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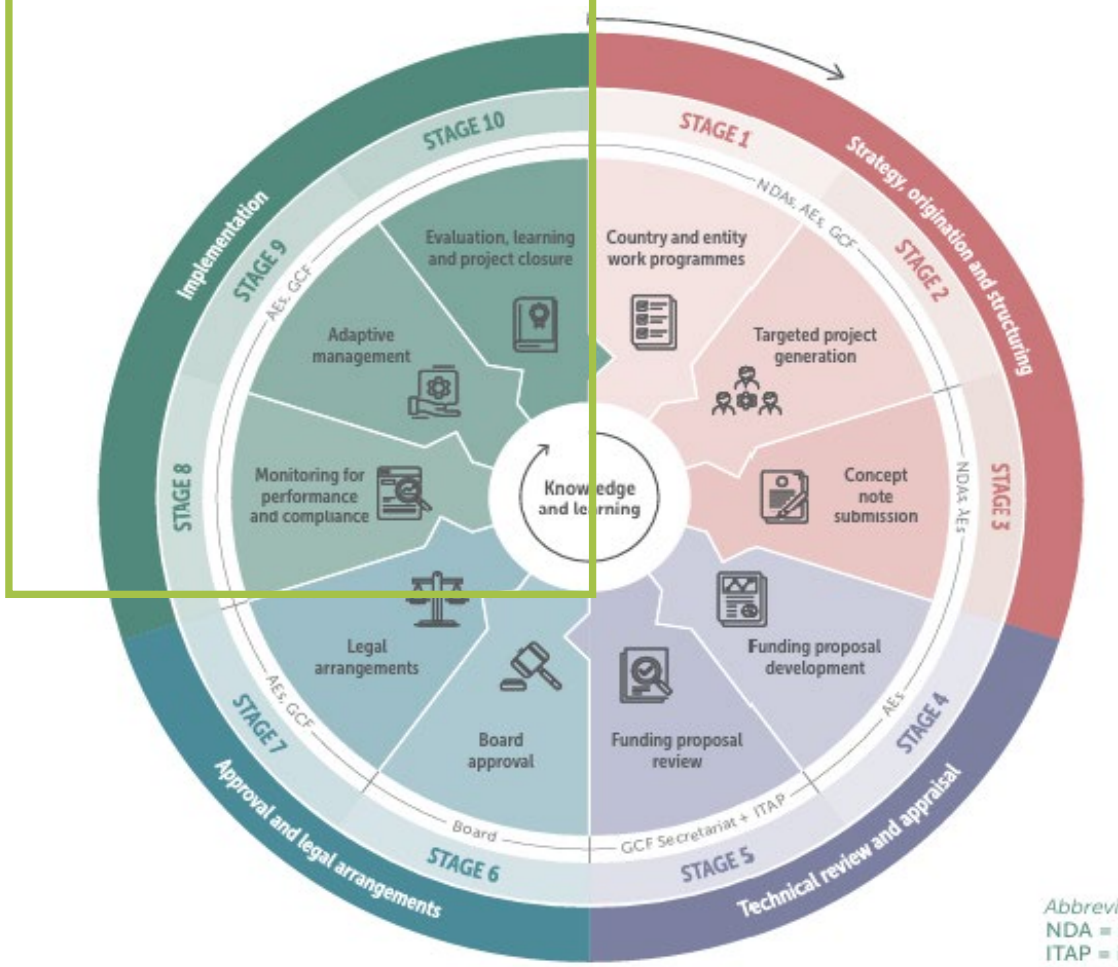
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GCF's Sustainability Policies and Operational Safeguards: Implementation Stage

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GCF Programming Cycle



Abbreviations: AE = accredited entity, NDA = national designated authority, ITAP = independent Technical Advisory Panel.

Quick Recap: Operational Safeguards Policies

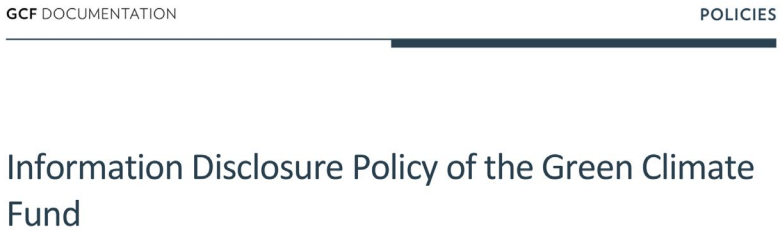
Revised Environmental and Social Policy (RESP)	ESS Standards	Updated Gender Policy	Indigenous Peoples Policy
• With provisions on SEAH safeguarding since 2021	• IFC Performance Standards	• Gender assessment • Gender action plan	• Free, prior & informed consent

Other Applicable Policies during Implementation

Policy on Restructuring and Cancellation – describes ESS considerations for major change in scope



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Requirements/Guidance at Implementation Stage

1. Ensure fulfillment of FAA Conditions
2. Implement and Monitor Safeguards and Gender Instruments (ESMF/ESMS, ESMP, Other Plans, Gender Action Plan, Stakeholder Engagement Plan, etc.)
3. Prepare and submit Annual Performance Reports; ad-hoc reports through project leads
4. Implement Adaptive Management Measures as Needed

Adaptive Management



Inevitable changes

Design and technology

Unanticipated impacts – anthropogenic or natural disasters, social circumstances

Policy and regulatory changes



Stakeholder Suggestions and Complaints

Adaptive Management

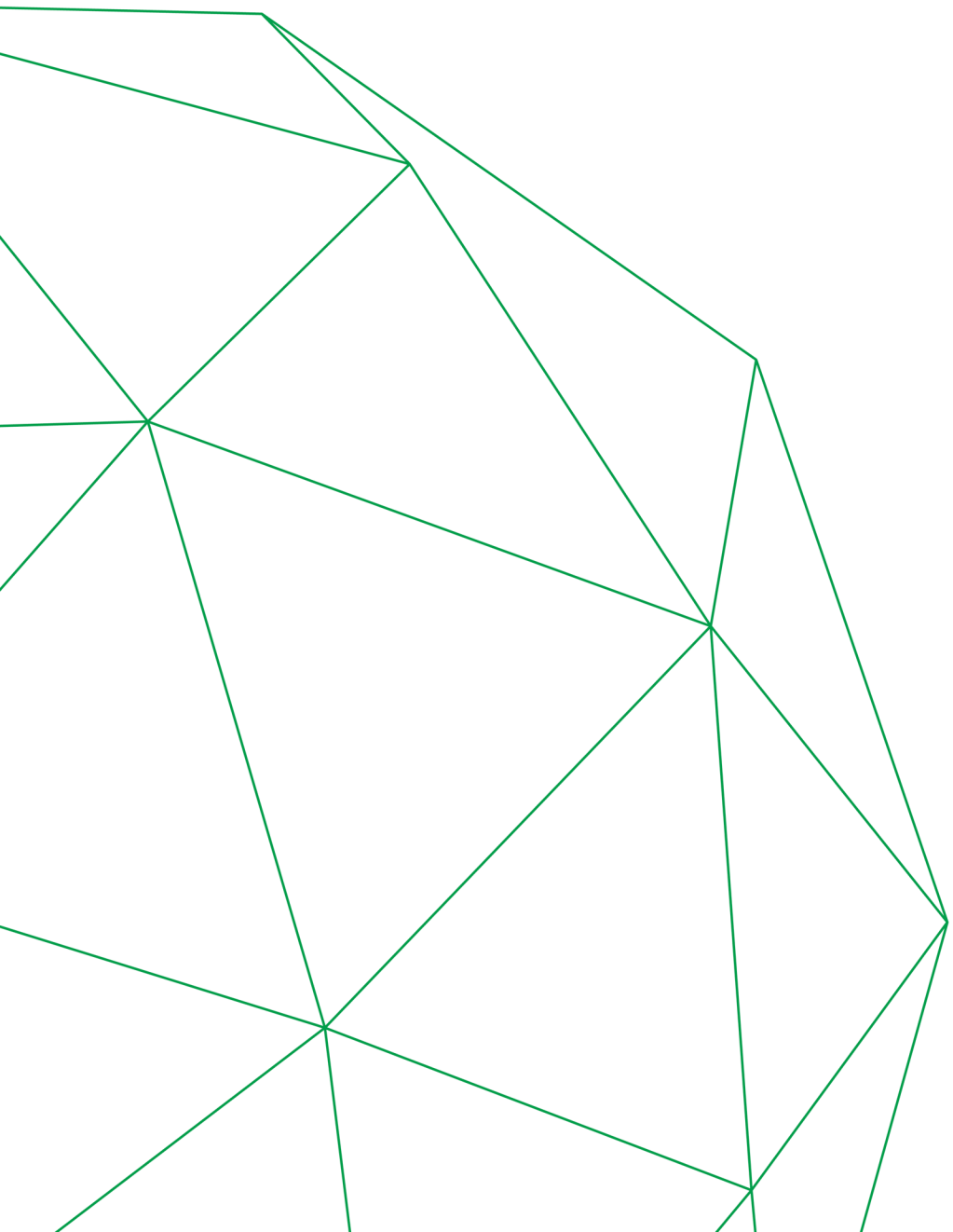
Address	environmental and social risks and impacts in a timely manner
Ensure	compliance with legal provisions (FAA), including GCF's Sustainability Policies
Avoid	(escalation) reputational and implementation risks

Guidance at Project Completion Stage

1. Tell the ESS and Gender Action Plan Implementation Story

2. Ensure Closure for Any Outstanding Issues or Grievances

3. Share Challenges, Resolutions, Good Practices and Lessons Learned



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