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Reports from committees, panels and groups of the Board of the Green Climate Fund – Addendum

Summary

This document contains the reports on activities that have already conducted or are planned to be undertaken by the following committees and panels of the Board of the Green Climate Fund during the reporting period from June 2016 to September 2016:

- (a) Accreditation Committee; and
- (b) Accreditation Panel

I. Introduction

1. This report covers the reporting period June to September 2016, and also indicates activities planned to be carried out by the committees and panels of the Board of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) in advance of the fourteenth meeting of the Board (B.14).

II. Report on Activities of the Accreditation Committee

2. The report addresses the mandate given to the Accreditation Committee (AC) in decision B.07/02, paragraph (e) to provide policy guidance to the Board on accreditation-related matters. The report addresses specific guidance from the Board requesting the AC to work on a strategy on accreditation for consideration by the Board with the support of the Secretariat, in accordance with decision B.10/06.

3. This report covers the reporting period from June 2016 to beginning of October 2016, and also indicates activities planned to be carried out by the AC of the Board of the Green Climate Fund (GCF).¹

2.1 Activities during the reporting period

4. The AC members met with the Accreditation Panel (AP) at the end of June 2016 and discussed matters related to improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the accreditation process.

5. The AC members considered feedback received at the thirteenth meeting of the Board from Board members and Observers, and had 3 virtual meetings during the reporting period to further develop the strategy on accreditation, with the support of the Secretariat, following decision B.13/19 which deferred consideration of the strategy on accreditation to the fourteenth meeting of the Board (B.14). The revised strategy on accreditation (document GCF/B.14/09) will be presented to the Board for its consideration at the fourteenth meeting of the Board.

6. The AC members with the support of the Secretariat also commenced the development of a policy document that addresses the current policy gaps in the accreditation framework, as mandated by the Board in decision B.13/28. The AC members proposed a change in the title of the document from "Policy document that addresses current policy gaps in the accreditation framework" to "Further development of the accreditation framework".

7. In line with decision B.07/02, paragraph (n), the AC additionally provided feedback as a part of the Secretariat's consultations with the AC regarding the development of the GCF's environmental and social management system and environmental and social policy. The progress that the Secretariat is making in the development of the environmental and social management system will be included in the "Report of the activities of the Secretariat" (document GCF/B.14/14). The environmental and social management system will be presented for the Board's consideration at a subsequent meeting of the Board.

¹ Decision B.12/19 (f) "Requests the committees, panels and groups of the Board to include the actions outlined in the Strategic Plan in their respective deliberations and work programmes, as appropriate, throughout the Initial Resource Mobilization period, and to present these work programmes for consideration at the thirteenth meeting of the Board

2.2 Next Steps

8. In the period after the fourteenth meeting of the Board, the AC plans to provide policy guidance to the Board, the Accreditation Panel and the Secretariat on accreditation-related matters, which may include further developing or implementing, if approved, the strategy on accreditation and further development of the accreditation framework.

2.3 Work programmes of the Accreditation Committee

9. The Secretariat is requested to report to the Board at each Board meeting on the progress made towards implementation of the strategy.

10. In the period after the fourteenth meeting of the Board, the AC plans to develop a work plan to monitor the implementation of the recommendations identified within the strategy on accreditation.

11. In addition, AC members plan to continue working on the document on further development the accreditation framework.

III. Report on Activities of the Accreditation Panel

12. The report addresses the mandate given to the Accreditation Panel (AP), as per decision B.07/02, paragraph (g), to serve as an independent technical panel to advise the Board on matters related to the accreditation of entities to the GCF. Furthermore, the AP is responsible for conducting the accreditation process in accordance with its terms of reference, as adopted by the Board through decision B.07/02 paragraph (h).

13. This report covers the reporting period from June 2016 to beginning of October 2016, and also indicates activities planned to be carried out by the AP of the Board of the Green Climate Fund (GCF)² in advance of the fourteenth meeting of the GCF Board.

3.1 Activities during the reporting period

14. During the reporting period, the AP held 3 formal virtual meetings, including with the Secretariat, as well as 2 informal exchange between members of the AP as a whole, along with numerous bilateral meetings. Additionally, it held 5 virtual interviews with applicants during the Stage II (Step 1) accreditation review, in order to gain a better knowledge of each applicant and to clarify/discuss Stage II questions. The AP also had 3 in-person meetings (site visits) as part of its review process for direct access applicants.

15. The AP has continued to focus on the assessment of entities that have applied for accreditation to the GCF and that have successfully completed Stage I as conducted by the Secretariat. External technical experts, in the form of independent and recognised professionals and a specialised consultancy firm, contracted by GCF, have assisted the AP in its in-depth review of individual applications for accreditation. The Panel has also reviewed evidence provided by already accredited entities pertaining to conditions, recommendations and remarks endorsed by the Board at the time of their respective accreditation. The AP has carried out separate work on the methodology for tracking climate-related financing by Accredited Entities.

² Decision B.12/19 (f) "Requests the committees, panels and groups of the Board to include the actions outlined in the Strategic Plan in their respective deliberations and work programmes, as appropriate, throughout the Initial Resource Mobilization period, and to present these work programmes for consideration at the thirteenth meeting of the Board.

16. Of the 19 entities that entered Stage II (Step 1) before or during the reporting period, the AP concluded its assessments and has made recommendations for nine entities, which are being presented at the fourteenth Board meeting for the consideration by the Board. Five of the entities (applicants 034 to 038) were already presented for consideration at the thirteenth meeting of the Board in document GCF/B.13/23, and in decision B.13/28, paragraph (a), the Board deferred its consideration until B.14.

17. In line with decision B.07/02, paragraph (n), the AP additionally provided feedback as a part of the Secretariat's consultations with the AP regarding the development of the GCF's environmental and social management system and environmental and social policy. The progress that the Secretariat is making in the development of the environmental and social management system is included in the "Report of the activities of the Secretariat" (document GCF/B.14/14). The environmental and social management system will be presented for the Board's consideration at a subsequent meeting of the Board.

3.2 Work programmes of the Accreditation Panel

18. The accreditation process is ongoing, and the AP is continuing its review of accreditation applications that have completed Stage I, with the aim of providing recommendations on accreditation for consideration by the Board at its subsequent meetings.

3.3 Matters where specific guidance from the Board is sought

19. In the consideration of the strategy on accreditation, the AP would appreciate further guidance from the Board on the following matters:

- (a) The potential role and eventual standing of export-import banks in the GCF financing framework;
 - (b) The form and content of the GCF's own environmental and social performance standards, work replacing the interim standards as per decision B.07/02, paragraphs (c-d);
 - (c) The balance between conditions of accreditation, on the one hand, and level/category of accreditation, on the other, for an individual applicant;
 - (d) More generally – with the present composition of the AP moving into the final year of its initial three-year term as per decisions B.07/02, paragraph (g) and B.08/20, paragraph (a) – the adequacy of the size, form and content of the recommendations on accreditation for each applicant that are annexed to the "Consideration of accreditation proposals" document presented for the Board's consideration; and
 - (e) The size of the AP and the balance between AP members and external technical experts, bearing in mind the likely forecasted workload and proven capacity to date.
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