

Annex X: Recommendations for improving the accreditation framework to meet the objectives of GCF

1. Improve the guidelines on accreditation to further clarify the roles and responsibilities of an accredited entity (AE) throughout the period of accreditation and the project lifecycle.
2. Improve the guidelines on country programmes and readiness support to further assist countries in identifying and nominating the most relevant entities and those that are capable of advancing their programming priorities to align with GCF policies, standards and other requirements.
3. In cases where there is more than one applicant that is a part of the government system that is nominated and seeking accreditation, and where such applicants do not possess separate legal personalities from the government or the sovereign, the legal agreement (e.g. accreditation master agreement) between GCF and the government or sovereign in respect of such entities should be substantially consistent across each of them in order to maintain the same terms of the agreement between GCF and the country that will discharge its roles and responsibilities as an AE through each of such applicants.
4. In cases of multiple applicants that are part of the same organization, the entity within the organization that is best suited to undertake the role and responsibilities of the AE and that has the relevant institutional presence and relevant networks itself to bring forward projects/programmes that meet the objectives and mandate of GCF should seek accreditation and enter into legal agreements with GCF. Entities without separate legal personality (such as branches or country offices) should be included in the application made by the relevant entity with legal personality. Subsidiaries, affiliates, and other entities that have separate legal personality, but which are part of the same corporate or organizational group as the entity that is seeking accreditation, may be included in such an accreditation application and assessed at the same time as such an entity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, subsidiaries, affiliates, country offices, and branches, among others, that are not accredited in their own right may still participate as an executing entity in the project/programme proposed by the entity within the organization that is the AE.