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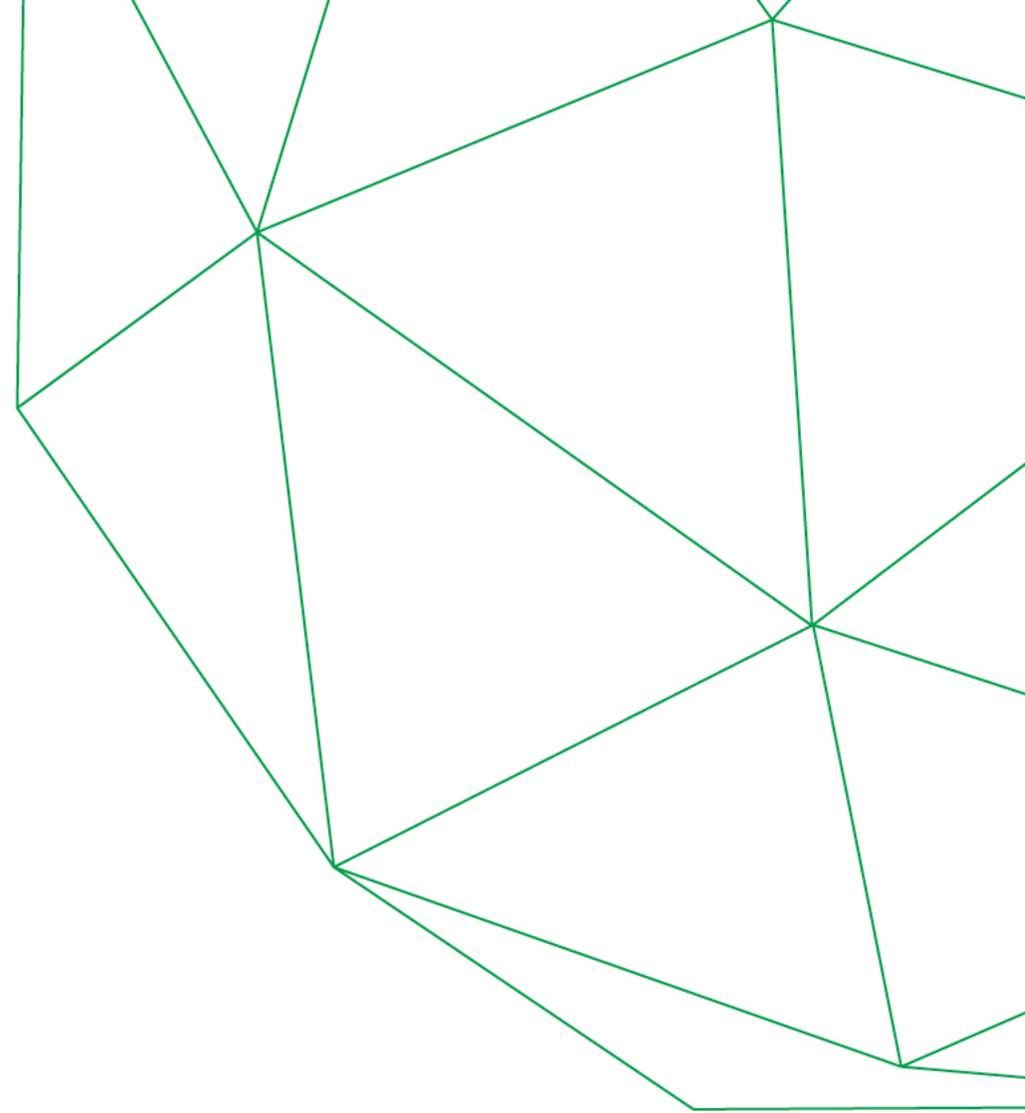
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DEVELOPING GCF-ALIGNED AND HIGH-QUALITY PROJECTS: SUSTAINABILITY POLICIES OF THE GREEN CLIMATE FUND

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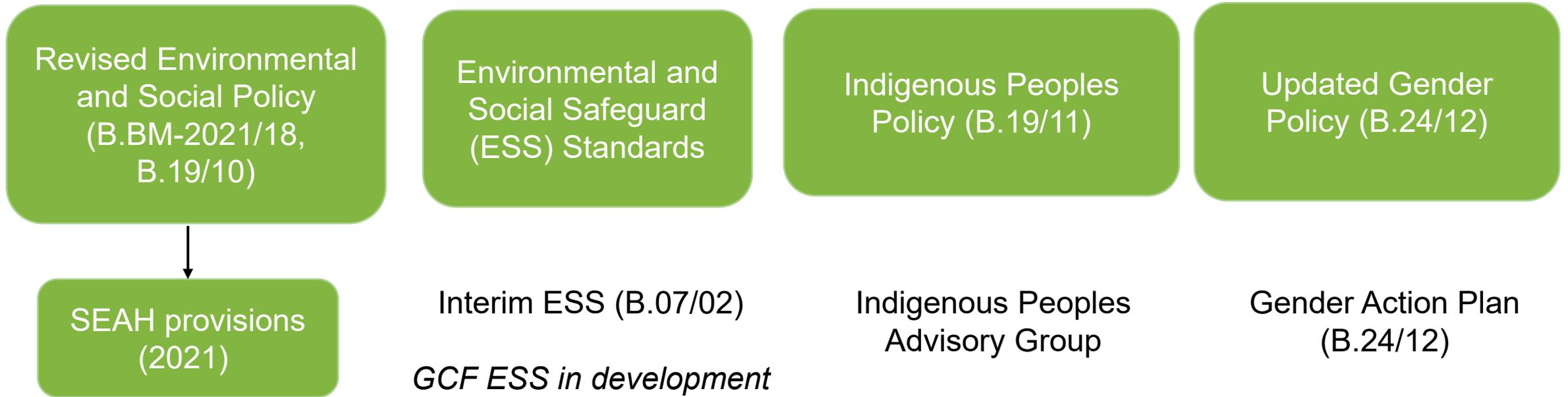
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Environmental and social management system (ESMS)

- Approach to integrating environmental sustainability and social inclusion
 - ESMS underpins Funds operations and decision-making
- ‘do no harm’ and ‘do good’
- Emphasis on stakeholder engagement
 - communities and vulnerable groups e.g. women, Indigenous Peoples, youth and others

Sustainability Policies



1. *Interim* Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS)



PS1 –
Assessment and
Management of
ES Risks and
Impacts



PS2 – Labor
and Working
Conditions



PS3 – Resource
Efficiency and
Pollution
Prevention



PS4 –
Community
Health, Safety
& Security



PS5 – Land
Acquisition and
Involuntary
Resettlement



PS6 – Biodiversity
Conservation and
Sustainable
Management of
Living Natural
Resources

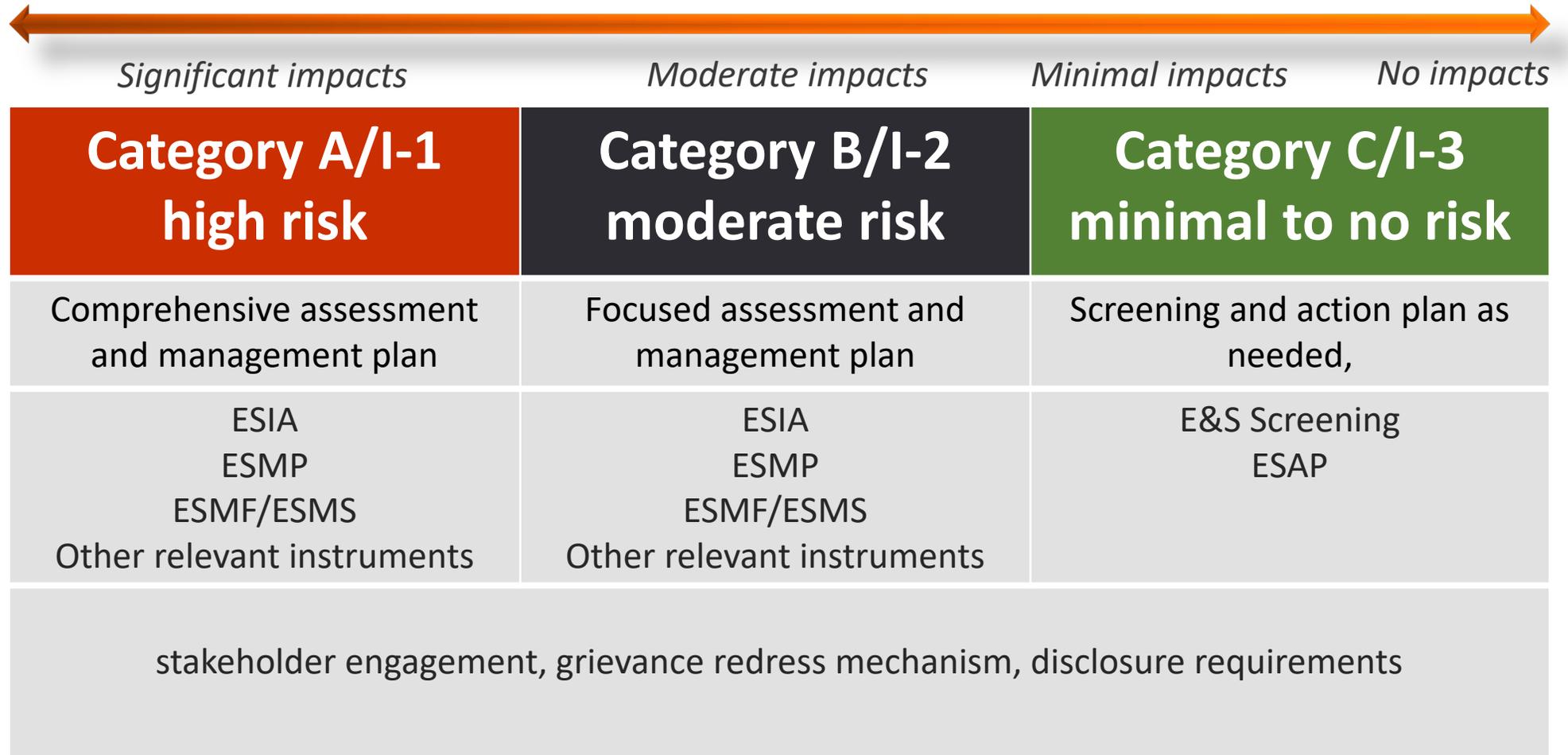


PS7 –
Indigenous
Peoples



PS8 – Cultural
Heritage

Environmental and Social Due Diligence – Risk Based Approach



2. SEAH Safeguarding - definitions

Sexual Exploitation

Any actual or attempted abuse of a position of vulnerability, differential power, or trust, for sexual purposes, including, but not limited to profiting monetarily, socially, or politically from the sexual exploitation of another

Sexual Abuse

The actual or threatened physical intrusion of a sexual nature, whether by force or under unequal or coercive conditions

Sexual Harassment

Includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, & other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, that interferes with work, or is made a condition of employment, or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment in connection with a Fund-related activity

SEAH Safeguarding

Policy

Prevention and Protection from SEAH (adopted in 2019, revised in 2021)

Revisions to Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) (2021)

Responsibilities

AEs

- Positively demonstrate due diligence and assessed risk of SEAH during funding proposal development
- Put in place SEAH prevention and mitigation measures identified

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- Develop a SEAH Action Plan outlining concrete implementation plans of requirements in the revised policy

Sexual Exploitation, Abuse & Harassment (SEAH) Risk Assessment Tool



SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, ABUSE AND HARASSMENT (SEAH) RISK ASSESSMENT GUIDELINE

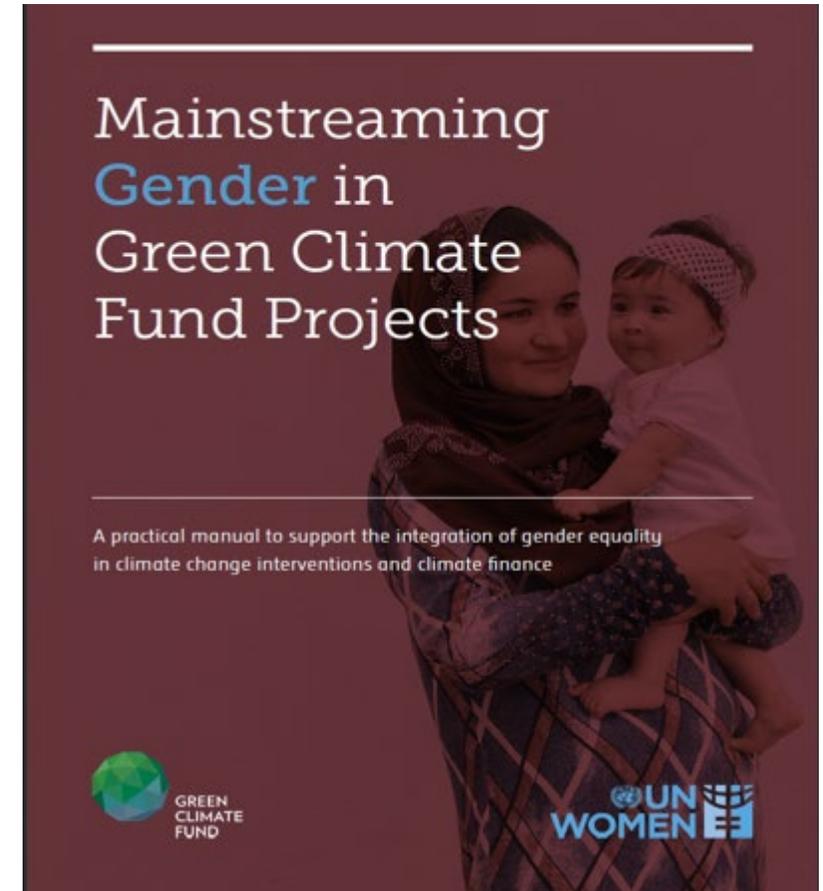
A Toolkit for Green Climate Fund (GCF) Financed
Activities



- Considers the SEAH-specific provisions in the Revised Environmental and Social Policy (applicable to all GCF-financed projects & programmes)
- Operationalizes the objectives and priorities in the SEAH Action Plan
- Applies to Secretariat (especially the programming divisions who work with AEs), AEs, EEs

3. Updated Gender policy

- Women, as well as men, significantly contribute to combating climate change.
- Climate change impacts women and men differently, and women are often disproportionately affected.
- Gender inequality, exacerbated by climate change, is linked to vulnerability and risk.
- First climate finance mechanism to mainstream gender perspectives as an essential decision-making element for resource deployment.





Gender Assessment

Identification of gender inequality issues / gaps and potential contributions of women and men to climate action

Gender Action Plan

Addresses the challenges identified in the gender assessment; Contributes to reaching gender equality and women's empowerment

4. Indigenous Peoples Policy

- Indigenous Peoples have invaluable and critical contributions to make to climate change mitigation and adaptation, including through indigenous knowledge.
- While highly vulnerable to climate change impacts, climate change action can also pose threats.

Identifying Indigenous Peoples

1. Self-identification
2. Collective attachment to the environment
3. Customary distinct cultural, cultural, economic, social or political systems
4. Distinct language often different from official

(IP Policy Scope of Application)

Indigenous Peoples Policy & ESS7



Significant impacts

Moderate impacts

Minimal impacts

No impacts

Level of risk and impacts

**Category A/I-1
high risk**

**Category B/I-2
moderate risk**

**Category C/I-3
minimal to no risk**

Risks, impacts opportunities assessment and management

Comprehensive assessment and management plan
Benefits and inclusion

Screening for IPs undertaken
Focused assessment and management plan, as needed
Benefits and inclusion

Screening for IPs undertaken

Benefits and inclusion

Indigenous Peoples Planning Framework (IPPF)* or IP Plan

* Outlined in IP Policy OG

IP Plan or IPPF;
or within ESMF

Residual mitigation in ESAP as necessary
Project Exclusion list where appropriate

stakeholder engagement including meaningful consultation and free, prior and informed consent, grievance redress mechanism, disclosure requirements, Indigenous Peoples in broader planning

Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group



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Members of IPAG with GCF Senior Management at the 3rd meeting of the IPAG, September 2023

Relevant policies and guidelines

Revised Environmental and Social Policy: <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/revised-environmental-and-social-policy>

IFC Performance Standards: <https://www.ifc.org/en/insights-reports/2012/ifc-performance-standards>

Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (SEAH) risk assessment guideline:

<https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/sexual-exploitation-abuse-and-harassment-seah-risk-assessment-guideline>

Action plan for addressing Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Abuse, and Sexual Harassment:

<https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/page/seah-action-plan-gcf-financed-activities.pdf>

Updated Gender Policy: <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/gender-policy>

Indigenous Peoples Policy: <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/indigenous-peoples-policy>

Operational guidelines: Indigenous Peoples Policy: <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/operational-guidelines-indigenous-peoples-policy>

Sustainability Guidance Note: Designing and ensuring meaningful stakeholder engagement on GCF-financed activities: <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/sustainability-guidance-note-designing-and-ensuring-meaningful-stakeholder-engagement-gcf>

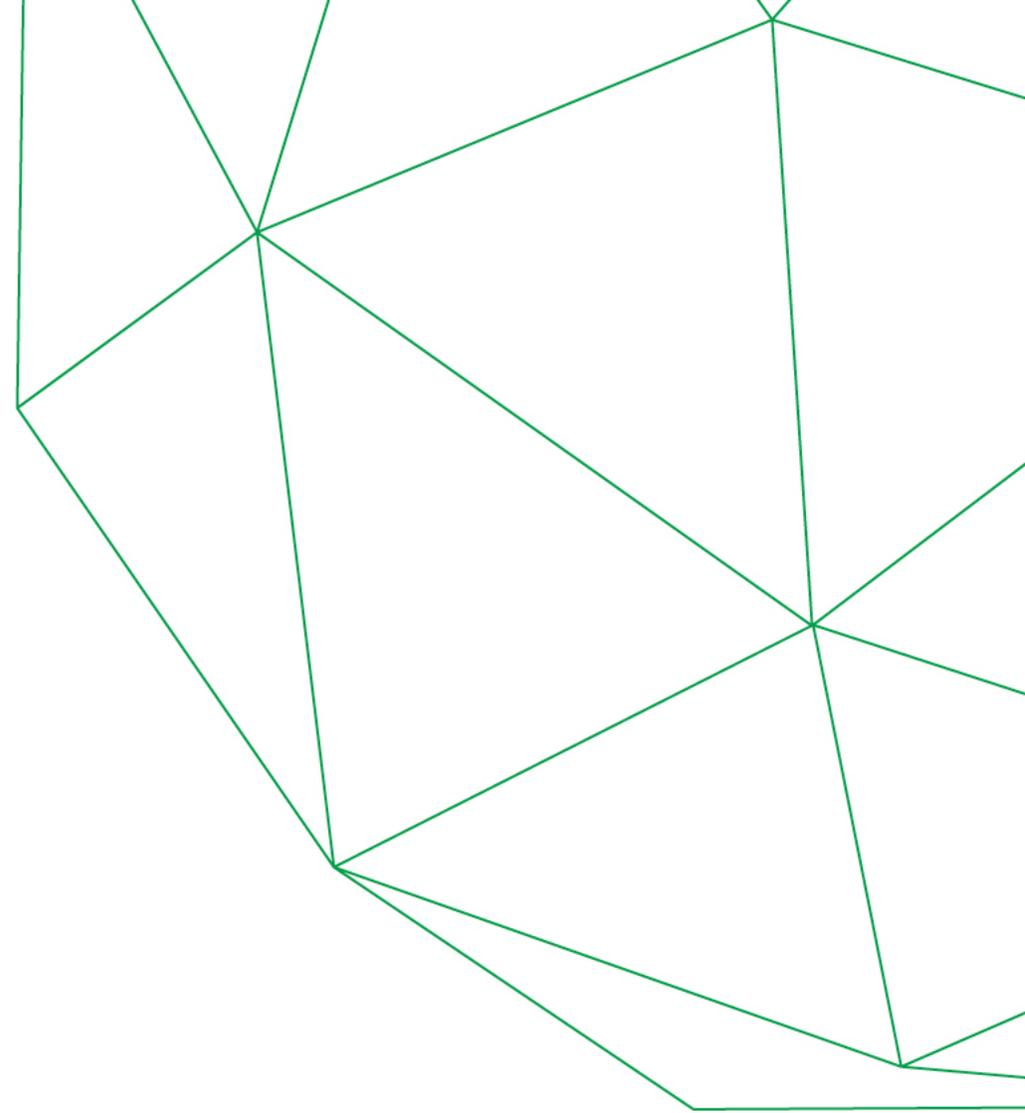


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