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# Status of selection of Board members for the fourth term of Board membership

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## **Summary**

This document reports on the status of the selection of Board members for the fourth term of Board membership to the GCF, in accordance with paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the Governing Instrument for the GCF on the composition of the Board, the selection of Board members and the initial term of membership, as well as paragraphs 3, 4 and 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Board.

## I. Introduction

1. As laid out in the Governing Instrument for the GCF, the Board of the GCF has 24 members, comprising an equal number of members from developing and developed country Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, each with an alternate member.
2. Paragraph 12 of the Governing Instrument provides that members and alternate members of the Board will serve for a term of three years and be eligible to serve additional terms as determined by their constituency. Pursuant to decision B.12/36, paragraph (b), the second term of Board membership ended on 31 December 2018 and the third term started on 1 January 2019. The third term ends on 31 December 2021 and the selection of members to serve on the fourth term of Board membership is due.
3. In June 2021, the Secretariat issued a letter to Chairs and Coordinators of the respective constituencies and regional groups, informing them of the selection process for the fourth term of Board membership and requesting submissions of the names and contact details of the selected members and alternate members of the Board before 30 September.
4. This document reflects the status of the selection of Board members for the fourth term, as notified to the Secretariat by the Chairs or Coordinators of the respective constituencies or regional groups within a constituency, at the time of publication of this document (13 September 2021).

## II. Status of selection of Board members for the fourth term of Board membership

5. For each new term, pursuant to paragraph 11 of the Governing Instrument, the members of the Board and their alternates are selected by their respective constituency or regional group within a constituency. Paragraph 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Board specifies that notification of the selection shall take place through prompt communication to the Secretariat in writing of the names and contact details of the Board members and alternate Board members selected.

### 2.1 Developing country constituency

6. Paragraph 3 of the Rules of Procedure stipulates that representation on the Board from developing country Parties will include:
  - (a) Three members and alternate members from the Asia-Pacific States;
  - (b) Three members and alternate members from the African States;
  - (c) Three members and alternate members from the Latin American and the Caribbean States;
  - (d) One member and alternate member from the small island developing States;
  - (e) One member and alternate member from the least developed country Parties; and

- (f) One member from developing country Parties not included in the regional groups and constituencies<sup>1</sup> above; and one alternate member to rotate between developing country Parties included in the groups and constituencies listed above.

7. In accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Rules of Procedure, the Secretariat received a notification on the selection of Board members and alternate Board members to serve on the fourth term of Board membership for the developing country constituency from the following regional group:

- (a) African States – Notification from the Chair of the African Group of Negotiators (“AGN”), Mr. Tanguy GAHOUMA, received on 11 August 2021.

Table 1 below reflects the names and details of the selected Board members as received from the Chair of the AGN. The notification is available in the annex to this document and also on the GCF website.<sup>2</sup> Nominations are yet to be received from other regional groups.<sup>3</sup>

**Table 1: Board members from developing country Parties selected for the fourth term of Board membership**

Membership	Name	Affiliation	Title	Country of origin
<b>African States</b>				
Board member	Amb. Wael Ahmed Kamal ABOUL-MAGD	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Ambassador	Arab Republic of Egypt
Alternate member				
Board member	Mr. Tlou RAMARU	Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism	Policy Analyst	Republic of South Africa
Alternate member				
Board member	Mr. Tanguy Guillaume GAHOUMA-BAKAEL	National Climate Council	Permanent Secretary	Republic of Gabon
Alternate member				
<b>Asia-Pacific States</b> – Notification pending at the time of publication of this document (26 September)				
Board member				
Alternate member				
Board member				
Alternate member				
Board member				
Alternate member				
<b>Latin American and the Caribbean States</b> – Notification pending at the time of publication of this document (26 September)				
Board member				
Alternate member				
Board member				
Alternate member				
Board member				
Alternate member				
<b>Small island developing States</b> – Notification pending at the time of publication of this document (26 September)				

<sup>1</sup> The term “regional groups and constituencies” as used in paragraph 3 of the Rules of Procedure is understood to refer to the Asia-Pacific States, the African States, the Latin American and the Caribbean States, the small island developing States, and the least developed country Parties.

<sup>2</sup> Available at <<https://www.greenclimate.fund/boardroom/selection>>.

<sup>3</sup> A notification from the Chair of the small island developing States was received on 29 January referring to the fourth term of membership. The Secretariat is seeking clarification on the content of the communication and will reflect relevant information as appropriate.



## 2.3 Pending selections

9. As at 13 September 2021, the Secretariat is yet to receive notifications on the selection of members to serve on the fourth term of Board membership with respect to the following seats:

- (a) Three alternate members from the African States;
- (b) Three members and alternate members from the Asia-Pacific States;
- (c) Three members and alternate members from the Latin American and the Caribbean States;
- (d) One member and alternate member from the small island developing States;<sup>3</sup>
- (e) One member and alternate member from the least developed country Parties;
- (f) One member from developing country Parties not included in the regional groups and constituencies listed in paragraph 3 of the Rules of Procedure;
- (g) One alternate member to rotate between developing country Parties included in the groups and constituencies listed in paragraph 3 of the Rules of Procedure;<sup>4</sup> and
- (h) Twelve members and alternate members from the developed country Parties.

## III. Next steps

10. The Secretariat sent a reminder of the notification sent on 4 June 2021 to the Chairs and Coordinators of the respective constituencies and regional groups on 7 September 2021, and also informed the UNFCCC National Focal Points of the Selection Process on 8 September 2021.

11. The list of Board members and alternate Board members selected for the fourth term of GCF Board membership will continue to be updated on the GCF website<sup>2</sup> as notifications for the remaining selections for the fourth term of Board membership are received by the Secretariat.

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<sup>4</sup> In accordance with the communication from the Chair of the African Group of Negotiators, dated 29 February 2016, the alternate member seat rotating “between developing country Parties” stated in paragraph 3 (f) of the Rules of Procedure, will be held by small island developing States during the fourth term of Board membership. Communication available in annex II.



## Annex I: Selection notification from the Chair of the African Group of Negotiators dated 11 August 2021

The African Group of Negotiators (AGN) Chair's Office



Ms. Carolina Fuentes  
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GCF Secretariat  
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11 August 2021

### Selections for the fourth term of membership to the GCF Board, 2022-2024

Dear Carolina,

In accordance with Governing Instrument of the Fund, paragraph 11, and the Rules of Procedure, paragraph 4, I am pleased to inform you of the primary African members of the Board of the Green Climate Fund for the term starting on 1 January 2022 and ending on 31 December 2024.

Board Member	
BM: Wael Ahmed Kamal Aboul-Magd	(Arab Republic of Egypt)
BM: Tlou Ramaru	(Republic of South Africa)
BM: Tanguy Guillaume Gahouma-Bakale	(Republic of Gabon)

The nomination of the three alternates members of the Board will follow in due course but no later than 14 November 2021.

Kindly confirm receipt of the nomination from the African Group of its primary Board members for the new term.

Please accept, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

*Tanguy Gahouma*

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## **Annex II: Communication from the Chair of the African Group of Negotiators, dated 29 February 2016, on the alternate member seat rotating “between developing country Parties” stated in paragraph 3 (f) of the Rules of Procedure**



29 February 2016

Dear Secretary of the Board

*Re: Developing Country Rotational Alternate Members seat on the GCF Board*

I am writing in my capacity as Chair of the African Group of Negotiators under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, to formally nominate Mr. Mamadou Honadia (m60honadia@gmail.com) as a representative of the African Group to assume the rotational seat for developing countries for the current Board term ending in 2018.

Following our communication with the Chairs of the UNFCCC regional groups and constituencies, there has been no objection to the rotation of the seat moving to the African Group.

In accordance with COP Decision 3/CP.17 and the Rules of the Procedure of the Green Climate Fund, the Alternate Board member seat will rotate every three years between: Asia-Pacific States; African States; Latin American and the Caribbean States; small island developing States; and least developed country Parties.

Given that during the first Board term the rotational seat was occupied by a representative of the Asia-Pacific States, the second term is to be occupied by the African Group and will follow the rotation as per the listing of constituencies and regional groups in Decision 3.CP/17 and the Rules of Procedure.

Kind regards,

Seyni Nafo  
Chair of the African Group of Negotiators  
Ambassador for Climate Change, Mali

cc:

Mr. Khalid M. Abuleif (Saudi Arabia/Asia-Pacific Group)  
H.E Mr. Elbio Rosselli  
Ambassador (Uruguay/ Latin America and Caribbean Group)  
Mr. Tosi Mpanu-Mpanu (Democratic Republic of Congo/ Least Developed Countries)  
Mr. Amjad Abdulla (Maldives/Association of Small Island Developing States)  
Mr. Zaheer Fakir, Developing Country Co-Chair of the Board of the Green Climate Fund