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Concept Note and Funding Proposal Development

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Context and rationale

*Building on digitization of concept note (Mar 2025) and Annual Performance Report (Feb 2026), **funding proposal digitization represents the next phase.** Key aspects of this change include:*

DATA-DRIVEN DESIGN	RE-ARCHITECTURE	STRENGTHENED ALIGNMENT
- By digitizing the funding proposal and ensuring a seamless flow from the endorsed concept note, we establish end-to-end data continuity. - This streamlined architecture reduces administrative silos and ensures that the Secretariat and AEs operate from a single, synchronized dataset.	- The template has been streamlined into a more logical progression, consolidating previously fragmented data points into high-visibility, stand-alone sections with strict word counts. - This approach results in a more focused and coherent document, aligned with the Secretariat's due diligence requirements.	Outcome-based budgeting, linked to results, ensures that each proposal is aligned with Board-approved frameworks. Enhancements in upfront data collection and management strengthen transparency and ensure that data quality meets Board standards.

Part II

Key Changes and Transition Arrangements

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Summary of major updates by Section

1. Section A – Proposal Data

- Renamed and streamlined with auto-populated and read-only fields
- Pre-filled from endorsed CNs to ensure data continuity

2. Section B – Executive Summary

- Transformed into a stand-alone section

3. Section C – Project/Programme Information

- Consolidated core project information into a single section
- Added new sections (e.g., economic context, country ownership and stakeholder engagement)
- Integrated ESS and gender sections to show that these are an integral part of the project that can provide opportunities in addition to risks

4. Section D – Impact and Results

- Replaced the Logical Framework with a dedicated Impact and Results section

- Aligned with **IRMF**; selected optional PMF elements retained for legacy consistency
- Reoriented proposal development around **GCF outcomes** rather than by components.

5. Section E – Financing Information

- Re-sequenced to follow Impact and Results section, strengthening **linkage** between **results and financing**
- Structured into **Sources and Uses of Funds**, aligned with concept note and Annual Performance Report (APR) structures
- Introduced additional elements (e.g., indicative terms, financial structure)

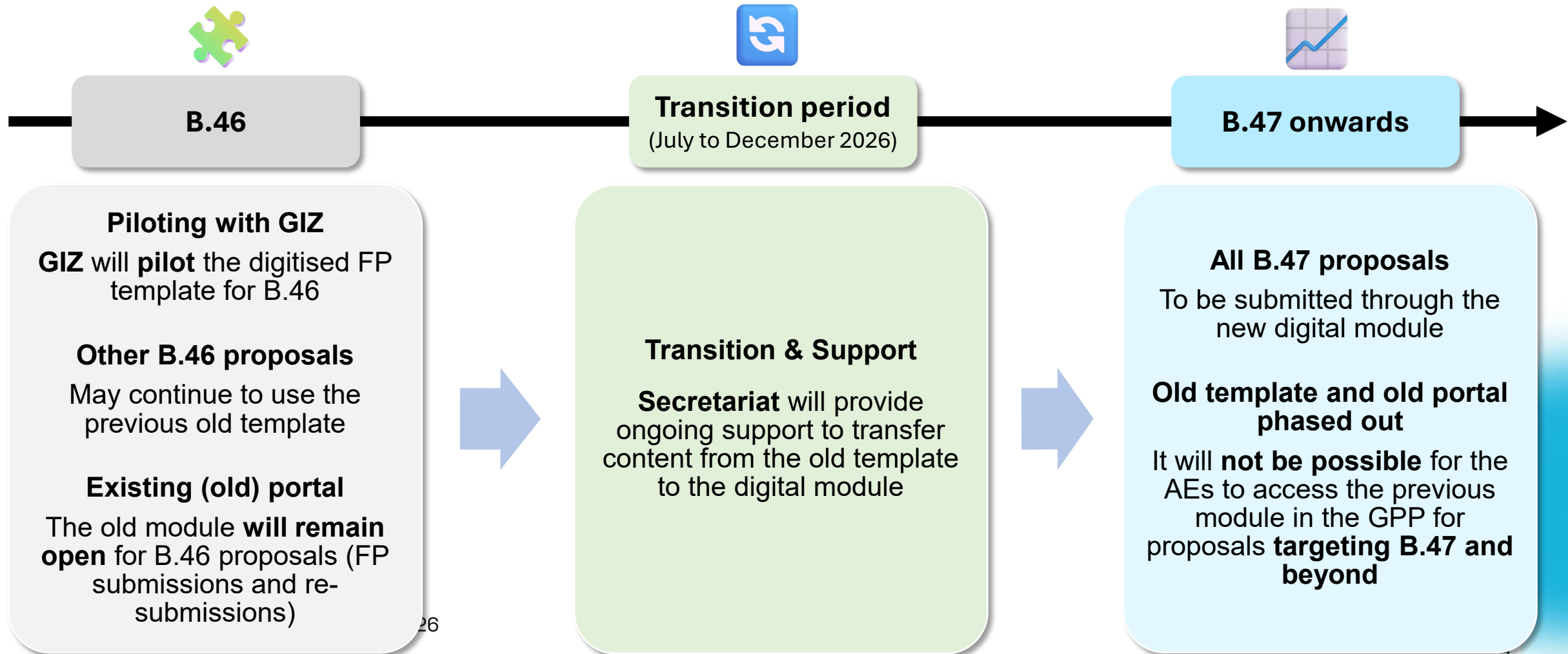
6. Section F – Risk and Mitigation Measures

- Updated in line with the Project Risk and Opportunities Mapping (**PROM**) **matrix** and the new **APR template**

7. Section G – Annexes

- **Streamlined and rationalized**, with some content integrated into the main document

Transition arrangements for FP digitisation

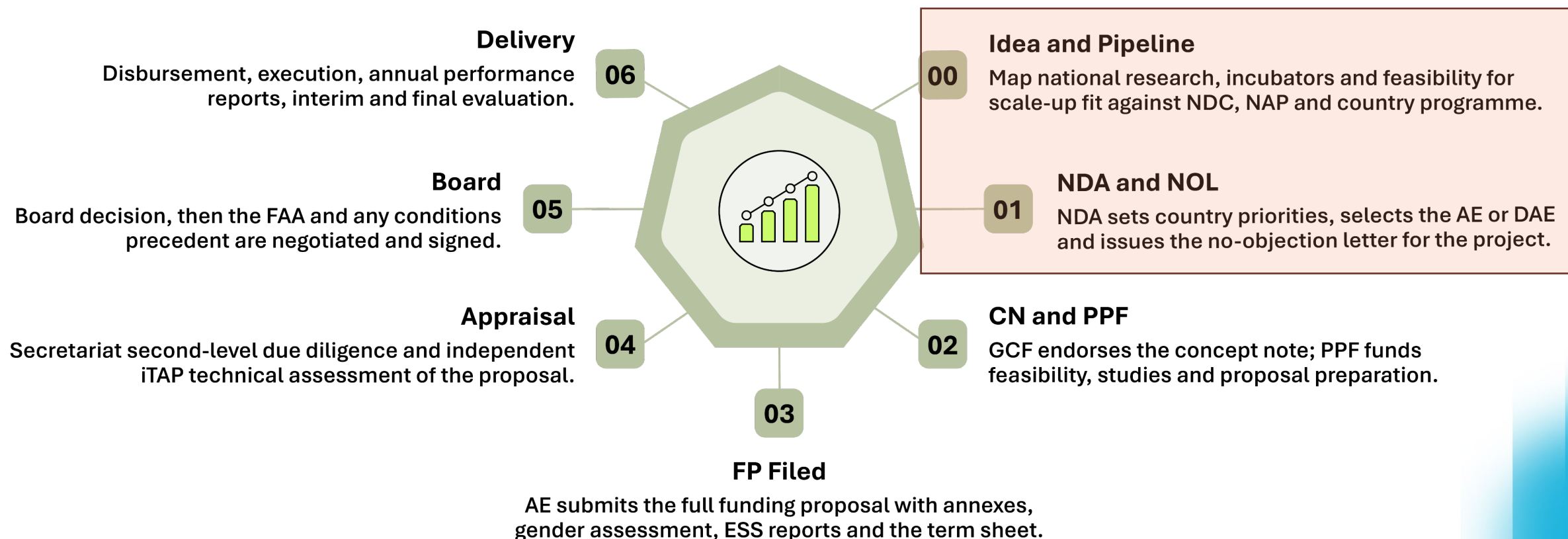


Part III

Concept Note: Revised GCF Template and Screening Process

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Efficient GCF – Project Cycle



Concept Note **6 Weeks**

GCF service standard: Secretariat feedback on a submitted concept note within six weeks.



Funding Proposal **9 Months**

GCF service standard: from FP submission to Board decision within nine months.

Efficient GCF – Concept Note

Additionality — Why GCF?

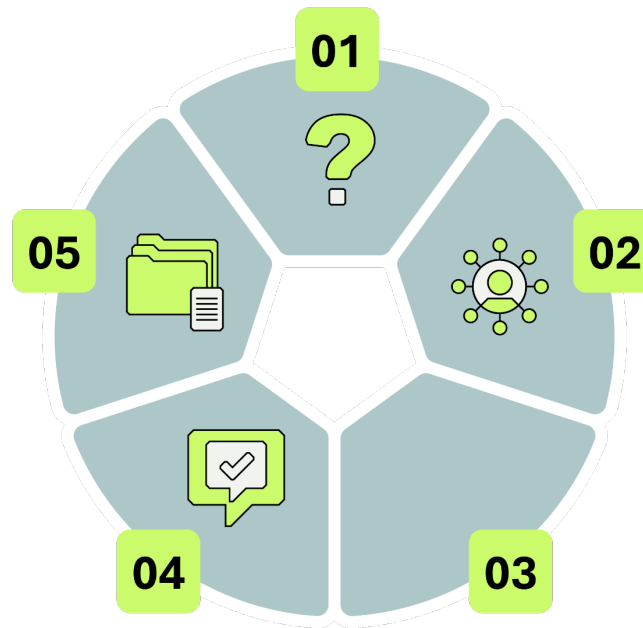
Show the barrier and the counterfactual: what fails without GCF. Justify minimum concessionality and why no commercial or domestic source carries the risk.

Climate Rationale and Criteria

Ground hazard, exposure and vulnerability in credible datasets and downscaled projections, link them to the theory of change, and answer all six GCF investment criteria in the CN itself.

Implementation Arrangements

Name the executing entities and their capacity, fiduciary and safeguard roles. Show the flow of funds from AE to EE to beneficiaries, and how procurement, reporting and oversight will work.



Choice of Accredited Entity

Match AE accreditation scope to project size, risk category and instrument. A DAE choice signals direct access and country ownership.

Choice of Instrument

Grant, concessional loan, equity or guarantee argued from the revenue profile, with co-finance, blending and minimum concessionality shown.



Revised CN Template

6-Week Screening

The Secretariat screens the concept note against the revised template and returns feedback within six weeks; a complete CN is the fastest route to a Board-ready proposal.

Additional PS CN appraisal lens

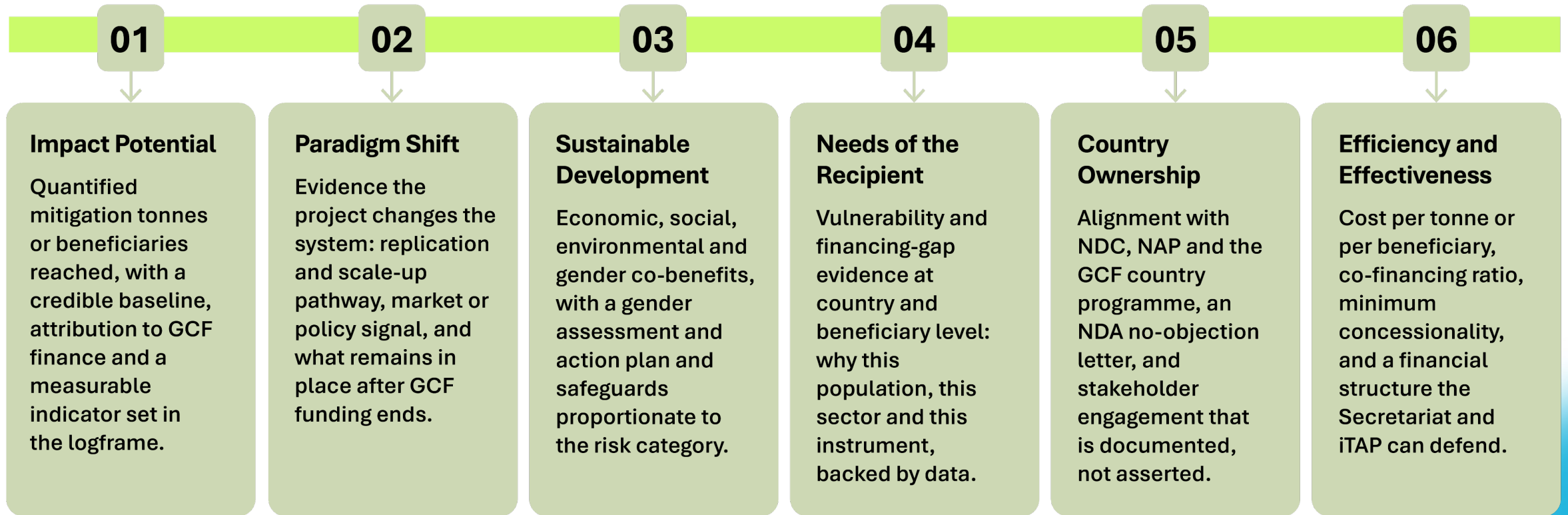
Baseline: Mandate/country priority • six investment criteria • risks and mitigants • FP development support

Private sector investment:

“Is this the optimal use of GCF risk capital – and can GCF add value beyond what market provides?”

Additionality	Governance	Crowding-in private sector/capital	Alignment with PS strategy	Choice of financial instrument
Why GCF? • Market or financial constraint • Why commercial financing is not available • What would not happen without GCF	Can GCF resources be effectively managed, overseen and protected? • AE/EE's implementation capacity, track record • Key risks and mitigants	Can GCF catalyse capital? • Is private capital credibly positioned to participate? • Does GCF improve the risk–return profile? • Does the structure enable wider market participation?	• Combined climate and economic growth • De-risk market creating investments • Innovation: business model, financial instruments, climate technology • Strengthen domestic and national FIs	Is the structure fit for purpose? • Funding size • Financial instrument • Legal/transaction structure • Use of proceeds

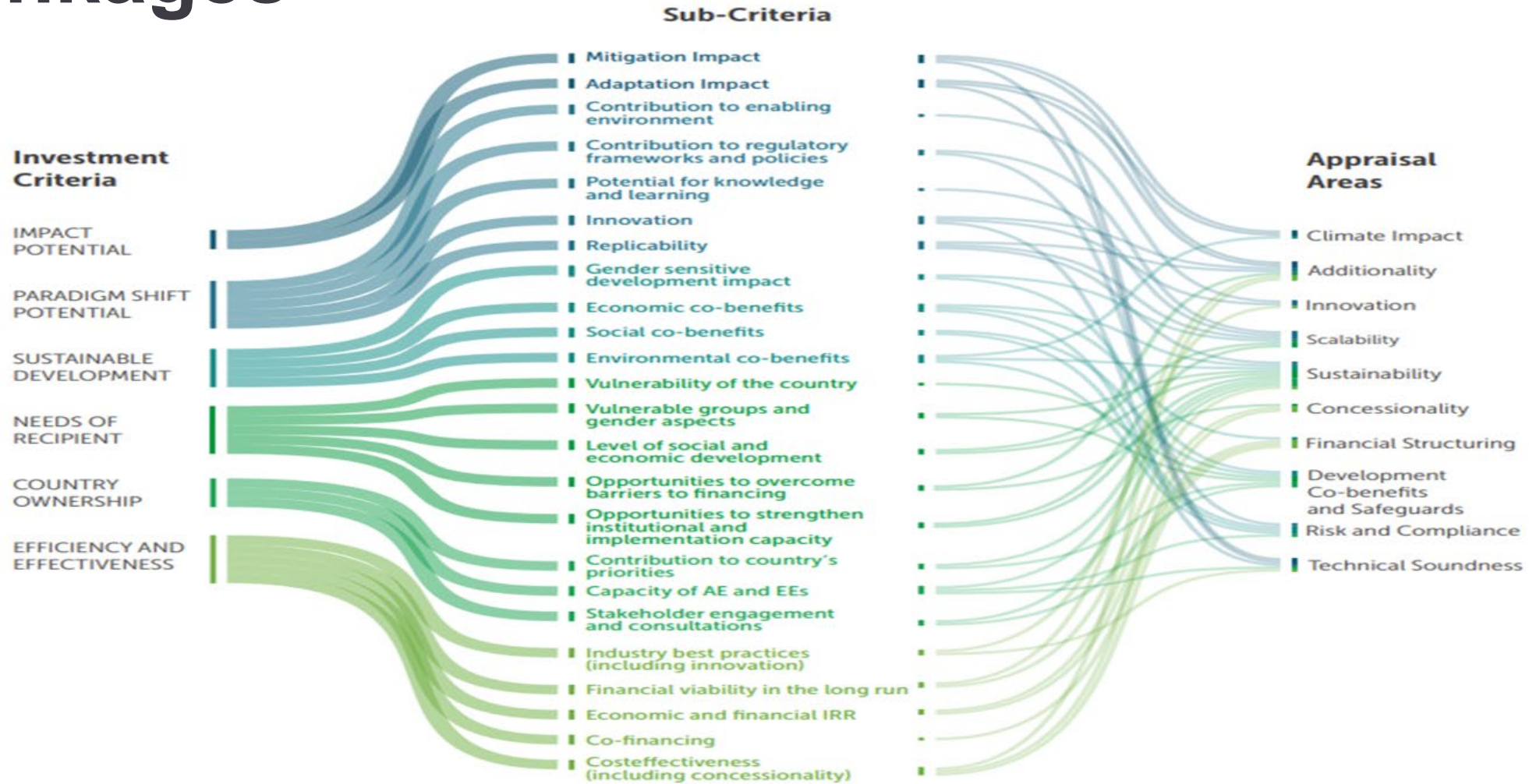
GCF Investment Criteria



How The Criteria Are Used

Every concept note and funding proposal section is read back against these six criteria; iTAP scores each one and flags the weakest, most often. paradigm shift and efficiency

Investment Criteria and Appraisal Linkages

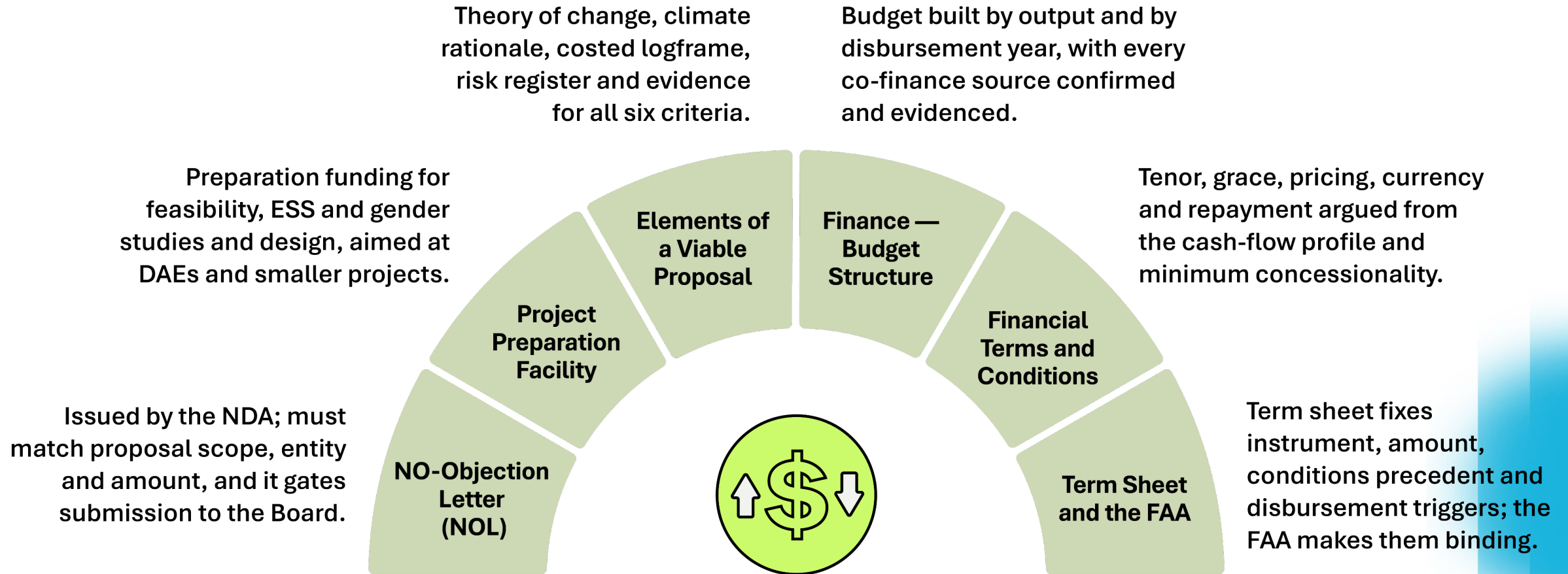


Part IV

Funding Proposal – Development, Appraisal, and Approval

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Funding Proposal



A more focused look into Section D: Results and Impact

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Credible, Measurable, and Comparable Portfolio-level Reporting Requires a Robust Data Structure as well as Standardized and Scalable Indicators

From 'Logical Framework' to Integrated Results Architecture

Dimension	Current FP Template	Digitized FP Template (GPP) 
Overall Structure	Standalone " Logical Framework " section embedded in narrative document	Logframe replaced by Section D: Results and Impact spanning multiple sub-sections
Role of Logframe	Fragmented results chain within the proposal	Integrated results architecture: Impact → Outcomes → Outputs → Activities (true results chain)
Alignment with PMFs/IRMF/HRMF	Logframe had to navigate between PMFs and IRMF	Results section explicitly linked to IRMF ; deep operationalization with core, supplementary, co-benefit, and enabling environment indicators
Conceptual Approach	Logframe (results matrix embedded in narrative)	Structured for digital input/data capture, systems-level validation (in the form itself) , and downstream alignment with ex-post reporting (APR)

From Static Document to Digital Results Management Tool

Dimension	Current FP Template	Digitized FP Template (GPP)
Indicator Structure	RMF/PMF; IRMF	Heavily IRMF-based with some aspects of RMF/PMFs integrated: Standardized indicators · co-benefit indicators · enabling environment indicators integrated
M&E Elements per Indicator	Disparate approach	Structured fields: MoV · Baseline · Mid-term target · Final target · Lifetime · Assumptions/Notes
Disaggregation	Not structured; disparate	Built-in: by country · by result area · indicator-specific (e.g. gender)
Budget Integration	Not structurally enforced	Output indicators must now align with the Annexes in the budget structure
Data Model & Automation	Static Word/PDF submission; no automation possible leading to heavy manual interventions/errors	Structured data model for GPP ingestion; auto-populated fields; validation; AI/system-forward integration enabled
Overall Orientation	Proposal-writing tool	Digitization enables end-to-end results management: Design → approval (FP) → monitoring (APR) → reporting

Highlighted Technical Changes

1

ENHANCED DISAGGREGATION

Country-level, indicator disaggregation

Country-level disaggregation limited to key indicators only.

Cross-disaggregation discontinued.

2

AUTOMATION

Pre-filled values & auto-cumulation

Baseline and prior-period data pre-populated.

Targets and actuals automatically cumulated across periods. Progress percentage calculated and displayed without manual entry.

3

SIMPLIFICATION

No cross-disaggregation

Only single-dimension disaggregation applied. Country-level breakdowns retained for key variables only. Eliminates matrix-style sub-totals that generated inconsistencies and reporting burden.

4

FLEXIBILITY

Co-benefit indicator drop-down

Optional project/programme-specific and co-benefit indicators available via drop-down list.

Includes indicators from the previous framework and those most frequently reported by AEs in APRs.

5

FLEXIBILITY

Voluntary reporting encouraged

AEs encouraged to report: additional standardized impact indicators not in the FAA;

voluntary IRMF indicators for PMF projects;

voluntary PMF indicators for IRMF projects. Builds learning without creating mandatory burden.

6

SIMPLIFICATION

Reduced project-specific requirements

Reporting requirements for project- and programme-specific indicators and activities have been reduced. Focuses mandatory effort on IRMF-aligned core outcomes rather than granular activity tracking.

Q&A

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Thank you

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