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

Summary

This document contains the reports on activities that have already conducted or are planned to be undertaken by the following committee of the Board of the Green Climate Fund during the reporting period from August 2017 to January/February 2018:

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

I. Report on the activities of the Accreditation Committee

1. The report addresses the mandate given to the Accreditation Committee (“AC”) in annex IV to decision B.07/02, to provide policy guidance to the Board on accreditation-related matters.
2. This report covers the reporting period of August 2017 to February 2018, and also indicates activities planned to be carried out by the AC of the Board.¹

1.1 Membership

3. Ms. Diann Black-Layne, the Chair of the AC, was replaced in her role as a member of the Board in January 2018, which mutatis mutandis applies to the termination of her membership and chairmanship of the AC.²
4. Mr. Paul Oquist, Minister and Private Secretary for National Policies of the President of the Republic of Nicaragua, replaced Ms. Diann Black-Layne as a member of the AC. This replacement was communicated to the AC on 30 January 2018.
5. In November 2017, Mr. Mitchell A. Silk, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy, Infrastructure, and Environment, U.S. Department of the Treasury, replaced Mr. Larry McDonald as a member of the Board and thus a member of the AC. This replacement was communicated to the AC on 27 November 2017.
6. In January 2018, Mr. Geoffrey Okamoto, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Development Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury, replaced Mr. Mitchell A. Silk as a member of the Board and thus a member of the AC. This replacement was communicated to the AC on 30 January 2018.
7. The members of the AC selected Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekk as chair of the AC on 6 February 2018.

1.2 Activities during the reporting period

8. The AC members were in regular communication and had two informal virtual meetings during the reporting period.
9. In accordance with decision B.11/10 regarding the interim policy on fees for the accredited entities (AEs) mandated to the AC, with the support of the Secretariat, the AC members reviewed the draft revised fee policy for AEs and readiness delivery partners and provided initial feedback on the draft to the Secretariat. The draft revised policy is currently under review by the AC.
10. The AC noted the on-going progress regarding the status of work of the Accreditation Panel (AP) relating to the establishment of a baselines of greenhouse gas emissions and climate resilience of accredited entities’ portfolio of activities in accordance with decision B.12/30, paragraph (d).

¹ Decision B.12/20, paragraph (f), states that the Board requested “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 Paragraph 5 of the GCF Rules of Procedure of the Board.

1.2.1 Nomination of members to the Accreditation Panel

11. As per decision B.07/02 paragraph (g), the Board established an AP to be nominated by the AC for endorsement by the Board. As at 1 February, the AP, while established with six members, consisted of one member following the expiration of the terms of four members on 17 October 2017 and one member on 31 January 2018. Following the call for candidates to serve on the AP, the Secretariat provided recommendations of six candidates for the AP to the AC in December 2017. The AC considered and nominated, in February 2018, six candidates for the AP, which will be circulated to the Board for its consideration.

1.3 Next steps

12. In the period after the nineteenth meeting of the Board the AC will continue its work based on the “Work plan of the Board for 2018” as contained in annex I to decision B.18/01. The draft work Plan of the AC is presented in the annex I to this document.

II. Report on the activities of the Accreditation Panel

13. The report addresses the mandate given to the Accreditation Panel (AP) in 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. 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).

14. This report covers the reporting period of August 2017 to January 2018, and also indicates activities planned to be carried out by the AP.³

2.1 Membership

15. In line with decision B.BM-2017/03 the performance review of each member of the AP was undertaken by an independent consultant, and a recommendation to the Board of three AP members for reappointment to the AP for a second term was considered. The Board did not take a decision on the reappointment of members to the AP.

16. As at 17 October 2017, the three-year term of four of six members of the AP was concluded, leaving two members of the AP. On 31 January 2018, the three-year term of one of the remaining two members of the AP concluded. The term of one AP member is active.

17. The report covers periods:

- (a) from 15 August 2017 to 17 October 2017, activities carried out by fully operational AP; and
- (b) from 18 October 2017 to 15 January 2018, activities carried out by two remaining AP members without constituting a quorum.⁴

³ Decision B.12/20, paragraph (f), states that the Board requested “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”.

⁴ As per Terms of Reference of the Accreditation Panel approved by decision B.07/02, Annex V, quorum will consist of participation by at least four senior expert members.

2.2 Activities during the reporting period from August to 17 October 2017

18. The AP held numerous telephone calls with applicant entities during the Stage II (Step 1) accreditation review to gain better knowledge of each applicant and to clarify and discuss Stage II questions raised by the AP.
19. The AP completed the review of and recommended at B.18 for accreditation five new applicants and one accredited entity which had applied for an upgrade of its accreditation criteria.
20. In line with decision B.14/08, paragraph (e) (iii), the AP, supported by external technical experts, submitted to the Secretariat a draft assessment, including a gap analysis, of the Environmental and Social Policy of the Adaptation Fund (approved in November 2013 and amended in March 2016) and the Adaptation Fund's Gender Policy (approved in March 2016) in relation to the GCF interim environmental and social safeguards and the GCF Gender policy with a view to provide further recommendations on potential fast-tracking. The final analysis will be submitted to the Board for consideration at a future meeting.
21. The AP, supported by the external technical experts, and taking into account decision B.14/08 on the prioritization of certain types of entities, continued to work on its in-depth assessment of applications for accreditation that have successfully completed Stage I, as conducted by the Secretariat.
22. The AP has also reviewed evidence provided by accredited entities (AEs) pertaining to conditions adopted by the Board at the time of their respective accreditation.
23. The AP held a final virtual meeting on 13 October 2017 to discuss the status of application assessments and to identify further steps related to review of Stage II applications. The virtual meeting was attended by AP members, external technical experts supporting the AP and the relevant staff of the Secretariat. During the virtual meeting, the AP decided to reallocate accreditation applications in Stage II (Step 1) to the two remaining AP members at the time from the four AP members whose terms ended on 17 October 2017.

2.3 Activities during the reporting period from 18 October 2017 to January 2018

24. Based on the new reallocations, two remaining AP members, supported by external technical experts, continued the review of applications under Stage II (Step 1) of the accreditation process and evidence provided by AEs pertaining to accreditation conditions of AEs.
25. In line with decision B.12/30, paragraph (d), the AP members, with the support of external technical experts and the administrative support of the Secretariat, continued to work towards establishing a baseline methodology on the overall portfolio of AEs, including those already accredited at an earlier stage, that allows for an assessment of the extent to which the overall portfolios of activities by AEs (beyond those projects/programmes funded by the GCF) have evolved during the accreditation period. In particular, due to the nature of the assignment that requires specific technical expertise and skills in a number of areas, the Terms of Reference (ToR) had been revised to recruit a consultancy firm consisting of a team of experts instead of an individual consultant. Based on the revised ToR a Request for Proposal was posted with a view to finalize the recruitment of a firm by February 2018.

2.4 The work programme of the Accreditation Panel

26. The accreditation process is ongoing, and the AP members are continuing the review of accreditation applications that have completed Stage I, with the aim of providing recommendations on accreditation once the AP has a sufficient number of additional senior experts to constitute a quorum. The draft work Plan of the AP is presented in the annex II to this document, which is based on the “Work plan of the Board for 2018” as contained in annex I to decision B.18/01.

Annex I: Draft work plan for the Accreditation Committee of the Green Climate Fund in 2018

This draft work plan of the Accreditation Committee in 2018 is based on the “Work plan of the Board for 2018” as contained in annex I to [decision B.18/01](#).

Issue	B.19	B.20	B.21
Governance – committees, panels and groups			
Committees, panels and groups (Annexes XVI-XIX to decision B.05/13)	Presentation of ToRs for the review of committees, panels and groups (Co-Chairs)		Presentation of findings of the review of committees, panels and groups
Code of conduct for the Accreditation Panel (Decision B.07/02, annex V, para. 14)	Approval of Code of Conduct for the Accreditation Panel (Co-Chairs)		
Review of Board processes and policies – Fund-wide policies			
Information disclosure policy (Decision B.12/35, para. (b), (g), annex XXIX, para. 28)			Presentation of recommendations on the review of the relevant disclosure requirements once the environmental and social management system is developed (Decision B.12/35, para. (b))
GCF Gender and Social Inclusion Policy (Decisions B.09/11, B.12/16, B.14/01, para. (g), B.BM-2017/02)	Adoption of Gender and Social Inclusion Policy (Secretariat)		
Indigenous peoples’ policy (Decisions B.15/01, and B.17/01 (b), (ix))	Adoption of a GCF Indigenous People’s Policy (Secretariat)		

Issue	B.19	B.20	B.21
Review of Board processes and policies – Investment framework			
Policy on fees for accredited entities (Decisions B.11/10, para. (f), B.BM-2017/02)	Revised policy on fees for accredited entities (Accreditation Committee)		
Accreditation matters			
Further development of the Accreditation Framework Fast-tracking - Decisions B.14/08, para. (d)(ii); B.17/01, para. (b), (xi), B.17/06, para (e), B.14/08, para. (f)(ii) Prioritization - B.14/08, para. (d)(ii), and B.17/01 (b), (xi) Use of third-party evidence - Decisions B.14/08, para. (e)(i), & B.17/01 (b), (xiii) AF's ES & gender policy – Decisions B.14/08, para. (e)(iii)	Pending outcomes of B.18 (Secretariat)		

Issue	B.19	B.20	B.21
<p>Initial fiduciary standards (Decisions B.07/02, B.12/31, para. (i), B.14/01, para. (e) and (f), and B.14/08, para. (f))</p>	<p>Adoption of fiduciary compliance and integrity policies/policies relating to prohibited practices, anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism (Decisions B.12/31, para. (i), B.14/01, para. (e), and B.15/13)</p>	<p>Integration of policies relating to prohibited practices, anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism in the interim fiduciary standards (Decision B.14/01, para. (f)) (Accreditation Committee and independent Integrity Unit)</p>	
<p>Environmental and social management system (decision B.07/02, para. (n))</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the environmental and social management system; (Secretariat in consultation with the Accreditation Committee and Accreditation Panel) • Adoption of the Environmental and Social Policy. 	<p>Presentation of approach to developing the Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS) standards (Secretariat in consultation with the Accreditation Committee and Accreditation Panel)</p>	

1. In decision B.12/30, para. (d), the Board requested the Accreditation Panel, with the support of the Secretariat as necessary, to establish a baseline on the overall portfolio of accredited entities, including those already accredited at an earlier stage, that allows for an assessment of the extent to which the accredited entities' overall portfolios of activities, beyond those funded by the GCF, have evolved in this direction during the accreditation period. The Accreditation Panel members, with the support of external technical experts and the administrative support of the Secretariat, continued to work towards establishing a baseline methodology. The Accreditation Panel has also consulted the AC in its work on the baseline methodology.

Annex II: Draft work plan for the Accreditation Panel of the Green Climate Fund in 2018

This draft work plan of the Accreditation Panel in 2018 is based on the “Work plan of the Board for 2018” as contained in annex I to [decision B.18/01](#).

Issue	B.19	B.20	B.21
Committees, Panels and Groups			
Committees, panels and groups (Annexes XVI-XIX to decision B.05/13)	Presentation of ToRs for the review of committees, panels and groups (Co-Chairs)		Presentation of findings of the review of committees, panels and groups
Code of conduct for the Accreditation Panel (Decision B.07/02, annex V, para. 14)	Approval of Code of Conduct for the Accreditation Panel (Co-Chairs)		
Review of Board processes and policies – Fund-wide policies			
Information disclosure policy (Decision B.12/35, para. (b), (g), annex XXIX, para. 28)			Presentation of recommendations on the review of the relevant disclosure requirements once the environmental and social management system is developed (Decision B.12/35, para. (b))
GCF Gender and Social Inclusion Policy (Decisions B.09/11, B.12/16, B.14/01, para. (g), B.BM-2017/02)	Adoption of Gender and Social Inclusion Policy (Secretariat)		

Issue	B.19	B.20	B.21
Indigenous peoples' policy (Decisions B.15/01, and B.17/01 (b), (ix))	Adoption of a GCF Indigenous People's Policy (Secretariat)		
Accreditation matters			
Accreditation of entities		Consideration of proposals to accredit entities (Secretariat and Accreditation Panel)	Consideration of proposals to accredit entities (Secretariat and Accreditation Panel)
Further development of the Accreditation Framework Fast-tracking - Decisions B.14/08, para. (d)(ii); B.17/01, para. (b), (xi), B.17/06, para (e), B.14/08, para. (f)(ii) Prioritization - B.14/08, para. (d)(ii), and B.17/01 (b), (xi) Use of third-party evidence - Decisions B.14/08, para. (e)(i), & B.17/01 (b), (xiii) AF's ES & gender policy – Decisions B.14/08, para. (e)(iii)	(Secretariat)		
Initial fiduciary standards (Decisions B.07/02, B.12/31, para. (i), B.14/01, para. (e) and (f), and B.14/08, para. (f))	Adoption of fiduciary compliance and integrity policies/policies relating to prohibited practices, anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism (Decisions B.12/31, para. (i), B.14/01, para. (e), and B.15/13)	Integration of policies relating to prohibited practices, anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism in the interim fiduciary standards (Decision B.14/01, para. (f)) (Accreditation Committee and independent Integrity Unit)	

Issue	B.19	B.20	B.21
Environmental and social management system (Decision B.07/02, para. (n))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the environmental and social management system (Secretariat in consultation with the Accreditation Committee and Accreditation Panel) • Adoption of the Environmental and Social Policy 	Presentation of approach to developing the Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS) standards (Secretariat in consultation with the Accreditation Committee and Accreditation Panel)	

2. In decision B.12/30, para. (d), the Board requested the Accreditation Panel, with the support of the Secretariat as necessary, to establish a baseline on the overall portfolio of accredited entities, including those already accredited at an earlier stage, that allows for an assessment of the extent to which the accredited entities' overall portfolios of activities, beyond those funded by the GCF, have evolved in this direction during the accreditation period. The Accreditation Panel members, with the support of external technical experts and the administrative support of the Secretariat, continued to work towards establishing a baseline methodology. The Accreditation Panel has also consulted the AC in its work on the baseline methodology.
