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Invitation for the Thirty-eighth Round of Application for Accreditation as Observer Organization to the Green Climate Fund

Deadline: Monday, 14 September 2026, 18.00 KST (UTC +09.00)

Pursuant to the Governing Instrument for the Green Climate Fund (GCF), the Rules of Procedure, and the Guidelines relating to observer participation, accreditation of observer organizations and participation of active observers, organizations wishing to participate in the activities of the Fund may apply for observer status with the Fund.

This call invites eligible organizations to submit applications for accreditation as observer organizations to the Green Climate Fund. Eligible applicants include international entities (IEs), civil society organizations (CSOs), and private sector organizations (PSOs).

Applications for observer accreditation are reviewed by the Secretariat and presented to the Board for decision. Organizations granted observer status may designate representatives to register for meetings of the Board.

Applications for accreditation as an observer organization must be submitted by **Monday, 14 September 2026, 18.00 KST (UTC+09.00)** via the online form at the following address: <https://gcf.co/observeraccreditation>. In case of technical problems, kindly send an email to: observers@gcfund.org.

Additional details, including eligibility requirements, application content and supporting documentation, are set out below.

I. Eligibility

Applicants for observer accreditation may be representatives of:

1. **International entities**, including:
 - a) United Nations agencies;
 - b) Multilateral development banks;

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

Governmental organizations not falling under the International Entity category are encouraged to register for Board meetings as a State Party or Observer State to the UNFCCC. For more information on the process to register as a State Party or Observer State to UNFCCC, kindly send an email to: countries@gcfund.org.

II. Application process for accreditation

Applications for accreditation as an observer organization must be submitted by **Monday, 14 September 2026, 18.00 KST (UTC+09.00)**, to enable processing and Board consideration.

Incomplete applications and submissions received after the deadline will not be considered for the thirty-seventh round of applications for accreditation as an observer organization to the Fund.

Only applications submitted in English will be accepted. However, where supporting documents are not available in English, they may be submitted in any United Nations official language (i.e., Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, or Spanish), together with an English executive summary. A translation of the full document may be requested, which may delay the accreditation process.

III. Accreditation documents

In accordance with the Guidelines relating to the observer participation, accreditation of observer organizations and participation of active observers, interested organizations should submit a completed application form that includes the following elements:

- 1. Provide a brief description of the organization, its purpose and legal status;
- 2. Information demonstrating that the organization has a well-organized administrative structure, relevant competences and experience, and can send representatives fully mandated to speak on its behalf organization;
- 3. An explanation of the potential benefit to the GCF of the organization's engagement as an observer, including its specialized scientific or technical competences relating to the goals of GCF, and what the organization expects in return from the Fund; and

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4. Written confirmation that the organization acknowledges the goals and basic principles of GCF and will abide by the Rules of procedures of the Fund.

Applicants should ensure their applications include the requested documentation listed below. PDF files are preferred. Attachments must be submitted as separate files and saved under the following categories:

1. Either
 - a. Proof of accreditation as an observer organization by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) or the Global Environment Facility (GEF), or equivalent organization; or
 - b. Proof of independent juridical personality, proof of organization type, and proof of non-profit and/or tax-exempt status or tax status;
2. The most recent annual report or equivalent document or publication describing the organization's activities during the past 12 months; and
3. Financial statements or audited financial statements providing information on the organization's funding sources and expenditures.

IV. Accreditation process

The Secretariat will review applications and present to the Board the applicant organizations recommended for accreditation, for the Board's decision on whether to grant observer status in accordance with the Rules of Procedures.

Once the Board has made a decision, applicants will be advised accordingly. The list of accredited observer organizations on the website of GCF will be updated after the process is completed.

V. Guidance on supporting documents

The table below provides guidance on the supporting documents required for accreditation. Where a document does not clearly demonstrate the relevant information, the Secretariat may request additional clarification or supporting evidence.

Information required	Guidance
Proof of independent juridical personality	Submit an official certificate of incorporation, registration certificate, or equivalent document issued by a competent authority, indicating the organization's legal form.

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Proof of organization type	Submit an official document confirming the organization type, such as a registration certificate, statutes, articles of association, charter, or an equivalent document indicating the organization's legal structure.
Proof of non-profit and/or tax-exempt status, or tax status	Submit an official document confirming the organization's non-profit status, tax-exempt status, or applicable tax status. This may include a registration certificate, a tax exemption certificate, a confirmation from the relevant tax authority, or an equivalent document.
Most recent annual report	Submit the most recent annual report, activity report, or equivalent publication describing the organization's activities during the past 12 months. For the 2026 application round, applicants should provide the 2025 report or the 2024 report if the 2025 report has not yet been finalized.
Financial statement or audited financial statement	Submit the most recent financial statement or audited financial statement showing the organization's funding sources and expenditures. For the 2026 application round, applicants should provide statements for the most recent completed financial year, such as 2025 or 2024, if the 2025 statements have not yet been finalized.
Alternative proof of accreditation	Applicants already accredited as observer organizations by the UNFCCC, ECOSOC, GEF, or an equivalent organization may submit proof of such accreditation instead of: (i) proof of independent juridical personality, (ii) proof of organization type, and (iii) proof of non-profit and/or tax-exempt status, or tax status. All other supporting documents remain required.
Official documents	Supporting documents should be official documents issued, registered, certified, signed, stamped, or otherwise formally recognized by the competent authority or by the organization, as applicable. The Secretariat may request additional information where the authenticity, status, or relevance of a document cannot be verified.

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