



## NOTIFICATION

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# Invitation for the Twenty-first Round of Application for Accreditation as an Observer Organization to the Green Climate Fund

Deadline: Friday, 20 December 2019, 18.00 KST (UTC+09.00)

In line with the Governing Instrument for the Green Climate Fund (the GCF) and the Rules of Procedures of the Board, the Co-Chairs in consultation with the Board, invite accredited observer organizations to the twenty-fifth meeting of the Board of the GCF, to be held from 10 to 12 March 2020.

Following the GCF's Governing Instrument and Rules of Procedures of the Board, which encourage accredited observer organizations to designate representatives to attend meetings of the Board, the Co-Chairs of the GCF Board invite civil society organizations (CSOs), private sector organizations (PSOs), and international entities (IEs), wishing to obtain observer status, to apply for accreditation.

Applications for accreditation as an observer organization should be submitted by **Friday, 20 December 2019, 18.00 KST (UTC+09.00)** via the new online form on the following address: <https://g.cf/observeraccreditation>. To ensure a smooth transition from the current offline application, we will still accept applications (form available [HERE](#)) sent through [observers@gcfund.org](mailto:observers@gcfund.org).

Additional details, including submission guidelines, are available below.

Only accredited observer organizations may designate representatives to attend meetings of the Board. Accreditation status will be granted upon successful completion of the online form following the process outlined below.

### **I. Eligibility**

Applicants for observer accreditation may be representatives of:

1. International entities, including:

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- a) United Nations agencies;
  - b) Multilateral development banks;
  - c) International financial institutions;
  - d) Regional institutions; and
  - e) Intergovernmental organizations; or
2. Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) comprised of:
- a) Civil society organizations (CSOs): Any independent non-profit organizations, including international, as well as national and community-based organizations; or
  - b) Private sector organizations (PSOs): Any private companies and business associations with operations that deal with climate change mitigation and/or adaptation activities, including in developing countries.

Governmental organizations not falling under the International Entity category are encouraged to register for Board meetings as State Party or Observer State to the UNFCCC. For more information, kindly send an email to: [observers@gcfund.org](mailto:observers@gcfund.org).

## II. Application process for accreditation

Applications for admission as an accredited observer organization should be submitted by **Friday, 20 December 2019, 18.00 KST (UTC+09.00)**, to enable processing and Board consideration in time for accreditation prior to the twenty-fifth meeting of the Board.

Incomplete applications and submissions received after the deadline will not be considered for the twenty-first round of application for accreditation as an observer organization to the Green Climate Fund.

Only applications submitted in English will be accepted. However, in circumstances where supporting documents are not available in English, these documents can be submitted in other United Nations official languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish), with an executive summary in English. A translation of the full document may be requested, which may delay the accreditation process.

## III. Accreditation documents

In accordance with the Guidelines relating to the observer participation, accreditation of observer organizations and participation of active observers (Annex XII to Board decision B.01-13/03), interested organizations should submit a completed application form which includes the following elements:

1. Provide a brief description of the organization, its purpose and its legal status.

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2. Provide details that the organization has a well-organized administrative structure, relevant competences and experience, and can send representatives fully mandated to speak on its behalf organization.
3. Explain the potential benefit to the GCF of the organization's engagement as an observer, including its specialized scientific or technical competences relating to the GCF.
4. Give written confirmation that the organization acknowledges the goals and basic principles of the GCF and will abide by the Board's rules of procedures.

*Please ensure that your application includes requested documentation below (pdf files preferred). The attachments must be submitted as separate files and saved under the following categories:*

1. a) Proof of accreditation as an observer organization by UNFCCC, ECOSOC or GEF (or an equivalent organization) **or**  
b) Proof of independent juridical personality and proof of organization type and proof of non-profit and/or tax-exempt status or tax status;
2. Most recent annual report (a document/publication that states the organization's activities in the past 12 months); **and**
3. Financial Statement/Audit that provides information on funding sources and expenditures of the organization.

#### **IV. Accreditation process**

Applications will be reviewed by the Secretariat, which will present complete applications, with recommendations, to the Board for a decision on whether or not to grant observer status on a no-objection basis in accordance with the Rules of Procedures of the Board. Once a decision is taken by the Board, the results of which are expected to be announced in February 2020, applicants will be advised accordingly. The Secretariat will assist newly accredited observer organizations to register for the twenty-fifth meeting of the Board, should they wish to attend. The list of accredited observer organizations on the GCF's website will be updated after the process is completed.

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