated authority (NDA) or focal point is required for all funding proposals for a project/programme submitted in this pilot. Due to the nature of this approach NDAs/focal points are not required to also nominate direct access entities submitting funding proposals under this approach.
3. Each entity will be capped at a maximum of three approved funding proposals.
4. Unless stated otherwise in this annex, the Secretariat will undertake an assessment of the proposed project/programme and the entity submitting the funding proposal in a manner consistent with all relevant GCF policies, and will also build on assessments previously undertaken by the GCF, where applicable. The Secretariat will augment its capacity by using external experts, third party organizations and/or service providers to support it in undertaking such assessments on its behalf.
5. The results of the assessment along with the funding proposal and assessment by the independent Technical Advisory Panel (iTAP) will be presented to the Board for a funding decision.
6. The Board will also retain its decision-making authority to select the entity or entities of the proposed project/programmes when considering the funding proposal.
7. The entity or entities submitting a funding proposal to the GCF under this approach will carry the same responsibilities as an accredited entity were it to submit the same funding proposals, and such responsibilities will be codified in legal arrangements similar to the template accreditation master agreement and funded activity agreements, as may be relevant to the approved project/programme.

¹ Decision B.18/06.

² Decision B.10/04.

³ Decision B.10/11.

⁴ Decision B.16/03.