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Reappointment of members of the independent Technical Advisory Panel

Summary

This document provides information on the process of renewal of experts as members of the independent Technical Advisory Panel, following the end of their contract, and presents the Operations and Portfolio Committee's nomination for the reappointment of two of its members for endorsement by the Board.

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 independent TAP to 10 members through decision B.25/09, in response to the anticipated increase in funding proposals.

2. According to the updated terms of reference, the iTAP members "will be procured, selected and nominated by the Operations and Portfolio Committee¹, with the support of the Secretariat, for endorsement by the Board". Additionally, "endorsed Panel members will enter into a consultancy contract with GCF for a term of three years, with the possibility of renewal".

I. Background

3. In 2023, the Board, through decision B.36/04, endorsed the nomination by the Investment Committee of two members to the iTAP, including Ms. Marianne Kjellén, and Ms. Debbie Menezes for one term of three years, which expires on 31 July 2026.

4. In advance of their reappointment being considered, and in line with the general terms and conditions of GCF for consultancy contracts, iTAP members are subject to an individual performance review. The individual performance reviews of iTAP members are independent of the broader review of the function, governance and role of the iTAP noted through decision B.44/07.

5. In its decision B.41/03, the Board decided that the performance review of the members of the iTAP shall be undertaken by an independent firm and approved the terms of reference for such a review. The Board also requested the Secretariat to procure an independent firm to conduct this review.

6. Accordingly, the Secretariat contracted Russell Reynolds Associates to conduct the performance review of those iTAP members, including Ms. Marianne Kjellén, and Ms. Debbie Menezes, whose initial contract expire in the first half of 2026. The final report of this performance review was submitted to the Operations and Portfolio Committee on 13 May 2026. An overview of the findings and recommendations is provided to the Board for consideration in the limited distribution addendum I to this document.

7. The Operations and Portfolio Committee agreed to recommend to the Board the reappointment of Ms. Marianne Kjellén, and Ms. Debbie Menezes to the iTAP for another term of three years.

III. Recommended action by the Board

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

¹ Investment Committee mandate has been transferred to the Operations and Portfolio Committee through decision B.44/16

Annex I: Draft decision of the Board

The Board, having considered limited distribution document GCF/B.45/04 titled "Reappointment of members of the independent Technical Advisory Panel":

Endorses the nomination by the Operations and Portfolio Committee for the reappointment the following members of the independent Technical Advisory Panel for a three-year term starting on the date of the expiration of their current term:

- (i) Ms. Marianne Kjellén
 - (ii) Ms. Debbie Menezes
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