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# Appointment of a member of the independent Technical Advisory Panel

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## **Summary**

This document informs on the process of selection of one expert as member of the independent Technical Advisory Panel, and presents the Operations and Portfolio Committee's nomination of the candidate for Board endorsement.

## I. Introduction

1. The terms of reference of the independent Technical Advisory Panel (iTAP) define the composition of the iTAP and its mandate to engage in the review of funding proposals. The terms of reference were first adopted by the Board through decision B.09/10 and were subsequently updated through decision B.BM-2018/09. In March 2020, the Board decided to expand the membership of the iTAP to 10 members through decision B.25/09, in response to the anticipated increase in funding proposals.

2. In 2023, the Board, through decision B.35/02, endorsed the nomination by the Investment Committee (the Committee) of four members to the iTAP for one term of three years. At the conclusion of their three-year term in March 2026, the Board approved the reappointment of three of those four members through decision B.BM-2026/03 while the fourth member informed GCF of the decision not to proceed with an extension as a member of the panel.

3. In order to fill the remaining vacant position, the Investment Committee, based on the mandate given through decision B.BM-2022/01, requested the Secretariat to launch a call for experts in February 2026 to ensure continuity of a fully capacitated 10-member panel. The Committee requested the Secretariat identify a suitable candidate to join the Panel, with due consideration given to the geographic and specialty coverage in accordance with the updated terms of reference of the iTAP. In addition, the Committee requested the Secretariat to ensure that a roster of candidates could be available for future iTAP vacancies.

## II. Recruitment Process

4. The recruitment process was launched in February 2026 with a goal to nominate an additional Panel member by the Investment Committee for endorsement by the Board as soon as possible.

5. The call for experts and the Panel's terms of reference were published on the GCF's website between 20 February 2026 and 6 March 2026, with an open invitation to all potential candidates to submit their applications distributed through the GCF website. Applicants were asked to provide a CV and cover letter expressing their interest.

6. A total of 182 applications were received and evaluated based on the required qualifications and key fields of competencies as defined in the updated terms of reference.

7. The Investment Committee also requested the Secretariat to screen candidates on the basis of:

- (a) Breadth of their technical experience relevant to GCF's result areas;
- (b) Professional experience applying scientific knowledge in climate change adaptation based on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)'s guidance in reviewing and appraising project proposals in GCF's result areas;
- (c) Experience in project financing, development and implementation in developing countries;
- (d) Working knowledge of the project management cycle, including origination, implementation, assessment and oversight;
- (e) Familiarity with UNFCCC guidance and processes, IPCC guidance and other relevant climate change processes; and
- (f) Experience in the financial structuring, appraisal, and operation of private sector.

8. The Committee also emphasized the importance of maintaining gender balance on the iTAP, along with balance of members from Annex I and non-Annex I countries. Noting the gap within the iTAP due to the departing member's expertise in private sector transactions, the Committee also highlighted the need to find candidates with experience in private sector projects.
9. Through an initial screening, the Secretariat longlisted thirty-three candidates that best met the technical qualifications and further narrowed it down to produce a shortlist of ten candidates based on the instructions of the Committee. These candidates were invited for interviews in April 2026.
10. With the oversight of the iTAP mandates transferred to the new Operations and Portfolio Committee (OPC), an interview panel was formed composed of two OPC members, one from developed and other from developing country constituencies, and two Secretariat representatives. The interview panel identified the strongest candidate that would fill the existing gap in expertise in iTAP. Candidates considered qualified but who were not selected may be considered for future iTAP vacancies.
11. Upon deliberation during its meeting held on 28 June 2026, the OPC decided to nominate the following candidate for the iTAP:
  - (a) Mr. Cyrille Arnould, France
12. In the selection process, the OPC and the Secretariat considered geographic and technical expertise coverage as well as gender balance. Therefore, the OPC notes that, with the endorsement of the nominated candidate, the composition of the iTAP would feature an equal geographical (five members from developing countries and five from developed countries) and gender (five female and five male members) balance, with a diverse range of backgrounds and technical knowledge.

### **III. Recommended action by the Board**

13. It is recommended that the Board adopt the draft decision in annex I.

## **Annex I: Draft decision of the Board**

The Board, having considered document GCF/B.45/21 titled “Appointment of a member of the independent Technical Advisory Panel”:

*Endorses* the nomination by the Operations and Portfolio Committee of Mr. Cyrille Arnould (France), to the independent Technical Advisory Panel for one three-year term starting no later than 31 July 2026.

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