

# Readiness Proposal

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# Readiness and Preparatory Support Proposal

## How to complete this document?

- A short guidebook (URL) is available to provide guidance on how to access funding under the GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support programme. It should be consulted to assist in the completion of this proposal template.
- This document should be completed by National Designated Authorities (NDAs) or focal points with support from their delivery partners where relevant.
- Please be concise. If you need to include any additional information, please attach it to the proposal.
- Information on the indicative list of activities eligible for readiness and preparatory support and the process for the submission, review and approval of this proposal can be found on pages X-Y of the guidebook

## Where to get support?

- If you are not sure how to complete this document, or require support, please send an e-mail to [countries@gcfund.org](mailto:countries@gcfund.org). We will aim to get back to you within 48 hours.
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### **Note: Environmental and Social Safeguards and Gender**

Throughout this document, when answering questions and providing details, please make sure to pay special attention to environmental, social and gender issues, in particular to the situation of vulnerable populations, including women and men. Please be specific about proposed actions to address these issues. Consult page X of the readiness guidebook (URL) for more information.

SECTION 1: SUMMARY	
<b>1. Country submitting the proposal</b>	Serbia
<b>2. Date of initial submission</b>	22/10/2015 (request submission) 27/11/2015 (first proposal submission)
<b>3. Last date of resubmission (if applicable)</b>	30/04/2017
<b>4. Which entity will implement the Readiness and Preparatory Support project? (Provide the contact information if entity is different from NDA/focal point)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> National Designated Authority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delivery partner <input type="checkbox"/> Accredited entity Name of institution: UN Environment Name of official: Harald Egerer Position: Head, Vienna Programme Office Telephone: + 43-126060-4545 Email: <a href="mailto:herald.egerer@unvienna.org">herald.egerer@unvienna.org</a> Full Office address: PO Box 500 - A-1400 Vienna - Austria
<b>5. Title of the Readiness and Preparatory Support Proposal</b>	Developing the capacities of the Republic of Serbia for an effective engagement with the Green Climate Fund
<b>6. Brief summary of the request (200 words)</b>	<p>The impact of climate change is expected to pose grave threats to the livelihoods and well-being of the citizens of the Republic of Serbia. The intensity, as well as the frequency, of floods and droughts are expected to increase, with negative consequences for agricultural production and human health and well-being.</p> <p>The country lacks the technical capacity and financial resources to overcome and cope with the anticipated changes. The Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme activities will contribute to strengthening the country's technical and coordination capacity, with a view to enhancing its access to adequate climate financing to address climate threats and implement identified priorities for action.</p> <p>The initial phase of the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme will focus on (i): Strengthening country capacities in relation to the GCF (outcome 1), (ii) Engaging stakeholders in consultative processes (outcome 2), (iii) Realizing direct access (outcome 3).</p> <p>As a result of the readiness programme activities it is expected that the institutional capacities of the NFP are built to effectively fulfill its roles and responsibilities in relation to the Fund. The programme will also facilitate, through a multi stakeholder engagement process, the development of a country programme including Serbia's development priorities with respect to the Green Climate Fund, consistent with the country's national environmental, waste management, industrial, agricultural and energy strategies, as well as the Fund's Initial results management framework. The programme will help establish a mechanism to facilitate the communication of nominations of prospective public and private sector entities seeking accreditation with the Fund.</p>
<b>7. Total requested amount and currency</b>	300,000 \$
<b>8. Anticipated duration</b>	12 months
<b>9. Is the country receiving other Readiness and</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No



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related to the GCF?**

If yes, please attach the relevant scope of work, and briefly (100 words) describe the scope of support provided by other institutions

## SECTION 2: COUNTRY READINESS LOGICAL FRAMEWORK

Please complete the table below, which enables a country to assess its readiness for the GCF and set targets for strengthening its readiness, including proposed outputs and activities to improve the country's readiness. For further guidance on completing the table, please refer to the guidebook "Accessing the GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme".

OUTCOMES <sup>1</sup>	BASELINE	TARGET	ACTIVITIES <i>(including key outputs or deliverables where applicable)</i>
<b>1. Country capacity strengthened</b>	<b>0-8</b>	<b>0-8</b>	
1.1 NDA/focal point lead effective coordination mechanism	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	1.1 Identify the appropriate institutional structure for the NFP that will support collaboration between the Government and the GCF, and facilitate multi-stakeholder engagement 1.2 Create a NFP dissemination mechanism with relevant information regarding GCF and Serbia's involvement, responsibilities and possibilities 1.3 Identify, support and strengthen knowledge and capacity of the NFP coordination team for the GCF and other relevant stakeholders 1.4 Establish and implement the no-objection procedure as per the Fund's Initial no-objection procedure
1.2 No objection procedure established and implemented	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	
1.3 Bilateral agreements between the country and the GCF executed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	
1.4 Monitoring, oversight and streamlining of climate finance	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	
<b>2. Stakeholders engaged in consultative processes</b>	<b>0-8</b>	<b>0-8</b>	
2.1 Stakeholders engaged in consultative processes	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	2.1 Prepare a country programme including Serbia's development priorities with respect to the Green Climate Fund, consistent with the country's national environmental, waste management, industrial, agricultural and energy strategies, and the Fund's Initial results management framework
2.2 Country programmes, including adaptation priorities, developed and continuously updated	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	
2.3 Stakeholder consultations conducted with equal representation of women	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	
2.4 Annual participatory review of GCF portfolio in the country organized	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	
<b>3. Direct access realized</b>	<b>0-8</b>	<b>0-8</b>	
3.1 Candidate entities identified and nominated for accreditation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	3.1 Identify mechanisms to facilitate the communication of nominations of prospective public and private sector entities seeking accreditation with the Fund
3.2 Direct access entity accredited	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	

<sup>1</sup> Based on decisions: B.08/10, annexes XII, XIII & XIV; B.08/11; B.11/10, annex I; B.12/20, annex I

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3.3 Entity/ies annual/multi-annual work programme developed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	
3.4 Funding proposals through enhanced direct access modality approved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	
<b>4. Access to finance</b>	<b>0-8</b>	<b>0-8</b>	
4.1 Structured dialogue between the NDA/Accredited Entities and the GCF Secretariat organized	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	4.1 Identify modalities for establishing a structured dialogue between the NDA, accredited entities and the Secretariat on an annual basis
4.2 Country programmes, concept notes, including on adaptation, developed that implement high-impact priorities identified in INDCs and other national strategies or plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	4.2 Identify priorities and modalities for project preparation support
4.3 Project/programme preparation support, including for adaptation, to develop funding proposals provided	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	
4.4 Funding proposals, including for adaptation, that are aligned with country priorities approved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	
<b>5. Private sector mobilization</b>	<b>0-8</b>	<b>0-8</b>	
5.1 Private sector engaged in country consultative processes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	5.1 Organize workshops to foster broader private sector stakeholder engagement
5.2 Enabling environment for crowding-in private sector investments at national, regional and international levels exists	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	5.2 Identify activities for creating an enabling environment for crowding-in private sector investments at national, regional and international levels
5.3 Funding proposals for private sector projects/programmes, including for adaptation, approved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	
5.4 Funding proposals under the Private Sector Facility programmes (small- and medium-sized enterprises and mobilizing funds at scale) submitted and approved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	



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### SECTION 3: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Please explain how this grant will help deliver on the country's readiness needs as identified above and build on institutions, processes or existing work already underway in the country** (*maximum 500 words*)

In the past few decades the Republic of Serbia has faced significant meteorological and hydrological changes. According to climate change scenarios, the Republic of Serbia can expect further increase of air temperature; the most notable heating will be experienced during summer and autumn season, crossing 4 °C by the end of the century. Positive change in total annual precipitation is also expected by 2040, whereas negative trend is expected from 2041 to culminate in even 30% reduction of precipitation in summer season in some parts of the country. The sectors most affected by altered climate conditions are (and will continue to be): hydrology and water resources, forestry and agriculture, including biodiversity.

Climate change is expected to have considerable consequences for the livelihood of the citizens of the Republic of Serbia. Both the intensity and the frequency of floods and droughts are expected to increase, with negative consequences for human health and well-being. In the eastern part of the Republic of Serbia the increase in temperature is expected to cause more frequent forest fires, a problem that already threatens both the environment and human settlements in its proximity. Severe drought episodes are expected to cause major reduction in agricultural yield, magnitude of consequences already evidenced during the 2012 drought which incurred even 50% reduction of certain crops and losses of around 2 billion dollars. Additionally, the devastating floods of May 2014 caused damage in agricultural sector worth 120 million euros. Having in mind that the Republic of Serbia's agricultural production accounts for 11.4% of the total GDP, it is clear that the national economy is very fragile to all climate factors. Following the 2014 floods, experts concluded that the variation of precipitation patterns, together with the geological structure of the terrain, will have severe consequences for the stability of the soil. According to expert estimates almost 50% of Serbia's territory is threatened by landslides.

These severe consequences of climate change that threaten the environment of the Republic of Serbia and the livelihoods of its citizens have resulted in a stronger political will to tackle climate change and climate change related issues. Government of the Republic of Serbia established a multi-sectoral National Climate Change Council in 2014. In June 2015 Serbia was one of the first 10 countries of the world to deliver its INDCs, and also the first country in the Western Balkan region to do so. According to the adopted plan, Serbia has committed itself to reduce GHG emission by 9.8% by 2030. Concrete actions to achieve INDCs as well as to identify opportunities, time-frame and national long-term goals will be defined in the National Climate Change Strategy in the following two years. Despite the political will the country lacks the necessary capacities and resources to fully implement its ambitious mitigation and adaptation goals.

The activities envisaged in this proposal do not overlap with any existing readiness support offered by other entities and will build upon the completed and ongoing adaptation and mitigation activities outlined above. Particular attention will be paid throughout the whole process not to replicate previous efforts but to use the funds in the most effective manner, identifying unaddressed needs through a broadly consultative process. Specifically, the adoption of a Country programme and its continuous updating is expected to provide an efficient and constantly up to date prioritization allowing for the best use of resources helping Serbia to deliver its INDC and relevant strategies.



**SECTION 4: BUDGET, PROCUREMENT, IMPLEMENTATION AND DISBURSEMENT**

OUTCOMES (same as in section 2)	ACTIVITIES (same as in section 2)	TOTAL COST (per activity)	COST CATEGORIES				EXPENDITURE AND IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE	
			Consultants	Travel	Workshops/ Trainings	Others	6m	12m
<b>Outcome 1: Country capacity strengthened</b>	1.1 Identify the appropriate institutional structure for the NFP that will support collaboration between the Government and the GCF, and facilitate multi-stakeholder engagement	20,000	16,000	0	4,000	0	20,000	0
	1.2 Create a NFP dissemination mechanism with relevant information regarding GCF and Serbia's involvement, responsibilities and possibilities	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	5,000	5,000
	1.3. Identify, support and strengthen knowledge and capacity of the NFP coordination team and other relevant stakeholders for engagement with the GCF	50,000	10,000	20,000	20,000	0	20,000	30,000
	1.4. Establish and implement the no-objection procedure as per the Fund's Initial no-objection procedure	20,000	16,000	0	4,000	0	10,000	10,000
<b>Outcome 2: Stakeholders engaged in consultative processes</b>	2.1. Prepare a country programme including Serbia's development priorities with respect to the Green Climate Fund, consistent with the country's national environmental, waste management, industrial, agricultural and	140,000	65,000	20,000	55,000	0	55,000	85,000



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	energy strategies, and the Fund's Initial results management framework							
<b>Outcome 3: Direct access realized</b>	3.1 Identify mechanisms to facilitate the communication of nominations of prospective public and private sector entities seeking accreditation with the Fund	20,000	16,000	0	4,000	0	0	20,000
<b>CONTINGENCY (UP TO 5%)</b>		12,800	0	0	0	12,800	6,400	6,400
<b>DELIVERY PARTNER FEE (UP TO 10%)</b>		27,200	0	0	0	27,200	13,600	13,600
<b>TOTAL</b>		300,000	123,000	40,000	87,000	50,000	130,000	170,000

**Procurement plan**

For goods or services to be procured/hired, list the items to be procured/hired (including consultants), the estimated cost of each item, and the procedure to be used (i.e. direct procurement, open tender, shopping, other and related thresholds). Please include the procurement plan for at least the first tranche of disbursement requested below.

UN Environment, under the guidance of the FP, will competitively procure services consistent with the UN procurement rules and regulations, outlined in the UN procurement manual.

The terms of reference (ToR) of consultants will be developed under the guidance of the FP to include the tasks outlined in the request summary above. Items such as venues and travel for stakeholder workshops to be organized will also be procured consistent with the UN procurement rules and regulations.

The consultants' ToR, information on the process and the results of procurement to be undertaken will be included in the inception document where such information can be provided in advance. The process and the results will be included in final report once such procurement has been undertaken and completed.

Procurement of Goods and Works	
Method	Threshold
Direct Procurement (Low value acquisition)	<4,000 \$
Informal methods of solicitation (Request for quotations)	<40,000\$
Formal methods of solicitation (Invitation to bid, Request for proposal)	>40,000

Procurement Method	Prior or Post	Comments
<b>Procurement of Goods and Works</b>		
Direct Procurement	Prior	
Request for quotations	Prior	
Invitation to bid	Prior	
<b>Recruitment of Consulting Firms</b>		
Request for proposals	Prior	
<b>Recruitment of Consultants</b>		
Competitive HR selection process	Prior	

Activity	Amount	Procurement Method	Comments
1.1 Identify the appropriate institutional structure for the NFP that will support collaboration between the Government and the GCF, and facilitate multi-stakeholder engagement	16,000 (Consultants)	Competitive HR selection process	
	4,000 (Meetings)	Request for quotations	

1.2 Create a NFP dissemination mechanism with relevant information regarding GCF and Serbia's involvement, responsibilities and possibilities	10,000 (Information material)	Request for quotations	
1.3. Identify, support and strengthen knowledge and capacity of the NFP coordination team and other relevant stakeholders for engagement with the GCF	10,000 (Consultants) 20,000 (Travel) 20,000 (Trainings)	Competitive HR selection process  In compliance with UN rules related to travel costs  Request for quotations	
1.4. Establish and implement the no-objection procedure as per the Fund's Initial no-objection procedure.	16,000 (Consultants) 4,000 (Meetings)	Competitive HR selection process <sup>2</sup>  Request for quotations	
2.1. Prepare a country programme including Serbia's development priorities with respect to the Green Climate Fund, consistent with the country's national environmental, waste management, industrial, agricultural and energy strategies, and the Fund's Initial results management framework	65,000 (Consultants) 20,000 (Travel) 55,000 (Meetings)	Competitive HR selection process  In compliance with UN rules related to travel costs  Request for quotations*	* even if the cumulative costs are above the 40,000 threshold, the requests for quotation will be related to smaller amounts for the costs arising from different meetings/training events;
3.1 Identify mechanisms to facilitate the communication of nominations of prospective public and private sector entities seeking accreditation with the Fund	16,000 (Consultants) 4,000 (Meetings)	Competitive HR selection process  Request for quotations	

### Goods and Works Contracts Estimated

The following table lists goods and works contracts for which procurement activity is either ongoing or expected to commence within the next 12 months.

General Description	Contract Value	Procurement Method	Prequalification of Bidders (y/n)	Advertisement Date (quarter/year)	Comments
Provision of hotel services for workshops, meetings and trainings, including refreshments, rent of meeting rooms, audio-	62,000 \$  (Cumulative value)	Request for quotations	n	Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	Three multi-stakeholder meeting will be organized and

<sup>2</sup> Recruitment of consultants, different from the services of a consultancy company, is not considered procurement under UN rules, but a human resources selection process; UN rules regarding human resources selection processes, including those regarding the selections of consultants and temporary appointments, are very rigorous and guarantee high levels of transparency throughout the entire process;

video equipment and other relevant services					two training events
Provision of materials necessary for workshops, trainings and meetings, including stationary, printing and other	3,500 \$	Direct procurement (Low value acquisition)	n	Q1	
Catering (including meals, lunches, tea and coffee breaks etc.) for participants attending smaller meetings	11,500 \$	Request for quotations	n	Q1, Q2, Q3	At least 7 smaller consultation meetings will be held during the duration of the project
Travel costs (not including DSA costs)	30,000 \$ (Cumulative value)				In compliance with UN rules related to travel costs and per diem entitlements
Communication Materials	10,000 \$	Request for quotations	n	Q1	Two knowledge products conceptualized and developed

**Consulting Services Contracts Estimated**

The following table lists consulting services contracts for which procurement activity is either ongoing or expected to commence within the next 12 months.

General Description	Contract Value	Recruitment Method	Advertisement Date (quarter/year)	Indicative contracting date	International or National Assignment	Comments
Lead National Consultant	35,400 \$	Competitive HR selection process	1 Q	June 2017	National	The lead national consultant will be placed to work closely with the NFP, for the whole duration of the project, strengthening the capacities of the NFP coordination team and being actively involved in all of the activities under this proposal
National Consultant (Climate Change expert)	23,400 \$	Competitive HR selection process	1 Q	June 2017	National	
National Consultant	23,400 \$	Competitive HR selection process	1 Q	June 2017	National	

(Finance expert)						
International Consultant	20,800 \$	Competitive HR selection process	2 Q	November 2017	International	An international, short term consultant will be hired to ensure the highest qualitative level of the country programme
<b>Disbursement schedule</b>						
<p>Specify the proposed schedule for requesting disbursements from the GCF, including amounts and periodicity. For amounts requested, keep to multiples of USD 5,000, and for periodicity, specify whether it's quarterly, bi-annually or annually only.</p> <p>The funding will be transferred to UN Environment, as the delivery partner, as per the Framework Agreement signed between UN Environment and the GCF. In line with this agreement, two disbursement requests will be prepared and transmitted, each asking for funding sufficient to cover six months of activities.</p>						
<b>Additional information</b>						



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This box provides an opportunity to include further explanations related to the budget, procurement plan and disbursement schedule, including any details on the assumptions to justify costs presented in the budget.

The TRAVEL column includes costs related to the travel of the NFP, NFP coordination team and consultants related to meeting attendance and attendance of trainings;

The OTHER column includes cost related to the knowledge products, namely costs related to producing printed publications and costs related to the establishment of the web-based dissemination mechanism;



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### SECTION 5: IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

#### Please attach an "implementation map" or describe how funds will be managed by the NDA/FP or delivery partner

If the entity implementing the readiness support is not an accredited entity of the GCF, please complete the Financial Management Capacity Assessment (FMCA) questionnaire (URL) and submit it with this proposal.

The United Nations Environment Programme – Vienna Programme Office (UN Environment Vienna) has been selected by the Republic of Serbia as its delivery partner for the GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme. UN Environment has extensive knowledge and experience in project implementation in the field of climate change. On a global level, UN Environment has facilitated the completion of 15 NAPAs and assisted 38 countries in developing their National Communications to the UNFCCC. Additionally, approximately 80 adaptation projects are completed or being currently implemented by UN Environment at global, national and local level. UN Environment has considerable experience in assisting countries to accessing climate finance, in particular in partnership with the Global Environment Fund (GEF) as well as through the capacity building and technical support given to the countries to gain direct access to the Adaptation Fund. In partnership with UNDP and WRI, UN Environment is currently implementing a programme to strengthen countries' readiness to access the GCF.

UN Environment through its Vienna Office has been actively involved in the whole South East European region for over a decade, supporting governments in implementing a number of environmental initiatives, programmes and projects. In particular relating to climate change, UN Environment Office in Vienna has implemented a number of activities through the Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC), such as producing "Climate Change in the Western Balkans" one of the first evidence-based climate change publications in the region, following with "Climate Change Adaptation in South Eastern Europe". In addition, UN Environment Office in Vienna has been heavily involved in the post-flooding events in the region, assisting countries in identifying their environmental capacities and needs, especially in terms of adaptation of infrastructures to future climate-related disasters. UN Environment is currently also implementing a number of GEF funded projects in the region, assisting countries in developing of related strategies and action plans and compliance with UN conventions such as the CBD, UNCCD and UNFCCC. All of the previous UN Environment experience on the field shows that the agency has a strong national support and is trusted by the government to lead important environmental governance processes.

UN Environment, under the leadership and guidance of the NFP, will take the management role of the readiness funding, whereas the NFP will steer the programme implementation process in close collaboration with UN Environment Vienna. Under the guidance of the NFP, individual consultant(s) or consulting company(s) will be identified in accordance with the procurement plan and with a detailed implementation plan. The preparation of the country programme will be the result of a widely consulted process under the leadership of the NFP, ensuring the country ownership of the resulting prioritization, thus avoiding any potential conflict of interest.

#### Other relevant information



This box provides an opportunity to include any important information you wish to bring to the attention of the GCF Secretariat, but did not have an opportunity to provide in the sections above.

*To avoid any possible conflicts of interest deriving from the delivery partner's role as an accredited entity, the prioritization of investments and projects to be included in the country programme will be made through a broad consultation process with relevant stakeholders, including other potential implementing entities for the Republic of Serbia. The final validation of the country programme will be carried out by the country's coordination mechanism with the participation of other government agencies, as well as representatives from civil society and private sector, to ensure chosen priorities are fully aligned with national plans and strategies and adequately includes inputs from consulted stakeholders.*