Green Climate Fund revised Accreditation Framework: Application form guidance

I. Purpose of the Document

This application form guidance supports applicants in Step 3 of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) institutional accreditation process: 'Application and fees'. It clarifies the nature of the screening requirements, and provides guidance on the relevant accreditation standards and policies, and the mandatory and supplementary evidence required to be submitted by applicants to demonstrate they meet the screening requirements.

This document mirrors the online accreditation application form that should be filled in and submitted via the GCF Partner Portal (GPP), after the pre-screening process. This document is provided for ease of reference solely to help entities prepare their application. Further information is available on the GCF website, including regarding Step 1: Government nomination or self-nomination and Step 2: Pre-screening.

Please note that GCF may amend this document from time to time.

II. Overview of Step 3: Application and Payment of Fees

The submission of an application and payment of fees is the third step of the accreditation process. Only applicants that have passed the first two steps of the GCF institutional accreditation process (Government nomination or self-nomination and Pre-screening) are invited to submit an application for accreditation to GCF via GPP. There is no separate formal step for government nomination or self-nomination; in both cases, applicants may begin the pre-screening questionnaire directly and then follow the instructions to either upload the nomination letter from the National Designated Authority (NDA) or, for applicants eligible for self-nomination, provide information on how they informed and consulted with the NDA.

Applicants are expected to pay the applicable fees in accordance with the GCF policy on fees for accreditation. Only entities that successfully submit a complete application and pay the required fees within the relevant deadlines will proceed to the next step of the accreditation process - Step 4: Screening and report.

III. General Guidance to Applicants

Before submission, applicants should:

1. Discuss with GCF and relevant countries their plan to contribute to the countries' climate priorities and GCF's strategic programming objectives.
2. Review and ensure that they understand GCF's priorities and objectives.
3. Review and ensure that they understand the accreditation framework, the role of a GCF Accredited Entity (AE), and the screening requirements.
4. Read all instructions and evidence requirements.

5. Ensure that, to the best of their knowledge, they meet all the screening requirements. These requirements are linked to the following GCF standards and policies:
    a. Initial Fiduciary Principles and Standards (decision B.07/02);
    b. Policy on Prohibited Practices (decision B.22/19);
    c. Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Policy (AML/CFT Policy) (decision B.18/10);
    d. Standards for the implementation of the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism policy (AML/CFT Standards) (decision B.23/15 (a));
    e. Policy on the Protection of Whistle-blowers and Witnesses (decision B.BM-2018/21);
    f. Requirements of Board decision B.10/06, paragraphs (i)[1] and (j)[2];
    g. Interim Environmental and Social Safeguards (decision B.07/02);
    h. Revised Environmental and Social Policy (decision B.BM-2021/18);
    i. Indigenous Peoples Policy (decision B.19/11); and
    j. Updated Gender Policy and Gender Action Plan 2020–2023 (decision B.24/12).
6. Familiarize themselves with the GPP.
7. Prepare the supporting documentation required as evidence for the screening requirements (noting the different forms of evidence for institutional policy or framework requirements and evidence of effective implementation and track record).
8. Ensure that the person submitting the application has the requisite authority on behalf of the applicant to submit the application and supporting evidence, bind the applicant to the Terms and Conditions agreed when accessing GPP and commit to the payment of the fees for accreditation.

When completing the application, applicants must:

1. Answer all questions. Questions for each sub-screening requirement are structured as “Yes” or “No” answers.
    a. When “Yes” is selected, a dialogue box is provided for the applicant to provide a narrative explanation detailing reference to supporting documentation.
    b. When "No" is selected, a dialogue box is provided for the applicant to provide a narrative explanation detailing how the criterion is met.

[1] “Further decides that, recalling decision B.08/03, all international entities, as an important consideration of their accreditation application, shall indicate how they intend to strengthen capacities of, or otherwise support, potential subnational, national and regional entities to meet, at the earliest opportunity, the accreditation requirements of the Fund in order to enhance country ownership and that they report annually on these actions”.

[2] “Reaffirms that information on how the entity will contribute to the mandate of the Fund and any information considered material, particularly information with potential reputational risks to the Fund, shall be provided in the recommendation of the Accreditation Panel to the Board”.

2. By responding “Yes” or “No”, the applicant explicitly states their position on each standard review criterion. A “Yes” is confirmation that the screening requirement is met.
3. Provide clear and accurate descriptions/narratives within allocated maximum word limits (e.g., between 100-500 words), with reference to the appropriate documents submitted as mandatory or supplementary evidence. Potential risks and/or gaps should be described, together with appropriate mitigation.
4. Provide all mandatory evidence as requested. **Mandatory evidence** is deemed necessary to demonstrate that the applicant meets the screening requirements.
5. Provide all relevant supplementary evidence that the applicant believes is necessary or appropriate to support the application review process. **Supplementary evidence** is any additional information beyond the mandatory evidence that adds value, context, clarity, and credibility to demonstrate the applicant meets the relevant screening requirement. For some applicants, depending on the type of the organization, supplementary evidence becomes mandatory evidence (refer to guidance in section 8.4.1).
6. Identify the maximum environmental and social risk category of projects/programmes they intend to undertake (high risk (category A and/or intermediation-1), medium risk (category B and/or intermediation-2), or minimal to no risk (category C and/or intermediation-3)).
7. Ensure that the application is complete, with all questions answered and mandatory and supplementary information uploaded, before submission.

IV. Important to Note

1. Applicants should avoid incomplete answers, and missing or incomplete documents. An incomplete application will not be processed and if any information is subsequently found to be missing, it could delay the screening process.
2. An applicant can submit only one application for accreditation, so must choose to apply for institutional accreditation or under the project-specific assessment approach (PSAA). Should an applicant elect to pursue the PSAA approach, the applicant will be able to apply for institutional accreditation only after the PSAA process is complete.
3. Where entities are part of a corporate or organizational group (e.g., entities with parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, country offices, branches) the entity within the group best suited to undertake the role and responsibilities of an AE should be the applicant. Other legal entities within the group may participate in GCF-financed projects as the executing entities.
4. All entities applying for accreditation must have independent legal personality and legal capacity to enter into and perform its obligations under financing agreements with GCF in its own name. In the case of an applicant that is a government, the application may be submitted by or through the appropriate ministry, department or similar body that has the authority to enter into legal agreements with GCF and directly receive and manage international funds on behalf of the government.

5. Applications must be completed and submitted in English. If the original documents are in another language, an official or certified English translation of the document or a summary of the relevant parts of the document must be provided. Both the original document and the English translation must be submitted. If the translation is not an official or certified translation, GCF may request clarification or additional proof of accuracy, which could delay the application.
6. All applicants are expected to provide relevant, complete, and credible evidence to demonstrate how they meet the screening requirements. GCF recognizes that applicants may vary significantly in terms of their legal nature, scope of activities, and mandate. Where applicable, specific guidance is provided to different types of applicants in the respective sections.
7. Where possible, applicants should provide a track record for the last three years in the relevant sections depending on the maturity of the organization and its systems (e.g., sections 5.2, 6, 8). An insufficient track record does not automatically disqualify applicants. In such cases, applicants need to demonstrate how they meet the requirements related to a track record. This will then be assessed by the Accreditation Panel.
8. Where the questions or evidence required includes reference to 'alignment with relevant policy of GCF', please note that any assessment of 'alignment' of the applicant's policies or procedures to the principles and/or requirements of the applicable GCF policy does not mean or imply that the applicant's policy is or is being assessed to be equivalent to the relevant GCF policy. GCF's responsibilities in relation to the accreditation of applicants are set out in the relevant policies. For example, in respect of the revised Environmental and Social Policy, GCF is responsible for determining the applicant's capacity to manage environmental and social risks and impacts of GCF-financed activities. GCF will assess the applicant's commitment, track record and consistency of its systems and approaches with the environmental and social standards using a 'fit-for-purpose' approach. All funding proposals submitted by AE are reviewed and assessed by GCF in accordance with the requirements under the relevant GCF policy (e.g., revised Environmental and Social Policy, updated Gender Policy, and the Indigenous Peoples Policy). For each proposed project, the environmental and social assessment is conducted as per GCF interim ESS Standards (IFC PS 1-8) and the revised Environmental and Social Policy.

For any questions on accreditation, please contact the GCF Accreditation team at accreditation@gcfund.org. For technical assistance, please use the "Contact us" button in GPP.

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1	**General information**		
1.1.1 ~ 1.1.5	Applicant name (full legal name) Applicant acronym Legal address or registered office address. If different, also provide operational address Website	Mandatory : 1) Evidence of the legal name of the applicant (e.g. certificate of incorporation, formation or registration documents). Mandatory: 1) Evidence of the legal or registered address of the applicant.	Note: Pre-populated from pre-screening questionnaire with an option to update (except for the full legal name and acronym).
1.1.6	Primary contact (name and title) Primary contact email Primary contact phone no. Secondary contact (name and title) Secondary contact email Secondary contact phone no.	Mandatory evidence: 1) Official letter designating the focal point/s.	Additional guidance: The applicant must provide information on institutional contacts for the accreditation process, including the designated Primary and Secondary Focal Points. These contacts may be the same individuals identified during the pre-screening process.
1.2	Applicant type A. Scope of operations International (global activities or presence) Regional (multi-country or regional activities)		Note: Pre-populated from pre-screening questionnaire with an option to update.

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	National (country-level activities) Subnational/Local B. Type of entity Public sector – Government (which may be acting through a ministry or department) Public sector – Government-controlled subnational, national or regional entity (including development banks and state-owned companies) Private sector – Registered legal entities which are not government-controlled (e.g., for-profit entities, financial institutions) Multilateral or other international organization – entity formed by treaty, agreement or resolution between participating member states (including multilateral development banks) UN System Entity – a specialized agency, subsidiary organ or other part of the UN system Civil society organization/Non-governmental organization (including entities or		

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	foundations established for public or charitable purposes) Academic/Research institution Other		
1.3	Area of operation Developing countries Least developed countries Small island developing States Developed countries Location of applicant's headquarters Location of applicant's legal incorporation or establishment		Note: Pre-populated from pre-screening questionnaire with an option to update.
2	**Legal status and basic eligibility** *Screening requirement:* *The applicant has legal personality, the legal capacity and authority to enter into contracts, and can bear financial and legal responsibility for performing those obligations.*		
2.1	**Legal personality and capacity**		
2.1.1	Does your organization possess independent legal personality under its constituent or governing documents and the laws of its establishment?	Mandatory: 1) Evidence the applicant validly exists. 2) Evidence the applicant possesses independent legal personality. 3) Evidence the applicant possesses legal capacity to contract with GCF and receive and repay monies	Guidance for legal personality/capacity: Any evidence of an applicant's current existence should be dated proximate in time to the submission of the accreditation application. **Corporate or corporate-like applicants:** a. The law(s) under which it has been incorporated or registered (e.g. Companies Act), including a confirmation as to which section(s) of such law(s) the
2.1.2	Does your organization have legal capacity and authority pursuant to its constituent or governing documents and/or other applicable laws to enter		

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	into legal agreements with international organizations (such as GCF) in its own name and to perform its obligations thereunder?	to an international organization. 4) Founding/incorporation/registration certificates or documents or legal charter or founding agreement. 5) Articles of Association/By-laws. 6) Evidence of authority to contract internationally and directly receive proceeds from international organizations (if required). 7) Certificate of good standing. Supplementary: 1) Legal opinion issued in accordance with the guidance. If the applicant does not provide a legal opinion at this stage, additional engagement and enquiry by GCF may be required during the application process to verify the applicant's legal status and capacity to be	applicant has been registered and derives its legal personality and/or capacity; b. Certificate of incorporation or registration; c. Constituent documents, by whatever name called, e.g. Charter/Articles/By-laws/LLC Agreement, including an indication under which section(s) the applicant's capacity is derived; d. Evidence of the applicant's current existence, such as a certificate of compliance or good standing issued by the relevant authorities in the jurisdiction of incorporation, or evidence that the applicant's registration is 'active' or 'current' with the relevant authorities; e. For applicants who are licensed to carry on specific activities, e.g. banks, investment managers, investment service providers, insurance companies, provide copies of the license(s) and any applicable conditions, the name of the applicable regulatory authority, and evidence of current license status, including, where applicable, a certificate of compliance or good standing issued by the relevant regulatory authority; and f. Historical information (back to the original incorporation/registration of the applicant – evidence of any changes of legal name or legal structuring (e.g. mergers, amalgamations, continuations). **Applicants established pursuant to an incorporating law/statutory instrument:** a. The law(s) or statutory instruments pursuant to which the applicant has been established, including a confirmation as to which section(s) of such law(s) the

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		an AE which may delay the screening process.	applicant has been established and derives its legal personality and/or capacity; b. If applicable, a certificate or evidence of registration, or a confirmation as to which section of the law establishing the applicant such registration is not required; c. If applicable, the constituent documents, by whatever name called, e.g. Charter/By-laws/regulations, including an indication as to which section(s) the applicant's capacity and authority are derived; d. Evidence of the applicant's current existence, such as a certificate of compliance or good standing issued by the relevant authorities in the jurisdiction of incorporation, or evidence that the applicant's registration is 'active' or 'current' with the relevant authorities; e. For applicants who are licensed to carry on specific activities, e.g. banks, investment managers, investment service providers, insurance companies, provide copies of the license(s) and any applicable conditions, the name of the applicable regulatory authority, and evidence of current license status, including, where applicable, a certificate of compliance or good standing issued by the relevant regulatory authority; and f. Historical information (back to the original incorporation/registration of the applicant – evidence of any changes of legal name or legal structuring (e.g. mergers, amalgamations, continuations, legal succession).

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			Governments (which may be acting through a Ministry or Department): a. The law(s) or regulations (by whatever name called) under which the relevant Ministry(ies)/Department has authority to act on behalf of and bind the Government, including an indication as to which section(s) of the law(s) or regulations the applicant derives its legal personality and/or capacity; and b. Any applicable laws, regulations or other instruments, by whatever name called, which provide for or limit the applicant's legal capacity, including an indication of the relevant section(s) of such instrument; For applicants that are governments, government ministries, departments or agencies, specify whether the applicant is acting on behalf of the government or if the ministry, department or agency has separate legal personality distinct from the government and legal capacity to enter into agreements with international financial institutions such as GCF in its own name. If the applicant has distinct legal personality from the government and legal capacity to contract with international finance institutions, please provide evidence in the form of the relevant law(s) or statutory instrument(s) – and indicate the appropriate sections thereof – which permit it to enter into agreements with international organizations and follow the guidance related to applicants established pursuant to an establishing law/statutory instrument.

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			Treaty-based international or regional organizations: a. The treaty or instrument pursuant to which the applicant has been established, including an indication as to which section(s) of such treaty the applicant has been established and derives its legal personality and/or capacity; b. If applicable, any headquarters, host-country or other agreement(s) with a member state or other sovereign, including a confirmation as to which section(s) of such agreement(s) the applicant has been recognized as having legal personality in the relevant jurisdiction and/or derives its legal personality and/or capacity; c. If applicable, a certificate or evidence of domestic registration in any country(ies), or a confirmation as to which section of the treaty establishing the applicant such registration is not required; d. If applicable, the constituent documents, by whatever name called, e.g. Charter/By-laws/regulations, including an indication as to which section(s) the applicant's capacity and authority are derived; and e. Evidence of the applicant's current existence, such as a certificate of compliance or good standing issued by the relevant authorities in the jurisdiction of incorporation, or evidence that the applicant's registration is 'active' or 'current' with the relevant authorities.

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			Unincorporated associations a. The instrument pursuant to which the applicant has been established, including an indication as to which section(s) of such instrument the applicant has been established and derives its legal personality and/or capacity; b. The law(s) under which entities of that nature and type are recognized, including a confirmation as to which section(s) of such law(s) the applicant is so recognized as having legal personality and/or capacity in the relevant jurisdiction; c. If applicable, a certificate or evidence of registration, or a confirmation as to which section of the law establishing the applicant such registration is not required; d. If applicable, the constituent documents, by whatever name called, e.g. Charter/By-laws/articles, including an indication as to which section(s) the applicant's capacity and authority are derived; and e. If applicable, any headquarters, host-country or other agreement(s) with the relevant authorities in the jurisdiction of establishment, including an indication as to which section(s) of such agreement(s) the applicant has been recognized as having legal personality in the relevant jurisdiction and/or derives its legal personality and/or capacity.

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			Guidance for legal opinions: 1. Legal opinions must be addressed to GCF. 2. Legal opinions must confirm that the applicant is validly existing, has independent juridical personality and capacity to enter into financing agreements with international organizations. As such, we would expect that the legal opinion will confirm, in substance, with respect to the applicant that it: a. is a separate legal entity capable of entering into contracts in its own name, duly incorporated or established and validly existing under the laws of its jurisdiction of establishment; b. has the power, right and all applicable licences to carry on its business as it is being conducted, to apply for accreditation to the Fund, and to independently apply for, directly receive, hold and manage international financing in USD, GBP, EUR and/or JPY; and c. has independent control and authority to adopt its policies and procedures (including but not limited to those to be assessed during accreditation). The Fund recognizes that the specific confirmations provided in the legal opinion will vary based on the legal nature of the applicant, the requirements and practices in the relevant jurisdiction and the requirements and practices of the issuing party. 3. The Fund does not have lawyers qualified in every jurisdiction, so legal opinions provide the Fund with an independent assessment of the applicant's legal status as a

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			matter of the relevant law. As such, the legal opinion should be issued by: a. **if the applicant is a government, government ministry or department, or otherwise part of a government:** the body responsible for and authorized to confirm the legal standing of such person in the relevant jurisdiction, e.g., attorney-general, solicitor-general, ministry of justice official; b. **if the applicant is an international or multilateral organization established by treaty or other similar instrument**: by the most senior legal officer of the applicant who is qualified to practice law in at least one jurisdiction; and c. **for all other applicants (i.e. all corporate, corporate-like, state-owned entities, unincorporated associations):** a reputable and nationally recognized firm (in the jurisdiction of the applicant's establishment) which is qualified or authorized to issue legal opinions in or as to the laws of the relevant jurisdiction. If GCF is unable to verify the applicant's legal status and capacity to its satisfaction based on the review of the documents and information provided by the applicant and the applicant has not submitted a legal opinion, GCF may request the applicant to procure a legal opinion in the relevant jurisdiction.
2.1.3	For government or state-owned entities, specify whether your organization forms part of the government or has been granted separate legal personality and legal capacity		Note: Pre-populated from pre-screening questionnaire with an option to update.

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	to enter into agreements with international financial institutions such as GCF in its own name		
2.2	**Ownership information**		
2.2.1	Can your organization provide documentation on ownership structure and beneficial ownership details?	Mandatory: 1) Ownership structure and beneficial ownership details comprising the identification of natural persons who directly or indirectly own or have controlling interest (shareholders, directors, persons having voting rights) of 10 per cent or more.	Based on the type of entity, the ownership structure and beneficial ownership details following a risk-based approach should be provided: i. Public sector – Government (which may be acting through a ministry or department): N/A – Where an entity is wholly (100 per cent) owned by a government, beneficial ownership identification is not required. ii. Public sector – Government-controlled subnational, national or regional entity (including development banks and state-owned companies): (1) For State-Owned Company (SOC) that is 100 per cent owned by a government: N/A – Where an entity is wholly (100 per cent) owned by a government, beneficial ownership identification is not required. (2) For SOC that is not 100 per cent owned by a government: Natural persons who ultimately own or control, directly or indirectly, (i) 10 per cent or more of the shares or voting rights, or (ii) exercise control through other means (e.g., ability to appoint/remove the majority of the board, contractual arrangements, or de facto influence). iii. Private sector – Registered legal entities which are not government-controlled (e.g., for-profit entities, financial institutions): Natural persons who ultimately own or control, directly or indirectly, (i) 10 per cent or more of

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			the shares or voting rights, or (ii) exercise control through other means (e.g., ability to appoint/remove the majority of the board, contractual arrangements, or de facto influence). iv. Multilateral or other international organization – entity formed by treaty, agreement or resolution between participating member states (including multilateral development banks): N/A – Where an entity is wholly (100 per cent) owned by a government, beneficial ownership identification is not required. v. UN System Entity – a specialized agency, subsidiary organ or other part of the UN system: N/A – Where an entity is wholly (100 per cent) owned by a government, beneficial ownership identification is not required. vi. Civil society organization/Non-governmental organization (including entities or foundations established for public or charitable purposes): Natural persons who ultimately control, directly or indirectly exercise control through other means (e.g., ability to appoint/remove the majority of the board, contractual arrangements, or de facto influence), e.g., chairperson/president, officers with significant influence, or board. vii. Academic/Research institution: Natural persons who ultimately control, directly or indirectly exercise control through other means (e.g., ability to appoint/remove the majority of the board, contractual arrangements, or de facto influence), e.g., chairperson/ president, officers with significant influence, or board, or board members/trustees holding de facto control per the entity's governing documents.

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			viii. Other (please specify): Depending on the specific type of entity, consult with the Fund on the documentation required. The Fund will not enter into a contractual relationship with a potential counterparty if it does not know the identities of its beneficial owners or if the entity is unwilling to provide the requested information. In case of any changes to the ownership, the Fund is to be notified immediately.
2.3	**Basic eligibility and operational and programming capabilities**		
2.3.1	Can your organization receive and repay funds directly from/to the GCF Trustee (without an intermediary such as a central bank or government)?		Note: Pre-populated from pre-screening questionnaire with an option to update. For any approved funding proposals, GCF funds will go directly to the applicant. Accredited entities are required to open and maintain an interest-bearing account for GCF-funded activities.
2.3.2	Can your organization receive, hold and repay funds in GCF operational currencies (USD, EUR, JPY and GBP)?		Note: Pre-populated from pre-screening questionnaire with an option to update.
2.3.3	Is your organization permitted under its internal policies, national laws, or regulations to open and maintain an interest-bearing bank account for GCF funds (including any interest earned)?		
2.3.4	Can your organization undertake the full project and programme cycle, including: a) Engaging with developing		

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	countries to align projects/programmes with their climate change priorities, strategies and programming needs. b) Designing projects and developing funding proposals for GCF financing c) Implementing, delivering, monitoring and reporting on the results of such activities d) Ensuring monitoring and reporting on all programming activities.		
2.3.5 - 2.3.8	Does your organization have capacities for: 1. Project implementation in line with basic fiduciary standards (including administrative and financial management, and transparency and accountability)? 2. Management of environmental and social risks and application of environmental and social safeguards (ESS) standards for programming activities? 3. Gender mainstreaming in programming activities?		

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	4. Monitoring, evaluation and reporting on programming activities?		
3	**Additional information and self-reflection**		
3.1	**Business mandate and track record**		
3.1.1	Please provide a brief overview of your organization's business mandate, operational modalities, and core business areas, including those related to climate finance		Note: Pre-populated from pre-screening questionnaire with an option to update.
3.1.2	In the context of the intended programming with GCF: do you have experience of implementing climate finance and/or sustainability related projects/programmes?		
3.1.3	Do you have a track record in the country or region of the intended programming?		
3.1.4	Climate-related projects/programmes track record.		Note: An additional question (not pre-populated from pre-screening questionnaire). As part of the accreditation screening, the scale of the applicant's experience in financing and/or managing climate-related projects and the types of financial instruments it has financed and/or managed will be reviewed and noted. This information will inform the assessment of the entity's capacity during project/programme review and will be reflected in relevant project documentation.

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			The applicant provides (i) the size and composition of its track record of relevant projects over the past 10 years; (ii) the range of financial instruments such as grants, loans, equity and guarantees it has managed; (iii) the largest project (by funding size) the applicant has handled in the past 10 years and the instruments involved; and (iv) the median and average size of the projects the entity has handled in that period, and the types of instruments used. For the required information, please refer to table 1 at the end of this document. If the applicant lacks or has limited track record on climate-specific projects, the applicant can also provide examples of projects focused on sustainable development.
3.1.5	The applicant intends to programme within the following environmental and social risk category.		Note: An additional question (not pre-populated from pre-screening questionnaire). For environmental and social risk, GCF categorizes activities as category A, B or C (or intermediation 1, 2 or 3 for intermediated activities). Applicants will be screened for compliance with policies and standards corresponding to the highest risk category they intend to work in. Entities accredited in each environmental and social risk category may undertake projects of that category or lower, subject to any further project-specific assessments during proposal review. **Definitions (for A, B, C and I-1, I-2, I-3):** GCF will require accredited entities to assign the appropriate environmental and social risk categories to activities in a manner consistent with the accreditation framework of GCF. The categories are as follows:

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			• **Category A.** Activities with potential significant adverse environmental and/or social risks and impacts that, individually or cumulatively, are diverse, irreversible, or unprecedented; • **Category B.** Activities with potential limited adverse environmental and/or social risks and impacts that individually or cumulatively, are few, generally site-specific, largely reversible, and readily addressed through mitigation measures; and • **Category C.** Activities with minimal or no adverse environmental and/or social risks and/or impacts. In screening activities for their environmental and social, including transboundary, risks and impacts associated with investments through financial intermediation, the screening considers the risks associated with the intended end use. Categories of activities involving investments through financial intermediation functions or delivery mechanisms involving financial intermediation are divided into the following three levels of risk: • **High level of intermediation, I-1.** When an intermediary's existing or proposed portfolio includes, or is expected to include, financial exposure to activities with potential significant adverse environmental and social risks and impacts that, individually or cumulatively, are diverse, irreversible, or unprecedented; • **Medium level of intermediation, I-2.** When an intermediary's existing or proposed portfolio includes, or is expected to include, substantial financial exposure to activities with potential limited adverse environmental or social risks and impacts that are few, generally site-

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			specific, largely reversible, and readily addressed through mitigation measures; and includes no activities with potential significant adverse environmental and social risks and impacts that, individually or cumulatively, are diverse, irreversible, or unprecedented; and • **Low level of intermediation, I-3.** When an intermediary's existing or proposed portfolio includes financial exposure to activities that predominantly have minimal or negligible adverse environmental and social impacts. The accreditation review against the aforementioned GCF policies and standards regarding E&S matters will focus on the applicant's institution wide ESMS, which is then applied for all projects/programmes the applicant manages and finances. • Applicants seeking to undertake Category A/Intermediation 1 (I-1) including lower E&S risk (Category B/Intermediation 2 (I-2) and Category C/Intermediation 3 (I-3)) projects/programmes will be required to have an institution-wide ESMS that is mature and documented, a proven track record of managing high E&S risk projects/programmes, and the full support of the applicant's senior management. • Applicants seeking to undertake Category B/I-2 including lower risk (Category C/I-3) projects/programmes will be required to have an institution-wide ESMS, a proven track record of managing medium E&S risk projects/programmes, and the support of management. This ESMS will likely have emerging elements and may not be as mature in scope or documentation, or as well-

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			integrated into business processes, as the ESMS required for Category A/I-1 projects/programmes. • Applicants seeking to undertake Category C/I-3 projects/programmes will only have an ESMS. Category C/I-3 projects/programmes, by definition, contain minimal to no E&S risks or impacts. The ESMS required will be moderate and simple and will not need all of the ESMS elements as those required for managing higher E&S risk categories. For additional guidance, please refer to: GCF Sustainability guidance note: screening and categorizing GCF-financed activities. **Regarding upgrades in the environmental and social risk category**: An entity that initially obtained accreditation for category B or C projects (medium or minimum-to-low environmental and social risk, including intermediary risk levels I-2 or I-3 where applicable) may seek to upgrade to a higher risk category. Upon receiving a complete application for an upgrade and the applicable fees, the Accreditation Panel will assess the application in accordance with the institutional accreditation process. In essence, an upgrade application undergoes an accreditation screening focused on the incremental capacities and safeguards needed for the higher environmental and social risk category. The Accredited Entity (AE) must meet all the screening requirements relevant to the higher environmental and social risk category. Once approved by the Board, the AE will receive an

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			updated accreditation certificate reflecting the upgraded risk category. AE cannot submit funding proposals under the higher risk category until the Board has approved the upgrade. Upgrade applications may be submitted at any time following Board approval of the accreditation of the entity, where they consider themselves ready to pursue such an upgrade. If the Accreditation Panel determines that AE does not meet the screening requirements for the higher environmental and social risk category or the Board does not approve the upgrade, AE shall continue to be accredited for its original risk category.
3.1.6	The applicant intends to programme with grant and non-grant instruments.		Note: An additional question (not pre-populated from pre-screening questionnaire). The applicant must indicate if the applicant intends to programme with both grant (including grant award or funding allocation mechanism) and non-grant (on-lending/blending of loans, equity, and guarantees) instruments. For clarity, the applicant could indicate to programme with both or one.
3.1.7	The applicant intends to programme in the following GCF result areas based on the applicant's track record: • Health, food, and water security • Livelihoods of people and communities • Infrastructure and built environment		For more information about GCF result areas, please refer to GCF areas of work.

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	• Ecosystems and ecosystem services • Energy generation and access • Transport • Buildings, cities, industries, and appliances • Forests and land use		
3.2	**Fiduciary, environmental and social, and implementation responsibilities**		
3.2.1	Institutional capacity self-assessment.		Note: Some sections are pre-populated from pre-screening questionnaire with an option to update while some sections consist of additional questions. The applicant is to reflect on its institutional preparedness to manage, implement and oversee climate-related projects and programmes in line with GCF standards and policies. The self-assessment below supports transparency and helps identify areas where further strengthening or readiness support for your organization may be useful. Please select the option that best represents your organization's current level of capacity in each area.
3.2.2	Will you be able to demonstrate: a) The capacity to ensure that downstream executing entities and partners apply relevant GCF safeguards, fiduciary requirements and		Note: Pre-populated from pre-screening questionnaire with an option to update.

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	policies for GCF-funded activities? b) The ability to monitor, report and verify that the above safeguards, fiduciary requirements, and policies for GCF-funded activities are being upheld?		
3.3	**Fast-track eligibility (if applicable)**		
3.3.1	Has your organization been accredited or assessed by any of the following institutions? Please select all applicable options: • Global Environment Facility (GEF) • Adaptation Fund (AF) • European Union's Directorate-General for International Partnerships (EU DG INTPA) • African Development Bank (AfDB) If Yes, please indicate whether your organization remains in full compliance with relevant accreditation requirements of the above institutions.		Note: Pre-populated from pre-screening questionnaire with an option to update. This section applies only if your organization has been accredited or assessed by any of the below-mentioned institutions. Please provide information that supports your eligibility for fast-track accreditation, including accreditation/assessment references, dates and scope if applicable. The Fast-Track Accreditation programme is a modality adopted by the GCF under Board Decision B.08/03 to expedite the accreditation process for certain institutions that have already been accredited by other recognized climate funds or international bodies. It is designed to leverage existing due diligence and reduce duplication while maintaining GCF's standards. It was affirmed in Board Decision B.42/13, paragraph (i), that the fast-track accreditation process will: a) apply to the Screening Requirements used to assess eligible applicants under the Accreditation Framework; and b) be relied upon by the Secretariat, for fiduciary and environmental and social standards not assessed at the time

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			of accreditation, when reviewing funding proposals submitted by AE.
			To be eligible for fast-track, the applicant must demonstrate:
			1. The applicant was accredited by one or more of the following funds:
			    1. Global Environment Facility (GEF)
			    2. Adaptation Fund (AF)
			    3. Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA, formerly the Directorate-General Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid of the European Commission (DG DEVCO)).
			2. The applicant is in full compliance with the relevant accreditation requirements of the fund(s) they are accredited to:
			    1. GEF's Minimum Fiduciary Standards and Minimum Standards on Environmental and Social Safeguards
			    2. AF's fiduciary standards
			    3. DG INTPA's (formerly DG DEVCO) fiduciary standards under the pillar assessment for (i) internal control system, (ii) accounting system, (iii) independent external audit, (iv) rules and procedures for grants, (v) procurement and (vi) sub-delegation.

3.3.2	Has your organization signed an agreement in relation to a project approved by the African Development Bank (AfDB) in 5		As outlined in the revisions to the Accreditation Framework adopted in Decision B.42/13, paragraph (j), the Board has approved an extension of the GCF fast-track accreditation programme to include other institutions with comparable due

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	years prior to the submission of this questionnaire? (Yes/No) If yes, please provide (unless provided during pre-screening process): • AfDB operation identifiers: ○ Project/programme name ○ AfDB project ID ○ Country ○ Approval date ○ Signing date (NB: The project must have been signed no more than 5 years before the entity submits its pre-screening application) ○ Financing instrument/window ○ Exact legal entity assessed (e.g. ministry/agency/SOE/PIU host). ○ Status of operation (evidence the operation is): ▪ Signed but yet to be implemented ▪ Under implementation ▪ Closed		diligence requirements. Currently, this extension includes the World Bank and African Development Bank (AfDB). This section is applicable only if your organization has an experience of receiving financing from African Development Bank (AfDB) in the 5 years prior to the date of submission of GCF pre-screening questionnaire. The Secretariat is developing the operational modalities for the extension of the fast-track procedure, and the eligibility criteria relevant to the World Bank finance will become operational later in 2026.

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	• If your project is under implementation:
	  ○ Have there been any breaches of the legal agreement?
	  ○ Have there been any events of default/events of non-compliance during the AfDB project implementation?
	  ○ Are any such events continuing as at the date this form is submitted?
	  ○ If yes, please provide relevant status reports and supporting evidence		

3.4	Engagement with GCF Please answer the following questions on the applicant's engagement with GCF: • Has your organization requested or received pre-accreditation readiness support from GCF? • Has your organization submitted a Financial Management and Capacity Assessment? • Has your organization served as an executing		Note: Pre-populated from pre-screening questionnaire with an option to update.

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	entity for any GCF-funded activity? • If Yes, please provide information on which projects. • Has your organization served as a delivery partner for Readiness Proposals or Project Preparation Facility Proposals? • Has your organization engaged in project-specific assessment approach proposal origination discussions?		
3.5	Partnerships Is your organization prepared to undertake projects or programmes originated by other organizations or to participate in co-financed or sponsored initiatives?		
4	**Contribution to GCF objectives**		
4.1	**Contribution to the mandate of the GCF** *Screening requirement:* *The applicant provides information on how it will contribute to the mandate of the Fund (e.g., policy or strategy on climate change/green growth/paradigm shift in place).*		

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4.1.1	The applicant has a policy or strategy outlining its approach to climate change.		This requirement is to operationalize the Board Decision B.10/06, paragraph (j): "Reaffirms that information on how the entity will contribute to the mandate of the Fund and any information considered material, particularly information with potential reputational risks to the Fund, shall be provided in the recommendation of the Accreditation Panel to the Board".
4.2	**International access applicant's support to direct access applicants (if applicable)** *Screening requirement:* *The applicant indicates how it intends to strengthen capacities of, or otherwise support, subnational, national and regional entities to programme with GCF in order to enhance country ownership.*		
4.2.1	The international access entity intends to strengthen capacities of, or otherwise support, subnational, national and regional entities to programme with GCF in order to enhance country ownership.		This requirement is to operationalize the Board Decision B.10/06, paragraph (i): "Further decides that, recalling decision B.08/03, all international entities, as an important consideration of their accreditation application, shall indicate how they intend to strengthen capacities of, or otherwise support, potential subnational, national and regional entities to meet, at the earliest opportunity, the accreditation requirements of the Fund in order to enhance country ownership and that they report annually on these actions".
5	**Corporate governance and internal control** *Screening requirement:* *The applicant ensures that corporate governance arrangements and actors are in place with roles and responsibilities defined and is able to demonstrate a track record of effective and efficient organizational management in line with its mission and objectives.*		
5.1	**General management and administrative capacities**		The applicant must have clear and formal corporate governance arrangements with roles and responsibilities defined and be able to demonstrate a track record of effective and efficient organizational management.

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			The applicant must demonstrate through narrative explanations and mandatory evidence how it has structured its organizational management that provides oversight and strategic guidance to its operations. Furthermore, the applicant must demonstrate how the management and oversight bodies operate and what are the specific roles and responsibilities of the different functions.
5.1.1	The applicant has internal governance and oversight bodies. The applicant has transparent rules regarding the appointment, termination and remuneration of such bodies.	Mandatory: 1) Description of the governance structure of the applicant. 2) Terms of reference of the governance and oversight bodies of the applicant. 3) Membership and composition of the governance and oversight bodies. 4) Meeting minutes of the governance and oversight bodies from the two consecutive meetings in the last three (3) years to demonstrate the functioning of the bodies.	The applicant must have governance or oversight bodies, including relevant sub-committees. A governance or oversight body refers to a formal group or structure within your organization that is not involved in day-to-day management but responsible for ensuring accountability, transparency, and strategic direction. The applicant must also demonstrate what are the established rules for the appointment, termination and remuneration of these bodies and which documents are these rules outlined (terms of reference). The following are examples of governance or oversight bodies for different types of entity: • Public Sector – Government (which may be acting through a ministry or department): Parliament, Council of Ministers, Ministry, Government Directorate, Ministerial Oversight Committee, Interdepartmental Steering Committee, Advisory Board, Advisory Council, Commission, Public Sector Board, or another equivalent. • Public Sector – Government-controlled subnational, national or regional entity (including government-controlled financial institutions): Steering Committee, Council of Ministers, Regional or Municipal Board/Council, Supervisory Board/Council, or other equivalent. • Private Sector (including Funds) – Registered legal entities which are not government-controlled (e.g., for-profit entities, financial institutions): Board of Directors, Committees of the

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			Board, Investment Advisory Committees (in the case of Funds), Board of Trustees, Governing Council, Executive Board, Shareholder General Meeting or other equivalent. • Civil Society Organization / Non-Governmental Organization (CSO/NGO, including entities or foundations established for public or charitable purposes): Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, Governing Council, Executive Board, Advisory Committee/Council, General Assembly, or other equivalent. • Academic / Research Institution: Board of Trustees, Governing Council, Board of Governors, Advisory Committee/Council, Academic Council, Senate, Faculty Board or other equivalent. • Primary governance or oversight bodies may establish separate sub-committees. This may include an Audit Committee, Risk Committee, Remuneration Committee, Finance Committee, Governance Committee, Programme Committee, Fundraising/Development Committee, Compliance Committee, Public Accounts Committee, Ethics and Integrity Committee, Investigation Committee, Sector Committee, or other equivalent. Confidential information included in governance minutes can be redacted if needed.
5.1.2	The applicant has an organization chart showing the entity's key areas of authority, responsibility, and reporting/delegation lines.	Mandatory: 1) Currently approved organization chart(s) showing the governance bodies and executive management.	The applicant must provide their current, approved organization chart that demonstrates the different organizational units and governance bodies that provide key management functions for the organization. The organization chart should clearly illustrate the reporting lines between different organizational units. The applicant must provide evidence that the organization chart is accessible and effectively communicated to both internal staff and external stakeholders, such as evidence showing the

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		2) Evidence of disclosure of the organizational chart to the relevant stakeholders.	organization chart published on the organization's intranet and public website.
5.1.3	The applicant has a process to set objectives and ensure the chosen objectives support and align with the mission of the entity.	Mandatory: 1) Strategic or long-term plan. 2) Description of the objective setting (long term and annual) process and how it aligns with the applicant's mission. 3) Annual Plan and corresponding indicators for the past three (3) years. 4) Annual Report or other report showing execution of the Annual Plans for the past three (3) years.	The applicant must demonstrate through evidence what kind of long-term plan or strategy the organization has and how does this plan/strategy align with the overall mission of the entity. The applicant should also demonstrate what are the key indicators it aims to achieve with the plan/strategy, how these indicators are reflected in the annual plans, what is the planning and objective setting process behind the long-term plan and what kind of reporting is annually provided by the applicant on advancements towards the indicator and long-term targets.
5.2	**Internal and external audit function**		
5.2.1	**Independent audit committee**		
5.2.1 (a)	The applicant has an independent audit committee or comparable body that oversees the internal audit function and the external audit firm regarding financial statements, control systems, and reporting.	Mandatory: 1) Terms of reference or, if unavailable, a description of how an independent audit committee or comparable governance body is appointed, fully	The applicant must ensure and demonstrate that it has a functionally independent audit committee or comparable body that oversees the internal audit function and the external audit firm regarding financial statements, control systems, and reporting.

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5.2.1 (b)	Audit committee or comparable body is guided by written terms of reference covering membership, duties, authority, accountability, and meeting frequency.	functional, and oversees the internal and external audit functions. 2) A list of the audit committee or governance body members, including their roles, qualifications, and independence status. 3) Two (2) meeting minutes or reports from the past three (3) years of two consecutive meetings demonstrating regular meetings and coverage of responsibilities (unless already provided above).	The applicant must provide documentation that demonstrates both the formal establishment and the operational effectiveness of the audit committee or comparable governance body. If there is no defined audit committee body, the applicant must highlight which alternate governance body fulfills this role through the organigram and a written description. Evidence of regular meetings and member qualifications must be provided to demonstrate functionality. The applicant must provide mandatory evidence including terms of reference, a description of the role of the independent governance body, a list of the governance body members, including their roles, qualifications, and independence status, and a sample of recent meetings minutes demonstrating regular meetings and coverage of responsibilities (unless already provided above).
5.2.2	**Internal audit**		
5.2.2 (a)	Internal audit function has a documented charter, formally approved by senior management and audit committee, outlining its purpose, functions, and accountability.	Mandatory: 1) Terms of reference (ToR) or charter of the internal audit function, formally approved by senior management and audit committee or comparable oversight body. If a formal ToR or charter is not available, a written description of the internal	The applicant is expected to have a strong internal control, governance, and risk management framework that includes an internal audit function. The internal audit function can be proportionate to the size and complexity of operations, while still meeting the requirements. A critical requirement for the internal audit function to align with GCF standards is that the unit is independent and objective within the organization, has clear reporting lines, and has processes to monitor and regularly assess audit quality and quality of operations.
5.2.2 (b)	Internal audit function operates in accordance with current internationally recognized standards (e.g., Institute of Internal Auditors).		

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5.2.2 (c)	Internal auditors adhere to ethical principles of integrity, objectivity, confidentiality, and competency, supported by legal arrangements.	audit function or arrangement, demonstrating the purpose, independence, ethical principles and reporting lines. 2) Evidence that the Internal Audit function is operated in accordance with internationally recognized standards (e.g., Institute of Internal Auditors). 3) Evidence of independence and reporting lines of the internal audit function.	The applicant must ensure that it has an internal audit function that has a documented terms of reference or charter, formally approved by senior management and audit committee or comparable oversight body, outlining its purpose, functions, and accountability. If formal terms of reference or charter are not available, a written description of the internal audit function or arrangement, demonstrating the purpose, functions, independence, ethical principles and reporting lines must be provided instead. Internal audit arrangements in different entities: • A public sector entity can demonstrate that it has an internal audit function through several mechanisms. This can include a formal establishment within its organizational structure established through a formal charter, law, or internal policy. Internal audit should report functionally to the audit committee or governing body and administratively to senior management to ensure independence. If an applicant does not have a standalone internal audit unit and instead relies on the national audit office to perform audit activities, the applicant must describe this structure in detail. • For organizations that outsource their internal audit function a written description of the function's purpose and independence is required, in addition to how the outsourcing is organized, what are the reporting structures, and how audit planning is conducted. • For smaller private sector entities, many internal audit and control functions may exist in the Compliance Department or be outsourced to external firms that provide administration and compliance services.
5.2.2 (d)	Internal audit function is independent and led by a designated officer with functional independence, reporting at a level that enables objective performance of duties.		

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			• In smaller organizations, oversight of audit functions with the required independence is typically carried out by senior management and/or relevant committees.
5.2.2 (e)	Internal audit function has a documented annual planning process using a risk-based methodology aligned with organizational goals.	Mandatory: 1) Internal audit plan for the on-going year and audit plans for the last three (3) years. 2) Last three (3) annual internal audit reports showing status of work vs. plan, including, where available, references to segregation of duties and control assessments. 3) Evidence of management action related to internal audit recommendations (such as management action plans, description of how internal audit findings are disseminated and followed up by management). 4) Evidence confirming that the internal audit function is subject to quality assessments (e.g., statement in the charter or ToR), or a description on	As evidence of a functioning unit and track record of the internal audit, the applicant is expected to provide an internal audit plan for the current year (and last three years) and annual internal audit reports showing progress against the plan. The applicant must have evidence confirming that the internal audit function is subject to quality assessments (e.g., statement in the charter or terms of reference), or a description of how the applicant will achieve this. Supplementary evidence can include the most recent internal or external quality assessment of the internal audit function.

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		how the applicant will achieve this. Supplementary: 1) Most recent internal or external quality assessment of the internal audit function. 2) Sample internal audit reports demonstrating coverage across key operational areas (procurement, information technology, field operations or projects and headquarters).	
5.2.3	**External audit**		
5.2.3 (a)	The applicant has appointed an independent external audit firm or organization.	Mandatory: 1) Audited financial statements for the last three (3) years, including the external audit report confirming that the audit was conducted in accordance with international standards on auditing (e.g., ISA or equivalent).	All applicants should submit audited financial statements for the last three years, along with an external audit report confirming that the audit was conducted in accordance with international audit standards (e.g., ISA or equivalent).

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5.2.3 (b)	External audits by public inspection bodies are conducted periodically and governed by formal terms of reference ensuring independence and impartiality.	Mandatory: 1) Description of the external audit arrangement, including independence safeguards and periodicity, if conducted by a national audit institution or public inspection body.	For public sector entities subject to external audits from national audit institutions or public inspection bodies, applicants must provide a description of the audit arrangement including how independence of the audit is ensured, what safeguards for independence are in place and what kind of rotation measures for the auditor are in place, if any.
5.2.3 (c)	The applicant ensures that an annual audit opinion on financial statements and GCF-administered resources is issued by the external auditor and made public.	Mandatory: 1) Evidence of a public disclosure of the audit opinion. If public disclosure of the audit opinion is not available, statement approved by the Board or relevant oversight committee that the applicant will publish such report with regards to the use of the GCF funds, ideally on the applicant's website.	The applicant must provide a public disclosure link or document showing where the audit opinion is made available. If public disclosure of the audit opinion is not available, then a statement approved by the Board or relevant oversight committee that they will publish such report with regard to the use of GCF funds.
5.2.3 (d)	External auditor provides regular reports on accounting systems, internal controls, and management; reviewed annually by the audit committee or comparable governance body.	Mandatory: 1) Two (2) most recent letters or reports to management from the external auditor covering key observations.	The applicant must provide the two most recent management letters or equivalent correspondence from the external auditor covering key observations. It is expected that governance bodies (e.g., audit committees) formally review external audit findings. Meeting minutes or summaries from the governance bodies should record these discussions and the applicant should provide

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		2) Minutes or summary of governance body discussions (e.g., audit committee) reviewing external audit findings. Supplementary: 1) Status report of management actions taken in response to external audit recommendations. 2) Evidence that the external auditor has reviewed and commented on the status of prior-year recommendations. 3) Description of the process for tracking and responding to external audit observations (e.g., flowchart, policy, or narrative).	the minutes as evidence that the audit observations have been reviewed and processed by the governance body.
5.3	**Control framework**		
5.3.1	The applicant ensures effectiveness and efficiency of operations.	Mandatory: 1) Description of the internal control framework, including control	The applicant must provide key policies and key procedure manuals that describe the internal control processes including financial management and reporting. The applicant must provide description of segregation of duties where duties are incompatible. Appropriate segregation of duties
5.3.2	The applicant ensures reliability of financial reporting.		

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5.3.3	The applicant ensures compliance with applicable laws and regulations.	environment ("tone at the top"), risk assessment, control activities and procedures across core financial management areas (e.g., budgeting, accounting, funds flow, disbursements, cash management, unused fund close-out, financial reporting and auditing arrangements), monitoring, information sharing, roles and responsibilities (e.g., management, internal audit, board), and segregation of duties. 2) Internal policy or manual describing financial management and reporting processes, including key control procedures. 3) Evidence of regular review and corrective actions by management over the segregation of duties. 4) Statement regarding use of fiscal agents and fiduciary trustees, if applicable,	must be maintained in settlement processing, procurement processing, risk management/reconciliations, and accounting. The applicant must provide evidence of regular review and corrective actions by management over the segregation of duties. The evidence could for example be management actions taken based on audit observations and recommendations, internal development measures in controls and segregation of duties, reports on incidents that have led to management actions, or periodical reviews by management on segregation of duties and consequent actions taken. The applicant should provide additional supplementary information in addition to the mandatory information to demonstrate their maturity and application of best practice internal controls across all key elements while maintaining alignment with international frameworks.
5.3.4	The applicant has a documented control framework with clearly defined roles for management, internal auditors, governance bodies, and other personnel.		
5.3.5	Control framework covers control environment, risk assessment, control activities, monitoring, and information sharing procedures.		
5.3.6	The applicant's control framework defines roles and responsibilities for fiscal agents and fiduciary trustees.		

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		including description of their roles, accountability, and mechanisms (applicable only to certain types of applicants). 5) Description of the framework in place to ensure regulatory compliance. Supplementary: 1) Evidence of annual assessment of internal controls in core financial management areas. 2) Organizational chart or role matrix showing functional separation across key financial processes. 3) Summary of how the control framework supports compliance, operational efficiency and financial reporting reliability.	

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5.3.7	The applicant has institutional risk-assessment processes to identify, assess, and respond to risks across financial management areas.	Mandatory: 1) Risk policy or equivalent document outlining the organization's approach to risk management. 2) Description of institutional risk-assessment processes, including recent examples (e.g., risk report) demonstrating implementation of proactive responses. 3) Latest risk register showing identified risks and their status. Supplementary: 1) Minutes from Risk Committee (or equivalent) showing review and discussion of the risk report. 2) Overview of how risk assessments are integrated into financial planning and decision-making.	The applicant should provide a description of their institutional risk-assessment processes. To complement, the applicant should provide a risk policy or equivalent document (manual, guidance, etc.) that outlines the risk management process. To demonstrate the risk assessment process is operational, the applicant must provide recent examples of risk reports, risk register (organizational, unit or project level) that demonstrate implementing proactive responses to risks. Further evidence that can be provided includes minutes of Risk Committee meetings (or similar body that addresses risks at different levels of the organization).
5.3.8	Control framework guides financial management. The applicant has procedures to	No mandatory supporting documents needed.	

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	identify and assess internal controls annually across budgeting, accounting, internal control, funds flow, financial reporting, and auditing.		
5.3.9	The applicant has oversight and monitoring of procurement, supported by a risk management process to identify and address issues affecting objectives.	Mandatory: 1) Description of the applicant's oversight mechanism for procurement. 2) Evidence of functioning of the oversight mechanism. 3) Evidence of monitoring of the observations and appropriate management response and actions.	The applicant must describe and demonstrate how oversight and monitoring of the procurement is organized and effective. In addition to the description, the applicant must provide evidence of how the oversight is operational and effective. This can be done through documentation on procurement planning, procurement documentation, and documentation on functioning of any oversight bodies on procurement. The evidence should demonstrate how observations on procurements are monitored and what kind of management actions are taken and how these are followed-up.
5.3.10	The applicant maintains segregation of incompatible duties and regularly reviews related duties across settlement, procurement, risk management, and accounting.		
6	**Financial management** *Screening requirement:* *The applicant ensures that financial inputs and outputs are properly accounted for, reported and administered transparently in accordance with pertinent regulations and laws, and with the capacity for international transactions.*		
6.1	The applicant prepares financial statements in accordance with internationally recognized accounting standards (e.g., IFRS, IPSAS, or equivalent).	Mandatory: 1) Audited annual financial statements for the last three (3) years, including all standard components (e.g., financial position, performance, cash flows,	The applicant must demonstrate that it prepares financial statements in accordance with internationally recognized accounting standards. Subject to the type of entity and financial reporting framework, this can include IFRS, IPSAS, or equivalent. The accounting policies and notes should clearly explain the framework used and any assumptions or methods necessary for understanding the financial position and performance.

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		accounting policies, notes and disclosures), prepared in accordance with internationally recognized accounting standards (e.g., IFRS, IPSAS), and including comparative figures. Supplementary: 1) If the applicant uses national accounting standards, provide a description of any major differences between the local standards and the internationally recognized accounting standards.	Financial statement preparation in different entities: • For larger organizations, it is expected that financial statements are prepared and audited in accordance with international standards and include comprehensive disclosures. • For smaller organizations, the same components are required, but the level of detail may vary depending on the complexity of operations. Regardless of size, all applicants must ensure that the financial statements are complete, reliable, and suitable for external review and accountability purposes. Private companies and NGOs typically prepare financial statements to meet respective financial reporting requirements of the country concerned or to comply with corporate rules, or to meet stakeholder expectations. These are typically prepared under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) or IFRS, depending on the jurisdiction. Applicants must indicate the accounting framework used, ensure statements are audited or independently verified where required, and provide supporting documentation. Public sector entities may prepare different types of financial statements, depending on the structure and reporting requirements. These can include government-wide financial statements, departmental financial statements, or fund financial statements. Applicants must specify which type of financial statements they prepare, and ensure they are complete, accurate, and aligned with accepted accounting standards.

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6.2	The applicant prepares a complete set of financial statements that includes: a) Statement of financial position/balance sheet. b) Statement of financial performance/ income statement. c) Statement of changes in financial position or reserves/changes in equity or reserves. d) Statement of cash flows. e) Description of accounting policies and framework used. f) Notes and disclosures explaining the basis of preparation and specific accounting policies.		The audited financial statements should include all standard components—such as the statement of financial position, statement of financial performance, statement of cash flows, statement of changes in financial position or reserves, accounting policies, and explanatory notes—and must be prepared in accordance with recognized accounting standards. In circumstances where certain components listed above are not mandated by the applicable accounting standards, this should be clearly noted. The applicant should specify which components are not required and referencing the relevant provisions of the local legislation and accounting standards that justify their exclusion.
6.3	The applicant reports financial statements periodically and consistently, enabling comparison across reporting periods.		
6.4	The applicant uses accounting and financial systems aligned with recognized principles and adapted to its operational complexity.	Mandatory: 1) Description of the accounting and financial information system, including its alignment	The applicant must describe the accounting and financial information system used to support financial reporting and management. This system should align with recognized accounting principles and be adapted to the nature and complexity of the organization's activities. The description must

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		with accounting principles and procedures. 2) Overview of the structure and qualifications of the financial management team responsible for operating and overseeing the accounting and financial system. Supplementary: 1) Supporting materials (e.g., training documents, role descriptions, or certifications) that demonstrate the capacity and expertise of the financial management team.	include how the system ensures proper financial reporting over the use of funding received from GCF. The applicant must provide an overview of the financial management team responsible for operating and overseeing the system. This must include information on the team's structure, qualifications, and experience to demonstrate that the system is managed by competent personnel. Supplementary materials such as training documentation, role descriptions, or certifications are encouraged to demonstrate capacity and expertise.
6.5	The applicant can receive international payments from the Fund's Trustee (GCF) and to make payments to the Fund's Trustee (GCF).	No mandatory supporting documents needed.	The applicant should have operational capacity to receive and make international payments to GCF Trustee.
7	**Procurement** *Screening requirement:* *The applicant ensures that procurement practices follow formal standards, guidelines and systems based on widely recognized processes, with specific guidelines for different procurement types, while promoting economy, efficiency and accountability.*		

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7.1	The applicant has written procurement instructions, promoting economy and efficiency. The procurement instructions include written standards that specify procurement requirements, accountability and authority to take procurement actions.	Mandatory: 1) Procurement instructions. 2) Procurement authority and accountability matrix. 3) Guidance to different types of procurement activities, such as consultants, contractors and service providers (if separate to the Procurement instructions). Supplementary: 1) Two (2) examples of competitive procurements according to approved policy.	The applicant, regardless of the applicant type, must maintain documented procurement instructions. These may take the form of a Procurement Policy, Manual, or Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Alternatively, procurement instructions may be included within other established written guidelines, such as a Financial Manual. The applicant must ensure that procurement instructions provide clear guidance for each type of procurement relevant to their operations, such as goods, service providers, consultants, and contractors. If the applicant’s operating model restricts procurement to certain categories (for example, only service providers are procured), a narrative justification must be provided explaining why procurement instructions exist solely for those specific types of procurement. The procurement instructions must clearly outline the procurement requirements, as well as the accountability and authority for undertaking procurement activities. The applicants must provide as evidence their procurement authority and accountability matrix. This includes specifying the authority to initiate the procurement process, the authority to execute procurements, ensuring adequate segregation of duties, and maintaining accountability throughout the procurement process. These elements may also be addressed within the procurement instructions. Procurement arrangements in different entities: • Private sector applicants: Industry-practices and applicable legislation requirements in procurement for private sector entities are less prescriptive in many operating environments. Accordingly, private sector standard operating procedures in
7.2	The applicant has guidelines for different types of procurement, such as consultants, contractors and service providers.		

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			procurement are not necessarily as formally established. However, in-line with GCF requirements the Applicant needs to describe the principles and procedures under which procurements are managed, and provide the necessary evidence to support the application as stated above.
8	**Integrity** *Screening requirement:* *The applicant defines and adheres to ethical standards that promote full transparency and accountability, to be upheld by employees and those contracted or functionally related to the organization.* *The applicant is committed, as an organization, to maintaining the highest levels of integrity/accountability and to preventing and combating prohibited practices in the implementation of funded projects.* *The applicant is committed to protecting whistle-blowers, providing publicly accessible avenues for confidential reporting of allegations, and it has, or commits to rely on, an objective investigation function that can capably and professionally investigate allegations of prohibited practices in Fund-related activity.* *The applicant has capacity and processes to conduct due diligence of prohibited practices (which may include screening against financial sanctions of the United Nations Security Council) on potential or existing counterparties with which it engages, including executing entities, implementing entities, or any other entity or person involved in project implementation, and to maintain/retain relevant records.* *If applicable, the applicant has processes (i) to have a person responsible for integrity risk management matters that also may include inter alia AML/CFT; (ii) to identify and mitigate compliance risks following a risk-based approach; (iii) to monitor counterparty relationships and activities; and (iv) to provide training and advice on integrity risk matters.*		
8.1	**Code of ethics**		
8.1.1	The applicant has a Code of Ethics or an alternative set of management policies or provisions, defining:	Mandatory: 1) Code of Ethics or alternative set of policies	The applicant is required to provide a Code of Ethics or alternative policies and provisions that clearly define the ethical standards and behaviors expected within the organization. These documents must apply to all individuals associated with the

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	- the ethical standards to be upheld, including transparency and accountability; - the parties required to adhere to the standards (incl. governance bodies, employees, consultants and independent experts).	and provisions that define ethical standards promoting transparency and accountability, and applicability to all parties functionally related to the applicant (such as governance bodies, employees, consultants and independent experts). 2) Description and evidence of communication of Code of Ethics or alternative policies or provisions to all parties, as above.	organization, including members of governance bodies, employees, consultants, and independent experts, as indicated in the relevant policies. The applicability must be clearly indicated in the above-mentioned policies. The applicant is expected to demonstrate how they actively communicate the Code of Ethics or alternative relevant policies. This may include, for example, requiring all individuals to sign the Code of Ethics at the start of their employment or contractual relationship with the organization, mandatory ethics training with adequate monitoring of completion, and annual refresher trainings applicable to all. The applicant must provide a description of the measures in place to communicate and reinforce the Code of Ethics or related policies. Ethics provisions in different entities: • For public sector applicants, the relevant provisions may be established under national civil service laws that set requirements for government employees. In such cases, applicants must provide references to and copies of these provisions.
8.1.2	The applicant makes aware all individuals with a functional and/or contractual relationship to the organizations of such Codes of Ethics or equivalent policies/provisions.		
8.1.3	The applicant has in place an ethics committee or has allocated such functions to another relevant governance body within the organization.	Mandatory: 1) Terms of reference of the Ethics Committee or, if unavailable, evidence of a governance body responsible of ethics matters. 2) Minutes of the meetings or other evidence of the	The applicant must demonstrate they have a governance body (Ethics Committee or similar) responsible for ethics-related matters, such as handling violations of the Code of Ethics and updating the Code of Ethics as necessary. The applicant must provide evidence that a governance body is responsible for ethical matters. This can be demonstrated by submitting the terms of reference for the body or other documentation outlining its responsibilities.

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		Ethics Committee or equivalent governance body meetings held in the last three (3) years to demonstrate the functioning of the committee. Supplementary: 1) Names of the Members of the Ethics Committee and their related experience.	To demonstrate the functioning of the Ethics Committee (or similar oversight body), the minutes of meetings of the body or other relevant evidence need to be provided. The minutes should illustrate how ethics related topics are addressed in the meetings of the body. Ethics committee arrangements for different entities: • In larger organizations, this responsibility may be assigned to a dedicated Ethics Committee. • In smaller organizations, the Board of Directors (or a sub-committee of the Board) might assume the role of an Ethics Committee.
8.2	**Capacity to prevent or deal with financial mismanagement and other forms of malpractice or prohibited practices**		
8.2.1	The applicant's leadership or governing bodies have clearly communicated a zero-tolerance policy towards fraud, financial misconduct and other Prohibited Practices. The policy applies to staff, consultants, contractors, and any other parties involved in the applicant's operations.	Mandatory: 1) Organizational policy, or procedures/administrative provisions contained in organizational policies and/or rules, that indicate the applicant's commitment to zero tolerance for fraud, financial mismanagement and other Prohibited Practices 2) Evidence of recent communication and/or of regular reinforcing of the policy to following parties: (i) staff members;	The applicant must demonstrate how this policy or commitment is regularly communicated to its staff members, consultants, contractors, executing entities, and any other relevant parties associated with the operations of the applicant. This can be provided in the form of a description supplemented by actual evidence of communication.

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		(ii) consultants; (iii) contractors; (iv) executing entities; (v) any other relevant parties associated with the operations of the applicant.	
8.2.2	The applicant has policies or mechanisms for protecting whistleblowers and has clear and publicly-accessible ways for people to confidentially report suspected ethics violations, misconduct, or other prohibited practices.	Mandatory evidence: 1) Whistleblowing and Whistleblower Protection Policy and/or Mechanism that provides for confidential reporting of allegations, ensures confidential investigations, prohibits retaliation against whistleblowers or witnesses, and provides appropriate protection. The Policy and/or Mechanism should be comparable to the GCF Policy on the Protection of Whistleblowers and Witnesses. 2) Evidence that the reporting channel: - has at least two (2) different easily accessible	The applicant must describe their whistleblowing mechanism. Please ensure that the description is provided for different types of whistleblowing avenues, such as suspected ethics violations, misconduct and prohibited practices. The mechanism must be publicly and easily accessible, including confidentiality and anonymous reporting and available in appropriate languages. If the applicant prepares external reports of investigations/wrongdoings, such as Investigation Annual Reports, please provide two examples of such reports.

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		avenues (e.g., phone, email, webform, mail, etc.) through which whistleblowers can confidentially report allegations. - is available in local languages; - provides possibility for anonymous reporting; and - is published on the applicant's public website (including all channels such as phone numbers, email address, and postal addresses, etc.). Supplementary: 1) Description of the process of informing donors/relevant stakeholders of alleged or suspected violations, as applicable. 2) Two (2) recent examples of reports received from the whistleblowing channels and their resolution, or other evidence to demonstrate the use of the reporting	

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		channels as well as the protections accorded to whistleblowers. This information may be anonymized.	
8.2.3	The applicant has an independent and objective investigation function that can capably and professionally investigate allegations of Prohibited Practices and staff misconduct.	Mandatory: 1) The applicant has an investigation function, either in-house or through contractual arrangements with third-party external investigative services, that is independent and capable of professionally investigating allegations of prohibited practices.	The same guidance as in section 8.3.
8.2.4	The applicant has policies that promote organizational culture conducive to fairness, accountability and full transparency across the organization's activities and operations.	No mandatory supporting documents needed.	Addressed across section 8.
8.3	**Investigation function**		
8.3.1	The investigation function can capably and professionally investigate allegations and is headed by an officer who reports to a level of the	Mandatory evidence: 1) Terms of reference that outlines the purpose, authority, independence	While larger organizations may have a dedicated investigation function, smaller organizations may not have a separate investigation function. In some cases, the investigation function may be integrated into the internal audit function or compliance unit, or other independent units within the organization. Large

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	organization that allows the investigation function to fulfil its responsibilities objectively and independently.	and accountability of the function or, if unavailable, a description supported by relevant documents showing how the function is organized and governed. In case the function is carried out by third-party external service, a copy of the relevant contract. 2) Evidence of the applicant's capability to conduct investigations, demonstrated through the training or experience of designated officers or, where investigations are outsourced, of the external service provider. 3) Guidelines, or manual or standard operating procedures for confidential receipt and processing of complaints, review and investigation of allegations, and reporting on investigative findings. 4) Publication of terms of reference as well as guidelines or procedures,	organizations are expected to have at least one qualified or experienced investigator. If there is no stand-alone investigation function, the applicant must describe how investigations would be conducted if needed, such as through outsourcing arrangements. The description must clearly outline the procedures and responsibilities for conducting investigations within the organization, and the capacity (qualification and experience) of the external service provider. Investigators, whether internal or external, must possess appropriate training and/or relevant experience. While smaller organizations may consider formal training sufficient, larger organizations are required to have investigators who demonstrate appropriate experience and track record on conducting investigations. The applicant is required to have investigation guidelines or procedures that are publicly available, clearly outlining the process for reporting, assessing, investigating and resolving allegations. If such guidelines or procedures are not currently public, the Applicant must confirm that they will make them accessible when commencing operations with GCF funding. Additionally, the applicant must disclose any irregularities and incidents of fraud, corruption, or other prohibited practices detected within the last three (3) years. Detailed case information is not required; an anonymized summary or general overview, such as that provided in an annual report, will be sufficient.
8.3.2	The investigation function has terms of reference that describe the purpose, authority, independence and accountability of the function.		
8.3.3	The investigation function has published formal guidelines and/or standard procedures for confidentially processing complaints, investigating allegations, and reporting findings.		
8.3.4	The applicant's investigation function periodically reports case trends and makes these available to senior management and relevant business functions to the extent possible.		

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		or of relevant information from them, in an accessible form. Supplementary: 1) Organization chart confirming the reporting line of the investigation function. 2) Evidence of reports showing how the function communicates key trends and outcomes to stakeholders, including governance bodies and senior management; in the absence of this, description of how such reporting would be made.	
8.4	**Anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism**		
8.4.1	The applicant has in place policies on anti-money laundering (AML) and countering the financing of terrorism (CFT), aligned to GCF AML and CFT Policy. The applicant maintains adequate controls and procedures to conduct KYC or	Mandatory: 1) Anti-money laundering (AML) and countering the financing of terrorism (CFT) policy, including the "know-your-customer" or equivalent risk-based due diligence procedures. 2) Evidence demonstrating that an individual or	The applicant must provide their policies and procedures relating to Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and countering the financing of terrorism (CFT), including examples of how these tools have been used in practice. The applicant should demonstrate how the KYC or equivalent due diligence process is applied both during onboarding or prior to payment, as well as throughout implementation and ongoing monitoring. For financial institutions and banks:

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	equivalent due diligence on all counterparties involved in project implementation—applying sanctions screening and other integrity checks using a risk-based approach. The applicant has designated a person responsible for overseeing AML/CFT matters and provides risk-based training to relevant staff.	function has been designated to oversee the implementation of risk-based AML/CFT procedures, including KYC or equivalent due diligence, sanctions screening, and staff training. 3) Two (2) copies of recent reports on KYC or equivalent due diligence of the recipients of the funds undertaken in line with the risk-based approach (including how sanctions are screened and what checks are done at the point of disbursement). Supplementary: 1) The applicant has process to monitor counterparty relationships and activities 2) Description of the mechanisms to trace/monitor electronic transfer/wiring of funds 3) Two (2) copies of monitoring reports on electronic funds transfer	• For tracing/monitoring electronic transfer/wiring of funds, the applicant is requested to provide a clear explanation of the systems, procedures, and controls the organization has in place to track, record, and oversee the movement of funds sent or received electronically. This must include how the organization ensures transparency and accountability throughout the process, monitoring of transactions, and how any suspicious or unusual activity is detected and reported. The description must cover the steps taken to document each transaction, the roles and responsibilities of staff involved, and how compliance with relevant internal policies and external regulations (such as anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism requirements) is maintained. The applicant must provide two examples of such monitoring reports on fund transfers. The supplementary evidence should be fully provided by financial institutions and banks to demonstrate the comprehensive AML/CFT frameworks they have in place.

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		prepared in the recent past.	
9	**Project design and appraisal**		
9.1	**Project design and appraisal** *Screening requirement:* *The applicant is able to identify, formulate and appraise projects or programmes within the respective jurisdiction (subnational, national, regional or international, as applicable), including capabilities to examine and incorporate technical, financial, environmental, socioeconomic and legal aspects at the appraisal stage, and is guided by appropriate fiduciary oversight procedures.*		
9.1.1	The applicant has proven track record in identifying and designing projects or programmes. The applicant uses appropriate and transparent procedures (e.g., screening) when selecting project proposals. The applicant has track record in relevant jurisdictions (sub-national, national, regional or international).	Mandatory: 1) Organization chart identifying the project design and appraisal teams and the job profiles of the key roles in project management. 2) Two (2) examples of project appraisals or equivalent undertaken in the past three (3) years (preferably climate change mitigation or adaptation projects) demonstrating: - project objectives, outcomes and KPIs with baseline and target values; - incorporation of technical, financial, economic, legal, E&S,	The applicant must provide evidence of their track record relating to project identification, formulation and appraisal, and project management. This includes demonstrating that the applicant has adequate organizational structures, responsibilities and capacities for project management. Additionally, the applicant must provide recent examples of project appraisals and project reports to demonstrate their track record on the area. The applicant must have written guidelines for Project Management that must at a minimum describe how the applicant prepares, appraises and manages projects and proposals. This must cover both projects implemented directly by the applicant, and the projects implemented through executing entities or third parties. The applicant must have in place adequate quality assurance and oversight process for the project identification, formulation and appraisal. The quality assurance process is to confirm that the technical, financial, environmental, socioeconomic and legal aspects are adequately taken into account in the project preparation and appraisal. The applicant must also specify the decision-making authorities and appropriate segregation of
9.1.2	The applicant has capacity to clearly state project objectives and outcomes in preparing funding proposals and to incorporate key performance indicators with baselines and targets into the project design.		

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9.1.3	The applicant is able to examine and incorporate technical, financial, economic and legal aspects into the funding proposals. The applicant is able to examine and incorporate environmental, social and climate change aspects into the funding proposals. The applicant uses relevant assessments (e.g., risk, impact, feasibility) to inform the appraisal process.	climate change and other relevant assessments. 3) Project Management Guidelines (a description of how the organization prepares, appraises and manages projects and proposals, including directly implemented projects and projects implemented through executing entities or third parties). 4) Description of procedures for institutional quality assurance and oversight of the appraisal process (if separate from the Project Management Guidelines).	duties in the project appraisal process, ensuring that no single unit or individual is responsible for both originating and approving the same transaction. For banks or financial institutions, they may demonstrate their project management systems and capacities using their banking or financial products (loans, bonds, etc.) as examples of their managed funded projects. For example, the applicant could describe how they identify potential lending opportunities, assess their feasibility, design lending facility, including establishing objectives, KPIs, and targets, appraise the performance, and have a system for project closure.
9.1.4	The applicant has fiduciary oversight procedures are in place to ensure quality of the appraisal process and monitoring of follow-up actions.		
9.2	**On-lending/blending (if applicable)** *Screening requirement:* *The applicant has (i) appropriate registration or licensing from relevant oversight bodies, and (ii) can demonstrate a track record, institutional experience and existing arrangements and capacities for on-lending/blending.*		
9.2.1	The applicant has appropriate registration and/or licensing by a financial oversight body or	Mandatory: 1) An official operating license from regulator for	Additional specialized criteria for on-lending and blending will apply for intermediaries and implementing entities that wish to

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	regulator in applicable jurisdictions.	country(ies) where the applicant intends to provide loans, equity or guarantees using GCF resources.	use financial instruments other than grants with GCF resources to: • On-lend (including directly to borrowers or other financial institutions that would thereafter on-lend); • Blend (including grants with loans, equity or guarantees); • Undertake equity investments; and/or • Provide guarantees The applicant must provide evidence of appropriate registration and/or licensing that confirms their legal status to implement the relevant financial instruments described above. The specific requirements may vary by jurisdiction; therefore, applicants must submit a description confirming that the necessary registration or license has been obtained and remains valid. The applicant must provide a description of their track record over the past three (3) years for on-lending and blending activities, undertaking equity investments or providing guarantees. This description must describe the general process of the flow of funds from the applicant to beneficiaries. Please note that the flow of funds to the applicant from funding organizations is already addressed in standard 4.2.3(a). Please note that at the funding proposal stage, the project using on-lending instrument will be fully reviewed against relevant GCF specialized fiduciary standard.
9.2.2	The applicant has track record and experience in on-lending and/or blending of funds in providing loans, equity and/or guarantees to public and private sector entities.	Mandatory: 1) A summary of your organization's track record over the past three (3) years of managing funds received from international and multilateral sources for on-lending or blending, and for providing equity investment and/or guarantees. Include a short description of the main projects financed. 2) Two (2) examples of project agreements or implementation reports for the projects included in the track record above.	
10	**Environmental and social management system** *Screening requirement:*		

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	The applicant has a functional, inclusive, accountable, participatory and transparent environmental and social management system (ESMS) with commitment through a policy and effective framework to identify, assess, manage, and monitor environmental and social risks and impacts associated with an entity's operations, projects or investments commensurate with the risk category. *The applicant demonstrates commitment, a track record and consistency of the systems and approaches for environmental and social due diligence commensurate with the relevant risk category.* Guidance: ESMS guidance to meet GCF interim ESS (IFC PS1-8) can be found here: https://www.ifc.org/content/dam/ifc/doc/mgrt/esms-handbook-general-v21.pdf		
10.1	**Environmental and social policy**		
10.1.1	The applicant has a policy mandated by its highest decision-making body addressing E&S risks, impacts and safeguarding.	Mandatory: 1) Environmental and Social Policy outlining the objectives and principles that guide the organization on E&S matters. 2) The approval date and the approving body indicated in the policy or relevant meeting minutes. 3) Reference in the policy to alignment with national legislation or regulatory framework related to Environmental and Social matters and GCF interim ESS standards (i.e. the IFC Performance Standards 1-8).	The applicant must provide Environmental and Social (safeguarding) Policy (E&S policy) outlining the objectives and principles that guide the organization on environmental and social matters demonstrating systems, policies, capacity and track record to implement GCF E&S policy. The policy can be incorporated in the institutional Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS) or other broader sustainability policies. To evidence that the policy is mandated by the highest decision-making body of the entity (e.g., Board), the applicant must provide meeting minutes from a relevant meeting where the policy was adopted and endorsed by the highest decision-making body. The approval date and the approving body may also be indicated in the policy itself. For Direct Access Entities, the policy must indicate alignment with applicable national legislation or regulatory framework related to Environmental and Social safeguarding matters.

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10.1.2	The applicant's policy/ESMS clearly states the ESS standards the applicant adheres to and how they compare with the GCF Interim Environmental and Social Standards.	Mandatory: 1) Reference/ documentary evidence of the applicant's ESS standards.	The applicants must provide information on which E&S safeguarding standards they adhere to and how those compare to IFC Performance Standards 1-8. The applicants must provide a statement of commitment to adhere to the GCF Interim Standards or equivalent.
10.1.3	The applicant has relevant principles and procedures for preventing and responding to Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (SEAH) in accordance with the GCF revised Environmental and Social Policy.	Mandatory: 1) Provisions on SEAH safeguarding and stating zero-tolerance for all forms of sexual wrongdoing at institutional level and in projects/programmes incorporating survivor-centered approaches and measures for victim support. 2) SEAH Case Register/ Incident Log.	The provisions on SEAH can be included in a relevant policy (E&S policy, gender/inclusion policy, ethics or human resources policy) setting out principles and procedures for preventing and responding to SEAH. The policy must indicate zero-tolerance for all forms of sexual wrongdoing at institutional level and mechanisms to prevent SEAH in projects/programmes. The policy should incorporate survivor-centered approaches and measures for victim support in SEAH cases. All applicants must provide a Grievance Case Register or an Incident Log, including cases related to SEAH and how they have been addressed.
10.2	**Environmental and social due diligence**		The applicants must provide information on which E&S safeguarding standards they adhere to and how those compare to IFC Performance Standards 1-8. Applicants must provide a statement of commitment to adhere to the GCF Interim Standards or equivalent.
10.2.1	The applicant has a documented system to identify, assess, manage and monitor	Mandatory: 1) ESMS or an institutional process, proportionate to	All applicants must demonstrate a documented institutional process, proportionate to the size and nature of the entity (and

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	E&S risks and impacts against PS 1-8.	the size and nature of the entity and activities, to identify E&S risks and impacts in line with PS1-8 and determine the risk category. 2) If the ESMS is older than three years, a report on evaluation / independent audit of the ESMS.	the scale and location of anticipated activities), to identify, manage and monitor E&S risks and impacts in line with PS1-8. If the applicant's ESMS is older than three years, an independent audit or evaluation report must be provided as evidence of effectiveness of the institutional ESMS. Category C/I-3 applicants only: • The applicant's ESMS must include, at minimum, a process to screen the project activities against PS 1-8 to determine the risk category, and a process to manage and monitor the activities throughout the project to confirm the risk category. Category A/I-1 and B/I-2 applicants only: • The applicant must have a full-fledged documented ESMS, consistent with international industry practice, outlining the process of identifying the E&S risks and impacts Public sector applicants: • Beyond references to environmental and social legal framework, implementation guidelines and description of how they are applied in externally funded projects should be provided.
10.2.2	The applicant has track record of identifying and assessing E&S risks and impacts.	Mandatory: 1) Sample of three ESS screening or E&S Due Diligence reports prepared for a project/investment (implemented within the last three (3) years).	The applicants must provide samples of three (3) ESS screening checklists/reports or E&S Due Diligence reports prepared for a project/investment. Category A/I-1 and B/I-2 applicants only: • The applicant must provide samples of three Environmental and Social Action Plans (ESAP) related to projects/investments.

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10.2.3	The applicant has track record of implementing monitoring and management procedures.	Mandatory: 1) Sample of three project monitoring reports incorporating assessment of E&S elements (implemented within the last three (3) years).	The project monitoring reports should incorporate assessment of ESS elements, i.e. mitigation and management of E&S risks and impacts Category A/I-1 and B/I-2 applicants only: • Applicants must provide samples of three project monitoring reports, incorporating ESS elements. Private sector applicants/Fund applicants: • The samples can be Annual Impact reports, if evaluation reports are not available.
10.2.4	The applicant has a system to assess and monitor its downstream partners' E&S management.	Mandatory: 1) Sample of three E&S monitoring reports from downstream partners (executing entities, grantees, portfolio companies, borrowers) (implemented within the last three (3) years).	The samples can be internal monitoring reports or data collection sheets submitted by executing entities, grantees or portfolio companies to the applicant.
10.2.5	The applicant has a system to externally communicate on E&S matters and receive inquiries and feedback from third parties.	Mandatory: 1) Policy/procedure related to external communications including on E&S matters. 2) A website that contains the applicant's external communication including E&S specific information.	The policy/procedure related to external communications on E&S matters can be incorporated into a broader E&S policy or ESMS. The applicants must demonstrate that their public website contains information related to entity-level E&S matters. A link to the specific section on the website should be shared. The applicants must demonstrate a publicly available avenue or reporting channel to receive and register external inquiries, feedback, grievances and complaints related to E&S matters from

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		3) Publicly available avenues/reporting channels to receive and register external inquiries related to E&S matters from the third parties.	the third parties. A link to the specific website should be shared, where third parties can access a complaint form or other contact details. There should be appropriate description and guidance on the reporting channel available for the users.
10.2.6	The applicant has an information disclosure process.	Mandatory: 1) An information disclosure process/provisions in the E&S policy/ESMS outlining the disclosure process. 2) A commitment to comply with the disclosure requirements in GCF revised Environmental and Social Policy and Information Disclosure Policy.	The applicants must demonstrate information disclosure provisions in the E&S policy/ESMS outlining the disclosure process. The applicants must demonstrate commitment to comply with the disclosure requirements in GCF revised Environmental and Social Policy and Information Disclosure Policy in GCF funded activities. For Category A/I-1 applicants only: • The applicants must provide a sample of public disclosure of all relevant E&S documentation on the applicant's website related to a past Category A/I-1 project. • The applicant must provide a link to a publicly available E&S policy/ESMS. Private sector/fund applicants: • In the absence of information disclosure provisions, the applicant should describe the regulatory or confidentiality requirements restricting disclosure of information on the investees or fund operations.
10.2.7	The applicant has a public consultation process.	Mandatory: 1) Public consultation provisions in the ESS	The public consultation provisions in the E&S policy/ESMS should outline when and how the applicant organizes public stakeholder consultations.

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		policy/ESMS outlining the public consultations process. 2) Applicant's stakeholder engagement and consultation procedure.	A more detailed description of procedures can be incorporated in a project management manual or similar. The applicants must provide two samples of public stakeholder consultations (e.g., a stakeholder engagement report) held at project level aligned with the risk category. The applicants must provide samples of public disclosure of project Environmental and Social Impact Assessment on the applicant's website Private sector/fund applicants: • In the absence of stakeholder engagement and consultation procedure, the applicant should ensure that relevant laws for E&S related consultation and information disclosure are followed.
10.3	**Organizational capacity and competency**		
10.3.1	The applicant has a structure to implement E&S safeguarding, proportionate to its size and nature of activities.	Mandatory: 1) Organizational chart showing function/experts responsible for E&S.	The organizational chart should show function/experts responsible for E&S and reporting lines to management If the official organizational chart only demonstrates higher-level structures, an illustration or description of all relevant E&S roles should be provided. If there are committees, other oversight bodies or advisory councils for E&S matters, relevant evidence (e.g., terms of reference and composition) should be provided. Public sector applicants: • If there is no permanent structure for E&S within the applicant entity, a typical organizational structure in externally funded projects/programmes should be illustrated

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			(i.e. the role of the applicant entity, other key government institutions involved in overseeing or implementing ESMS).
10.3.2	The applicant has documented procedures and responsibilities for E&S experts.	Mandatory: 1) Job description(s) for E&S experts. 2) E&S roles outlined in ESMS or other document, indicating the responsibilities for the execution of E&S policy/ESMS and related to downstream partners.	Job descriptions of E&S experts at different levels should include the list of tasks and responsibilities. The descriptions of E&S roles outlined in ESMS or another relevant document should indicate the responsibilities of each role in the execution of E&S policy/ESMS e.g., screening, decision-making Responsibilities related to monitoring the E&S performance of downstream partners (grantees, executing entities, investees) should be described in the ESMS.
10.3.3	The applicant has experts with qualifications and experience to manage E&S issues.	Mandatory: 1) CVs of E&S experts demonstrating qualifications and past experience. 2) Description of E&S related training and capacity building activities for staff.	The applicant must provide CVs of relevant key E&S experts demonstrating past experience and sufficient qualifications to address and manage E&S issues. The number of CVs provided as evidence should be proportionate to the type and size of the entity. The applicant must provide a brief description of E&S-related training and capacity building activities for staff, including frequency and type of internal and external training offered in the past three years. Evidence of training activities can include training materials and participation lists/certificates. If the applicant relies on the capacity of external consultants on E&S matters, this must be clearly explained including information on type and scope of services provided, and CVs of relevant consultants. Public sector applicants:

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			• If there are no permanent E&S expertise or roles within the applicant entity (e.g., Ministry or other government institution), the practice of engaging project-specific E&S experts should be described and evidence provided.
11	**Grievance redress** *Screening requirement:* *The applicant has an accessible and legitimate institutional mechanism, policy and/or process to receive and handle complaints and grievances in relation to GCF-financed activities.*		
11.1	The applicant has an accessible and legitimate Independent Grievance Redress Mechanism to receive, screen, assess and address grievances/ complaints/ communications from third parties.	Mandatory: 1) Documented procedure to screen, assess and address the inquiries and grievances from third parties. 2) Evidence of independence of the Grievance Redress Mechanism and staff capacity at the institutional level, proportionate to the size and nature of the applicant entity. 3) A register of external E&S related inquiries/complaints received along with responses by the applicant	Applicants must demonstrate a documented procedure to screen, assess and address the E&S related inquiries and grievances from third parties. This can be incorporated into a broader E&S policy/ESMS or a relevant integrity policy. Applicants must demonstrate independence of the Grievance Redress Mechanism and staff capacity at the institutional level, proportionate to the size and nature of the applicant entity. Roles and responsibilities of relevant staff, committees or external service providers related to the procedures may be described in a broader E&S policy/ESMS or a relevant integrity policy. Applicants must provide a register of external E&S related inquiries/complaints received along with responses by the applicant from the past three (3) years. Public sector applicants: • If national-level grievance procedures are applied in the applicant entity, the applicant should describe typical project-specific procedures in externally funded projects.

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		from the past three (3) years.	
12	**Indigenous Peoples** *Screening requirement:* *The applicant demonstrates awareness at the accreditation stage and commitment within the ESMS to meet the requirements of and comply with the Indigenous Peoples Policy at the funded activity stage.*		
12.1	The applicant demonstrates awareness at the accreditation stage and commitment within the ESMS to meet the requirements of and comply with the Indigenous Peoples Policy at the funded activity stage.	Mandatory: 1) Statement of commitment by the applicant to adhere to the GCF Indigenous Peoples Policy at funding proposal stage. Supplementary: 1) Procedure (for example, within the ESMS) to manage and screen impacts and risks on Indigenous Peoples and evidence of implementing the procedure, such as sample screening checklist, project appraisal or E&S Due Diligence report for a project/programme indicating that potential risks and impacts on	The applicant must provide a statement of commitment to adhere to the GCF Indigenous Peoples Policy at funding proposal stage. The operational guidance to meet the requirements of Indigenous Peoples Policy at the funding proposal stage can be found here: https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/operational-guidelines-indigenous-peoples-policy Applicants that apply Indigenous Peoples related requirements should demonstrate provisions on Indigenous Peoples in the E&S policy or ESMS, related to FPIC, meaningful consultations, screening to identify risk, GRM and gender, consistent with GCF Indigenous Peoples policy. Applicants should provide the evidence of implementing the policy, such as sample screening checklist, project appraisal or E&S Due Diligence report for a project/investment indicating that potential risks and impacts on Indigenous Peoples are assessed and monitored. The evidence should cover three samples within the past three (3) years. If same documents are used in other sections, please refer to those sections.

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		indigenous peoples are assessed and monitored.	If PS 7 was triggered in the past projects, evidence of track record could include an Indigenous Peoples Plan and/or FPIC documentation on consultations with affected IPs. Applicants must have internal capacity and competency in the team to screen the risks and impacts on Indigenous Peoples when submitting concept note/funding proposals that may affect Indigenous Peoples. Applicants must demonstrate the ability to manage and mitigate risks or show access to specialized expertise in case Indigenous Peoples Policy and/or PS 7 is triggered.
13	**Gender** *Screening requirement:* *The applicant demonstrates gender policy, strategy or any other commitment to meet the principles and requirements of the GCF updated Gender Policy and track record of such commitment.*		
13.1	The applicant has a gender policy/strategy and action plan aligned with the principles and requirements of the GCF updated Gender Policy.	Mandatory: 1) Gender/inclusion policy or strategy and action plan outlining the entity's principles, commitment and practical measures to gender equity at institutional level and at project/programme level. 2) Provisions on non-discrimination and equal treatment of all genders in the gender policy, HR	The applicant must provide a gender/inclusion policy or strategy and action plan that outlines the entity's principles and commitment to gender equity and mainstreaming both at entity level and at project/programme level. The policy or strategy and action plan should demonstrate that the applicant can meet the principles and requirements of the GCF Gender Policy. The action plan should outline practical measures to improve gender performance at entity level and project/programme level. Statements of non-discrimination and equal treatment of all genders at institutional level can be incorporated into a gender policy, HR policy/manual, code of conduct or similar.

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		policy, code of conduct or similar.	For Direct Access Entities, the policy should include reference to relevant national laws as applicable Public sector applicants: • If the applicant follows gender policies at national level, description or guidance of implementation at entity level (Ministry or other government institution) and project/programme level should be provided. Private sector/fund applicants: • The applicant should provide relevant evidence applied at institutional level, fund level and investee level.
13.2	The applicant has a process or procedure to implement its gender policy in projects/programmes in accordance with the principles and requirements of the GCF updated Gender Policy.	Mandatory: 1) Documented guidance for project preparation and monitoring procedures including integration of gender-sensitive targets/impacts, activities and indicators.	The documented guidance for project preparation, screening and monitoring procedures can be contained in the gender policy/strategy, broader ESMS, project preparation/management manual, investment manual or training materials. Examples of these procedures are assessment of gender risks and impacts of projects/investments, gender-sensitive and/or gender-responsive stakeholder engagement processes, design of gender-sensitive and/or gender-responsive activities and developing gender action plans, setting indicators and collecting gender data at activity-, output-, outcome- and impact levels.
13.3	The applicant has (a) designated expert(s) with capacity to implement its gender policy.	Mandatory: 1) CVs of qualified gender/inclusion expert(s). 2) Job descriptions of the gender experts or description of roles and	The applicant must provide CVs of the relevant gender/inclusion expert(s) demonstrating relevant past experience and sufficient qualifications to address gender issues. The job descriptions of gender expert roles should include the responsibilities related to gender inclusion at institutional level and throughout the project cycle. The key roles and

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		responsibilities in the gender policy or other document. Supplementary: 1) An organizational chart including gender committee or other governance bodies, and descriptions of responsibilities. 2) Internal or external training materials used to enhance organizational capacity on gender matters. 3) International recognitions or certifications related to gender equality.	responsibilities should also be outlined in the gender policy or other relevant documents. If the applicant relies on the capacity of external consultants on gender topics, this must be clearly explained including information on type and scope of services provided, and CVs of relevant consultants. Public sector applicants: If there are no permanent gender expertise or roles within the applicant entity (e.g., Ministry or other government institution), the practice of engaging project-specific gender experts should be described and evidence provided. Supplementary evidence: If the applicant has a broader organizational structure, including gender committee or other governance bodies, an organizational chart and descriptions of responsibilities must be provided (or included in the policy). Supplementary evidence: Relevant internal or external training materials used to enhance organizational capacity on gender matters. Supplementary evidence: International recognitions or certifications related to gender equality or e.g., gender-lens investing practices.
13.4	The applicant has track record of implementing its gender policy in projects/programmes, including gender-sensitive and responsive indicators.	Mandatory: 1) Samples of E&S due diligence reports/project appraisals integrating gender perspectives. 2) Samples of project/programme	Track record of implementing gender policy should be demonstrated through samples of E&S screening/due diligence reports or project appraisals integrating gender perspectives. The project appraisals/project documents should indicate stakeholder engagement and consultation process, which is gender sensitive and gender responsive

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		monitoring reports or annual impact reports that indicate performance against gender-disaggregated indicators (quantitative) and description of gender impacts (qualitative). 3) Entity-level gender statistics showing staff composition by number of women and men in various positions, associate salary scales by gender and other benefits. Supplementary: 1) Report of any external gender audit or assessment.	Track record of monitoring gender activities should be demonstrated through samples of project/programme monitoring reports or annual impact reports that indicate performance against gender-disaggregated indicators (quantitative) and description of gender impacts (qualitative). Entity-level gender statistics should indicate staff composition by number of women and men in various positions, associate salary scales by gender and other benefits. Supplementary: If the applicant has been subject to an external gender audit or assessment, a report should be shared as additional evidence.

Table 1: Format for information under 3.1.4 of the accreditation application

Title	Applicant's role/ function/ responsibility in project/programme	Source of funding	Location	How the project/programme addressed climate change	Theme(s)	Size (total financing amount or cost in USD)	Financing amount managed by the applicant	Type(s) of financial instrument (s)	Start and end dates	Status	Duration (years)	E&S risk category	E&S Performance Standards triggered	Outcomes / Results areas	Link to a webpage describing the project (if available)

Project "A"															
Project "B"															