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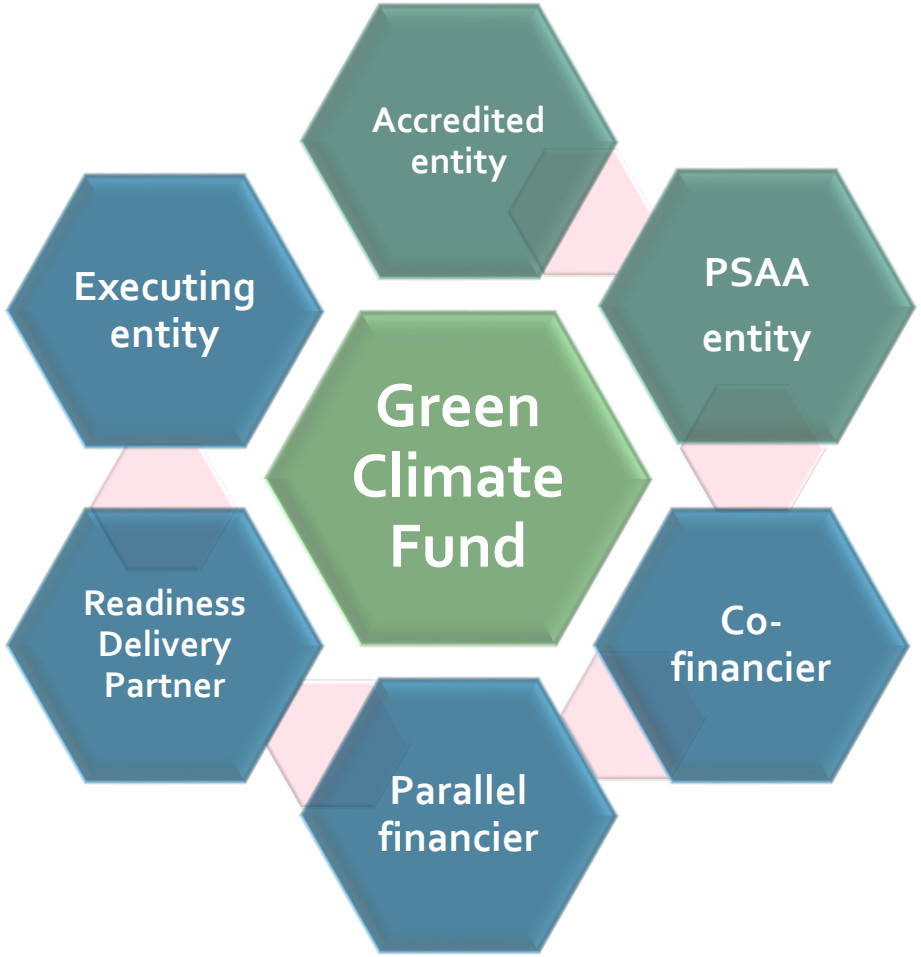
Institutional Accreditation with the Green Climate Fund

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WAYS TO PARTNER WITH GCF



- **Accredited Entities (AEs)** develop and submit funding proposals; oversee and monitor the management and implementation of projects and programmes approved and financed by GCF.
- **Executing Entity Partnerships:** Organizations can partner with Accredited Entities as executing entities to implement climate projects, enabling access to Green Climate Fund resources.
- **Flexible Financing Options:** Entities may co-invest or co-finance initiatives, allowing for shared responsibility and flexible support for climate action.
- **Knowledge and Sub-contractor Roles:** Organizations can contribute as knowledge partners or sub-contractors, sharing expertise and supporting climate initiatives in varied capacities.

Project-Specific Assessment Approach (PSAA)

Looking ahead to B.47: The Board will consider the future direction of the PSAA modality. Until then, GCF continues to accept applications where there is a credible pathway for the proposal to mature for Board consideration in 2027.

Country ownership

Country ownership and the role of direct access entities remain central to the PSAA modality.

How to apply

We welcome engagement from prospective applicants.

Follow the instructions and eligibility information on the PSAA website:

greenclimate.fund/access-funding/psaa/questionnaire

Same standards

Same GCF accreditation standards as institutional accreditation, assessed for capacity to implement **one defined project or programme**.

Accreditation assessment and proposal appraisal **run in parallel**, which can reduce the overall time to access GCF funding.

Revised Accreditation Framework

Key Features

- Screening requirements: A subset of the current fiduciary and ESS standards and gender policy requirements



WHAT CHANGED: PURPOSE AND ENTRY TO ACCREDITATION

Key change	Previously	Under the revised framework
🎯 **Purpose of accreditation**	A full up-front assessment against every standard before accreditation.	A risk-based partner due diligence tool. Only the key screening requirements are checked at this stage.
🔍 **Screening and prioritization**	No early fit check, and no set way to prioritize when applications surged.	Free pre-screening opens two months before each window. GCF prioritizes applications when demand is high, using published criteria.
🔁 **Entry points and fees**	A narrow fast-track, and fees set case by case.	Non-governmental DAEs, including private sector, can self-nominate. Fast-track expanded to World Bank and AfDB project partners. Flat fee rate per access modality group.

WHAT CHANGED: A FASTER, MORE PREDICTABLE PROCESS

1. Prescreening
Eligibility and readiness checked before the application

2. Application window
Two fixed two-month windows each year

3. Screening and review
Up to 9 months with GCF and the Accreditation Panel

4. Board decision
Accreditation takes effect on approval

Key change	Previously	Under the revised framework
⏱️ **Predictability**	No fixed timetable and no published service standards.	Service standards, criteria, forms and guidance are published. Both GCF and applicants have set times to ask and answer questions.
📋 **What is checked at accreditation**	All standards assessed up front, within a predefined accreditation scope.	Only a subset of fiduciary, ESS and policy requirements (see application form). The rest are reviewed at concept note or funding proposal stage. No predefined scope, apart from the E&S risk category.
✅ **The decision**	Accreditation conditions, a fixed term and an Accreditation Master Agreement (AMA).	No conditions and no fixed accreditation term. Accreditation becomes effective on Board approval, with no AMA. AE performance tracked through the Monitoring and Accountability Framework.

WHAT IS MAINTAINED FROM THE PREVIOUS FRAMEWORK

The bar has not been lowered. These elements are unchanged.

Nomination and standards	Governance and decision-making	Support and fees
🏛 Nomination NDA nomination for governmental direct access applicants. International access applicants self-nominate.	**⚖ Assessment** The Accreditation Panel continues to carry out the assessment.	**🛠 Readiness support** Pre-accreditation support through the country window, post-accreditation through the DAE window.
📋 Standards The full suite of fiduciary, ESS and policy requirements still applies.	**📦 Board approval** In-session Board approval is still required, for accreditation and upgrades. Upgrades apply only to the E&S risk category.	**💲 Fees policy** Discounted rates for national direct access applicants from SIDS and LDCs. Re-invoicing possible for multiple reviews.

ALLOCATION OF ACCREDITATION STANDARDS ACROSS THE BUSINESS CYCLE

(see Annex II: 14-accreditation-framework-gcf-b42-04-add01_1.pdf)

Standard / requirement area	Accreditation stage (screening requirements)	Programming stage (CN/FP –project-specific)
Legal status and authority	Legal personality and capacity to contract and assume legal/financial responsibility	Activity-specific licences, permits or registrations
Corporate governance	Institutional governance structure, roles, oversight and internal control framework	Project-level governance and implementation arrangements
Financial management	Institutional financial management, accounting and reporting systems	Application of fiduciary standards to the specific project/programme
Procurement	Existence of procurement policies, procedures and systems	Project-specific procurement plans and processes
Audit and internal control	Internal and external audit functions and control environment	Use of controls and audits at project level
Integrity (AML/CFT, prohibited practices, whistleblowers)	Institutional policies and systems in place	Transaction- and activity-level integrity risk checks
Environmental & social	Institutional ESMS and capacity, commensurate with indicative risk	Project-specific E&S screening, assessment, mitigation and monitoring
Indigenous Peoples	Institutional commitment and systems to meet policy requirements	Compliance with Indigenous Peoples Policy at funded activity level
Gender	Existence of gender policy/strategy or equivalent institutional commitment and institutional commitment	Project-level gender assessment and Gender Action Plan
Capacity & experience	Indicative fit-for-purpose assessment of track record	Confirmation that the activity is within demonstrated capacity

Streamlined Accreditation Process: All Applicant Types

Nomination	Pre-screening	Application and fees	Screening and report	Board decision
Government-controlled: the government nominates one ministry; other line ministries serve as Executing Entities **Non-governmental:** the entity self-nominates and informs the NDA; one branch/member of a corporate group is nominated, the others serve as Executing Entities	Simple self-reflection questionnaire. Ministries may draw on the expertise of the government, and group branches/members on their corporate group, as a whole	Two months to fill in the online application form and submit all evidence, +1 month to pay the fees (1.5, 4 or 13 K USD depending on applicant type and set criteria)	Review by the Accreditation Panel, one round of questions/ clarifications	If all requirements are not met: report identifies the gaps, resubmission required If all requirements are met: recommended to the Board
Any time	Open 2 months before each application window	2 application windows per year	Up to 9 months total review time, not including the time required by the applicant	Board meets 3 times per year

RAF Key Features

Revised fee structure

Fees	SIDS & LDCs*	Non-SIDS, Non-LDCs**	International access applicants
Accreditation	$1,500	$4,000	$13,000
Upgrade	$375	$1,000	$3,250

*National direct access applicants
**Includes regional direct access applicants

Submitted applications do not begin the screening and report step until after the fees are paid

Key Dates for 2026

July 15, 2026
Second Application Window opens

Second application window closes
September 16, 2026

October 14, 2026
Payment of fees closes until 1st window in 2027

Prescreening opens
October 15, 2026

26 – 29 October 2026
B.46

Prescreening closes
December 16, 2026

January 20, 2027
1st Application Window of 2027 opens

Revised approach to Legal Arrangements **applies to all AEs**
January 1, 2028

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Resources

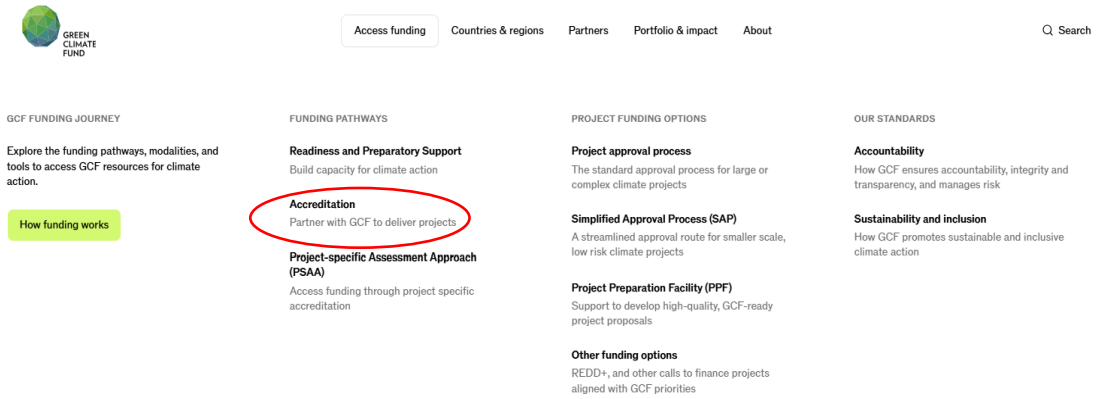
GCF Accreditation Process Guidance
available on the GCF Accreditation website

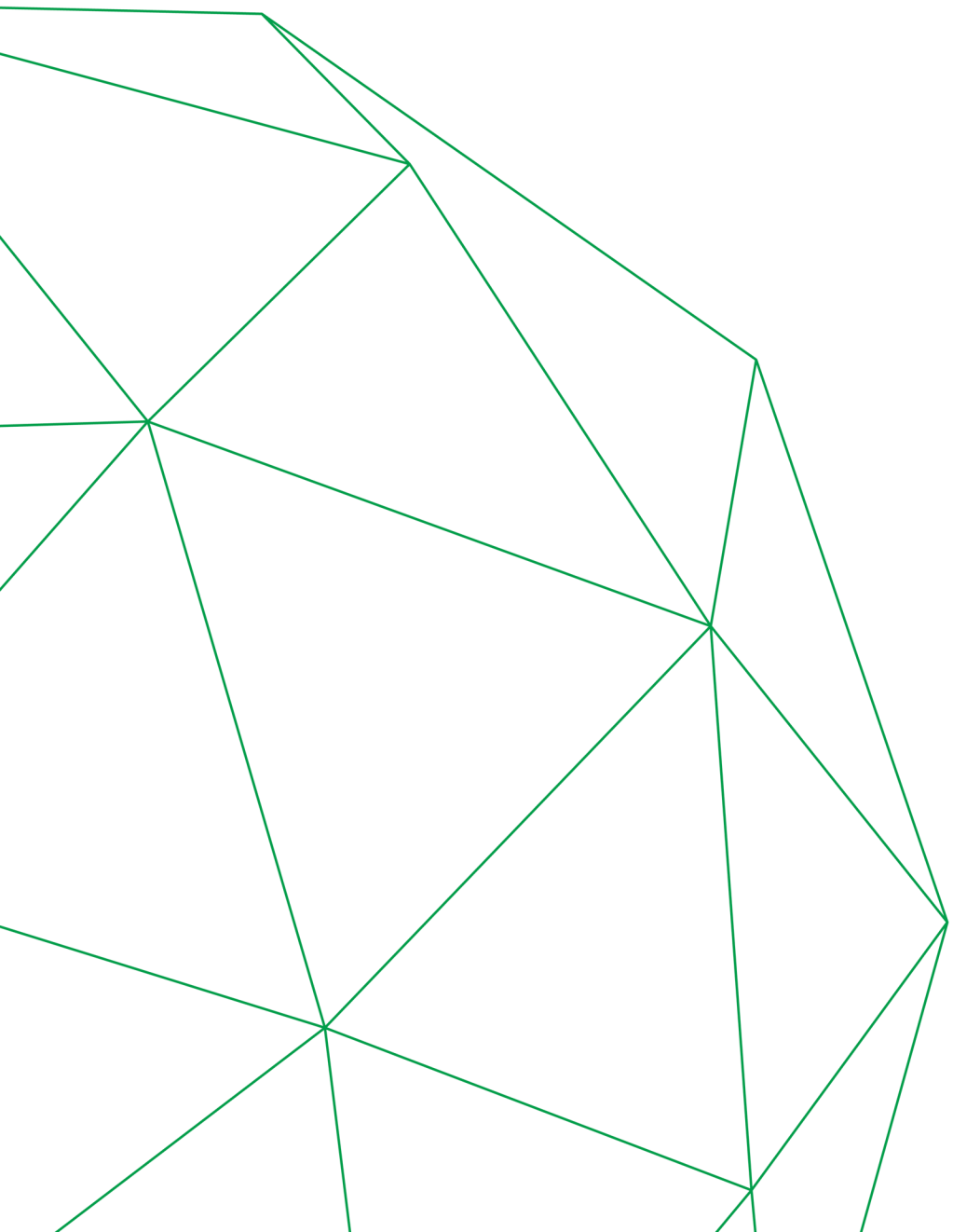
Guidance and Screening Requirements
available on the 'Annex II: Screening requirements and mapping of Initial Fiduciary Principles and Standards and other relevant policies'

Video Navigating the Application Form
Access and Navigate Accreditation Application on GCF Partner Portal
Add New Users to GCF Partner Portal

Updated Monitoring and Accountability Framework
Updated monitoring and accountability framework for accredited entities | Green Climate Fund

Standard Conditions (Projects)
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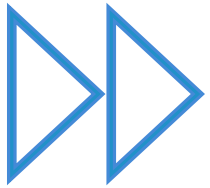
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Overview of the Revised Approach



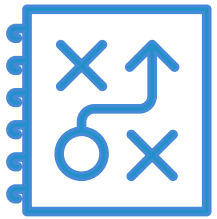
Accreditation Reform

- AMA not required
- PSAA not affected
- Existing projects not affected



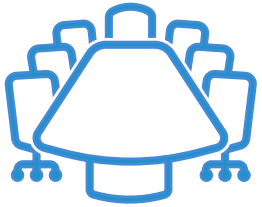
Simpler; Faster

- Standard Conditions
- Transparent
- Predictable



Programming Focus

- No institutional AMA
- Process controls
- Project-specific



Board approval

- Required for any deviation or modification to GCF Policy

Legal arrangements for programming with GCF

Until 31 Dec 2027

Institutional-accredited AEs:

- **Traditional, two-stage approach**
  - **Accreditation Master Agreement +** a **Funded Activity Agreement (FAA)** for each approved project

OR

- **Revised approach (one-stage)**
  - **FAA** for each approved project that incorporates **Standard Conditions**

PSAA AEs:

- **One-stage approach**
  - **FAA** for each approved project that includes elements from the template AMA and FAA (decision B.31/06)

1 Jan 2028 onwards

Institutional-accredited AEs:

- **Revised approach (one-stage)**
  - **FAA** for each approved project that incorporates **Standard Conditions**

PSAA AEs (no change):

- **One-stage approach**
  - **FAA** for each approved project that includes elements from the template AMA and FAA (decision B.31/06)