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# Report of the activities of the Secretariat – Addendum II

## Update on the development of sectoral guides and consultation process

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### **Summary**

The Board, in decision B.17/08, requested the Secretariat to undertake additional analysis, taking into consideration the potential investment priority areas presented in document GCF/B.09/06, to identify specific results areas where targeted GCF investment would have the most impact.

In the same decision, the Board also requested the Secretariat to undertake targeted outreach to promote partnerships between accredited entities and those potential non-accredited entities that have the technical expertise to align the portfolio composition with the initial results management framework contained in decision B.07/04.

As part of this mandate and in line with the Report of the Activities of the Secretariat on the Development of sectoral guides and consultation process at B.24 Inf. 08 Add. 02, the Secretariat has been working on the development of sector guidance across GCF's eight results areas. This document contains details on the development of the sectoral guides and consultation process.

## I. Objective and approach to sectoral guides

1. The Board, in decision B.17/08, requested the Secretariat to undertake additional analysis, taking into consideration the potential investment priority areas presented in document GCF/B.09/06, to identify specific results areas where targeted GCF investment would have the most impact.
2. In the same decision, the Board also requested the Secretariat to undertake targeted outreach to promote partnerships between accredited entities and those potential non-accredited entities that have the technical expertise to align the portfolio composition with the initial results management framework contained in decision B.07/04.
3. As part of this mandate and in line with its 2020 Work Programme the Secretariat has been advancing the development of sectoral guides across GCF's eight results areas. This sector-specific guidance aims to guide and inform the development of funding proposals that are of high quality, meet the GCF's investment criteria and are ready to be submitted for Board consideration and approval. The guides seek to provide an overview of country needs and evidence-based programming experiences, as well as to identify opportunities for high impact, paradigm shifting investments in each sector to meet those needs.

## II. Structure

4. In 2020, the Secretariat continued to work with external experts from its Communities of Practice to further refine the structure and content of the sectoral guides to follow a similar organizational structure and flow. The guides will be organized into 20-page documents, which will be translated into French and Spanish. Each sectoral guide will follow the draft structure below:

Headings	Content
Executive summary	Summary of key findings from the sector guide, including: (i) the role of the sector in the global context and considering country needs, (ii) the paradigm-shifting pathways covered under the guide and their key drivers.
Introduction and background in the sector	Brief overview of GCF and overall financing in the sector. Location of the treatment of cross-sectoral paradigm-shifting pathways among the sectoral guides.
Global Context	Presents global status, trends and country needs expressed for the sector in achieving low-emission and climate-resilient development pathways. Outlines role of sector in supporting the adaptation and mitigation goals under the Paris Agreement.
Paradigm-shifting pathways	Describes the proposed paradigm-shifting pathways in the sector, identified based on their potential for impact, response to country needs and GCF's unique value proposition in the sectoral context and opportunity to be catalytic. The pathways reflect on the components of paradigm shift, as well as opportunities to deliver integrated mitigation, adaptation and development benefits.

Headings	Content
Financial structuring: Catalyzing public and private sector finance	Assessment of the business models and financial mechanisms most appropriate for implementing the paradigm-shifting pathways in light of various contexts. : Overview of best means to deploy GCF's financial instruments in relation to the sector and the proposed pathways, including through GCF's value add in encouraging opportunities for blended finance.
Country Case Studies	Examples of transformative initiatives in different country contexts illustrating projects which have systematically addressed barriers for climate solutions in this sector. Includes GCF project examples as well as external case studies.
Specific guidance for developing impactful GCF Projects	Specific guidance on how projects in the sector can meet and address the 6 GCF Investment Criteria.

5. The 20 page sectoral guides will be supplemented with a number of annexes throughout GCF-1, which could include greater granularity on the regional and national contexts; additional portfolio and pipeline analysis; and a 'how-to' guide on developing funding proposals in each sector.

### III. Process and timeline of development

6. A consultation process will take place to allow GCF stakeholders to provide written feedback on the 20-page draft guides. Stakeholders to be consulted include the GCF Board, advisors and observers, National Designated Authorities, Direct and International Access Entities, Civil Society representatives, and sector experts identified during engagement with the Communities of Practice. To enable the Secretariat to collect and collate feedback, a commenting framework has been prepared to inform stakeholders about how the Secretariat will categorize, use and store feedback when it is provided by stakeholders on the consultation platforms.

7. The Secretariat will undertake two types of consultations through different platforms for broader engagement. For the Board, NDAs and AEs, the Secretariat will offer the opportunity for individual comments and feedback to be uploaded through the Secretariat's internal "PleaseReview" platform, which offers confidentiality for comments. All stakeholders, including the Board, NDAs, AEs, Civil Society and Communities of Practice will also be invited to provide feedback through a parallel consultation platform, HypeInnovation, which is a public platform. The HypeInnovation platform will also make available PowerPoint presentations and webinar recordings about the guidance documents. A written response to all the comments and recommendations provided during the consultation process will be shared with stakeholders after the commenting period is over.

8. As part of the consultation process, the Secretariat will share the draft guidance for comments and feedback, and will host a series of webinars, where draft sector guides will be presented. A webinar will be held for each sector that will be split into two parts: a brief presentation of the sectoral guides, and panel discussion lead by the Secretariat, followed by question and answer session. Simultaneous translations from English to French and Spanish will be available. Webinars will be presented live twice, allowing for global participation across different time zones. Both pre-recorded and live webinar sections, in all languages provided,

will be uploaded onto the HypeInnovation platform and GCF website with open access for all stakeholders.

9. The consultation process for the sector guides will start in November 2020 with Cities, Buildings and Urban Systems; Energy Generation and Access; and Agriculture & Food Security. The consultation process for the remaining sectoral guides: Ecosystems and ecosystem services; Forestry, land use; Health; Water; Infrastructure and Built Environment; Energy Efficiency; Low Emission Transport; and Early Warning and Climate Information Services will take place in early 2021. The Secretariat will incorporate comments following the consultation process for final publication by mid-2021.

10. The timelines for the consultation process have shifted as the Secretariat had to prioritize the preparation of funding proposals for the Board's consideration this year given the Covid-19 pandemic and the short time between B.26 and B.27.

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