

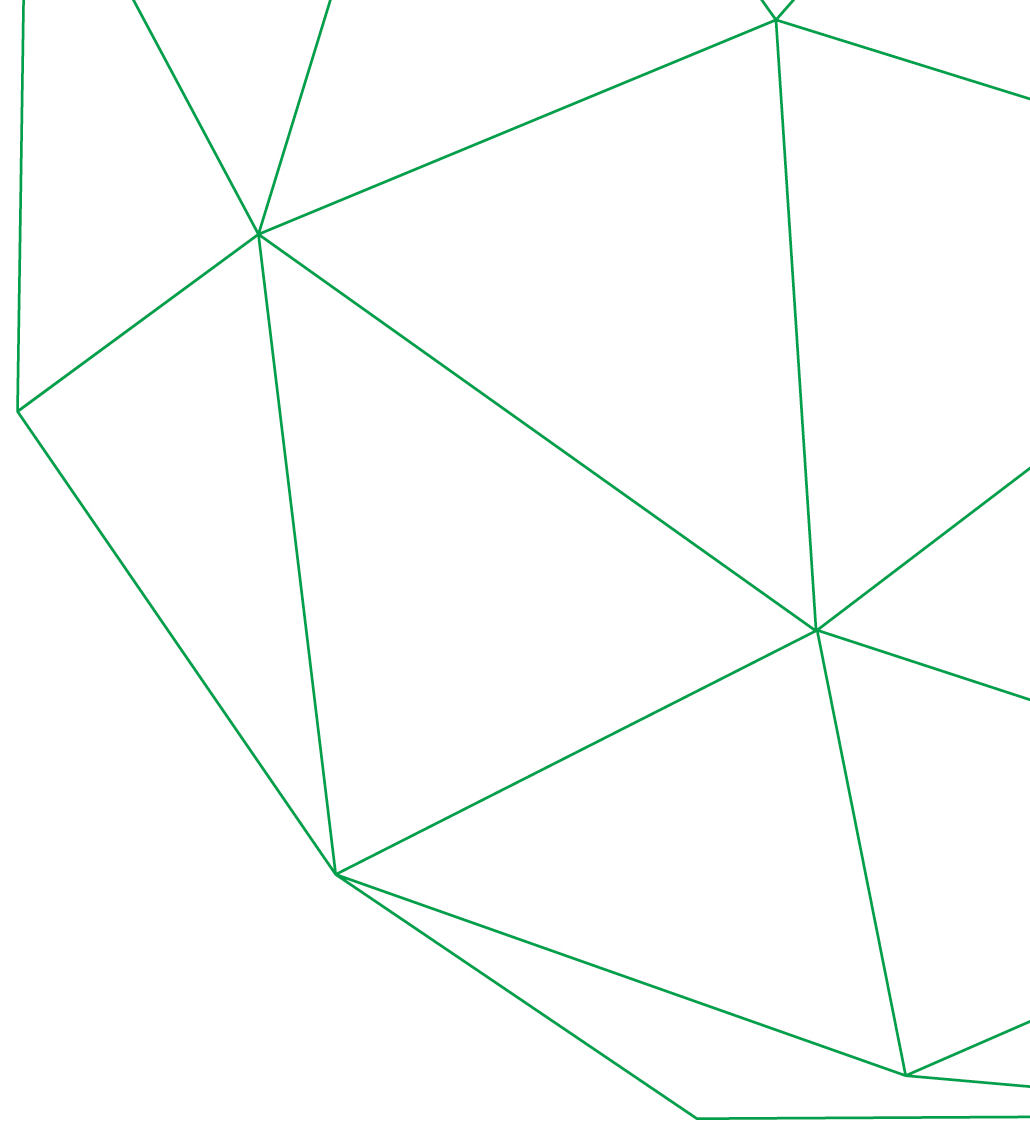
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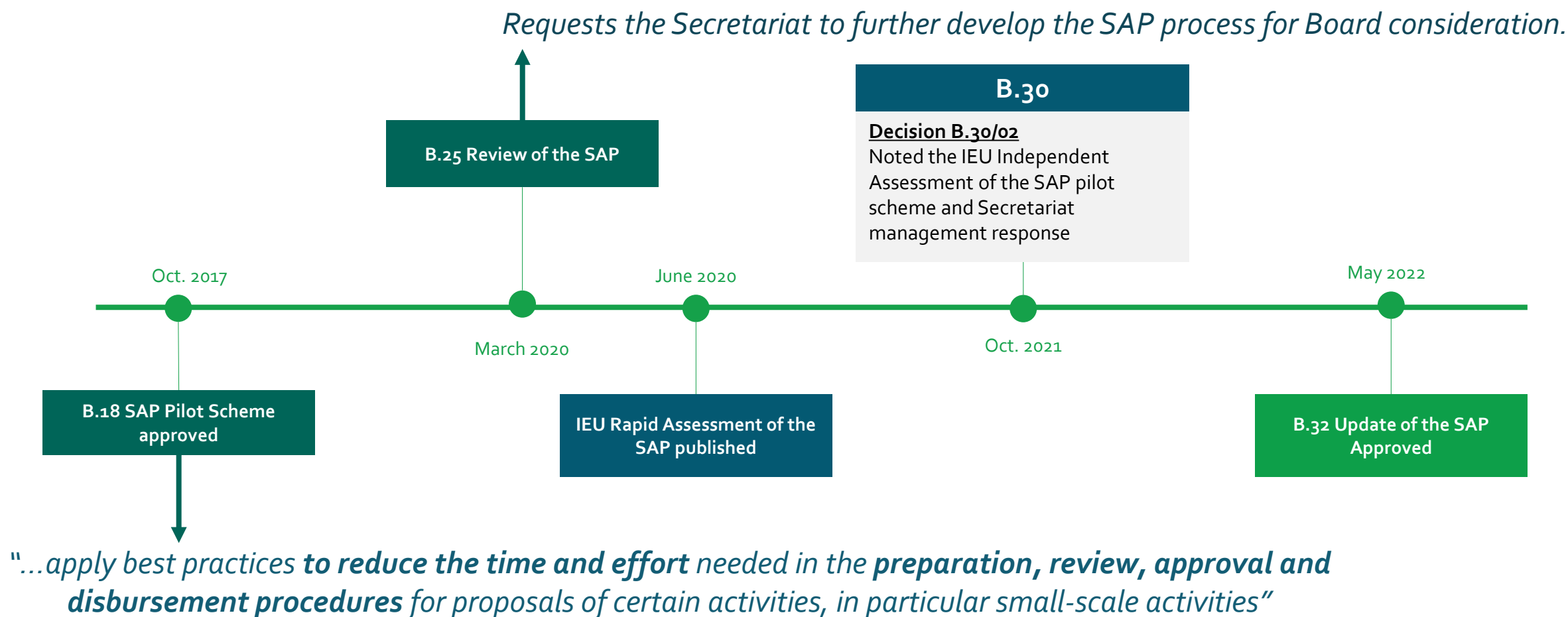
SIMPLIFIED APPROVAL PROCESS (SAP)

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24–28 June 2024

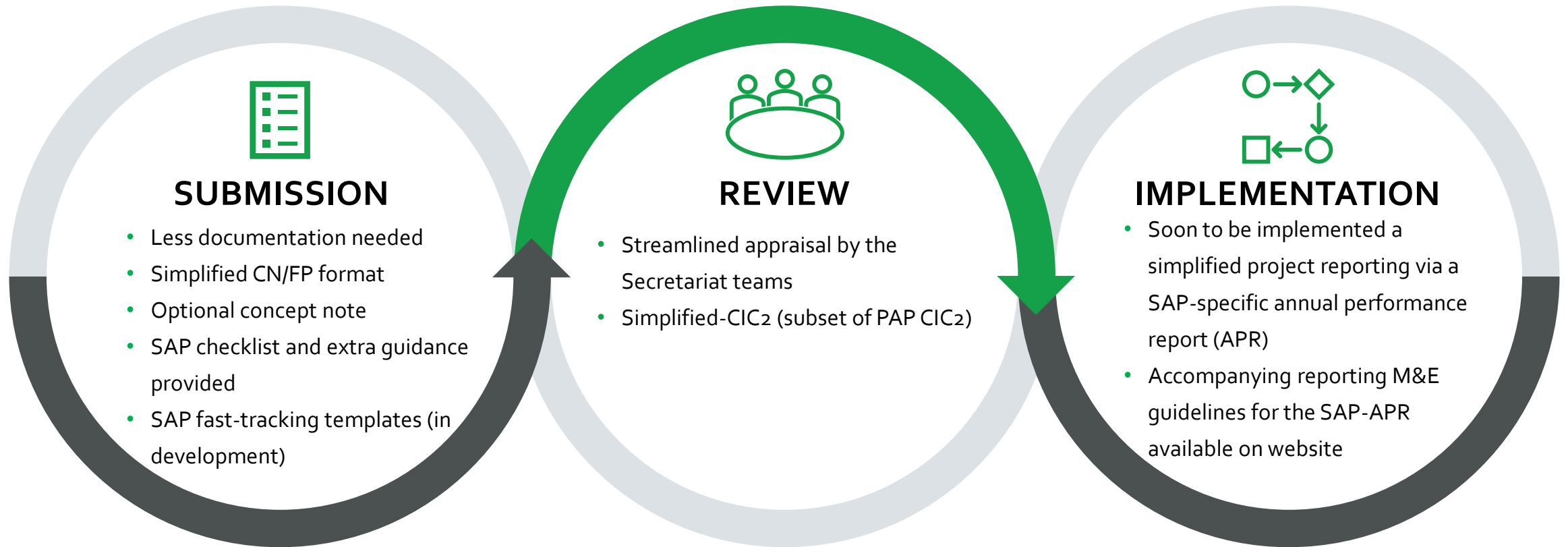


HISTORY AND OBJECTIVES OF SAP



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SAP PROCESSES VERSUS PAP



SAP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



Funding

GCF funding of up to **USD 25 million**. No upper limit on total funding (including co-financing)

Project category

Project category C/Intermediation 3:
Minimal to no environmental impacts & social risks

SAP CONCEPT NOTE PREPARATION



GCF DOCUMENTATION PROJECTS

Simplified Approval Process Concept Note

Project/Programme Title: _____

Country(ies): _____

National Designated Authority(ies) (NDA): _____

Accredited Entity(ies) (AE): _____


Date of first submission: YYYY-MM-DD/TV/G

Date of current submission: YYYY-MM-DD/TV/G

Version: _____

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Eligibility for SAP is determined by the review of the concept note and the ESS screening.

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| A. Project / Programme Summary (max. 1 page) | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| A.1. Project or programme | <input type="checkbox"/> Project <input type="checkbox"/> Programme | A.2. Public or private sector <input type="checkbox"/> Public sector <input type="checkbox"/> Private sector | A.3 RFP | Select |
| <small>Check the applicable GCF result areas that the proposed project/programme targets. Indicate for each checked result area(s) the estimated percentage of GCF budget devoted to it. The summed up percentage should be equal to 100%.</small> | | | | |
| A.4. Indicate the result areas for the project/programme | Mitigation: Reduced emissions from: <input type="checkbox"/> Energy access and power generation: <u>Enter number</u> % <input type="checkbox"/> Low emission transport: <u>Enter number</u> % <input type="checkbox"/> Buildings, cities and industries and appliances: <u>Enter number</u> % <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and land use: <u>Enter number</u> % Adaptation: Increased resilience of: <input type="checkbox"/> Most vulnerable people and communities: <u>Enter number</u> % <input type="checkbox"/> Health and well-being, and food and water security: <u>Enter number</u> % <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure and built environment: <u>Enter number</u> % <input type="checkbox"/> Ecosystem and ecosystem services: <u>Enter number</u> % | | | |
| A.5. Impact potential | A.5.1. Estimated mitigation impact (CO2eq over project lifespan) <u>Enter number</u> tCO2eq A.5.2. Estimated adaptation impact (number of direct beneficiaries) <u>Enter number</u> direct beneficiaries A.5.3. Estimated adaptation impact (number of indirect beneficiaries) <u>Enter number</u> indirect beneficiaries A.5.4. Estimated adaptation impact (% of total population) <u>Enter number</u> % of the country's total population | | | |
| A.6. Financing information | | | | |
| A.6.1. Indicative GCF funding requested (max USD 25M) | | Amount: <u>Enter amount</u> Currency: <u>Select currency</u> Financial Instrument: <u>Choose an item</u> <small>*Please expand the information if needed.</small> | | |
| A.6.2. Indicative co-financing | | Amount: <u>Enter amount</u> Currency: <u>Select currency</u> Financial Instrument: <u>Choose an item</u> <small>(if other financial instrument is opted, please specify: _____) *Please expand the information if needed.</small> | | |
| A.6.3. Indicative total project cost (GCF + co-financing) | | Amount: <u>Enter amount</u> Currency: <u>Select currency</u> | | |
| A.7. Implementation period: a) disbursement period: b) repayment period, if applicable | A.7.2. Total project/ programme lifespan | | <small>This refers to the total period over which the investment is effective.</small> | |
| A.8. Is funding from the Project Preparation Facility needed? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | A.9. Is the Environmental and Social Safeguards Category C or I-2? | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| A.10. Provide rationale for the ESS categorization (max 100 words) | | | | |
| A.11. Has the CN been shared with the NDA? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | A.12. Confidentiality ¹ | | <input type="checkbox"/> Confidential <input type="checkbox"/> Not confidential |
| A.13. Executing Entity information <small>Enter summary of the executing entity including implementation arrangements.</small> | | | | |

¹ Concept notes (or sections of) not marked as confidential may be published in accordance with the Information Disclosure Policy ([Decision B.17/2012](#)) and the Review of the Initial Proposal Approval Process ([Decision B.17/2013](#)).

✓ Concept note submission is **OPTIONAL** (but highly encouraged)

✓ Can be submitted by AE and/or NDA

✓ Must follow the **SAP CN template**

✓ Must be presented with **Environmental and Social screening checklist (Annex I)**

SAP FUNDING PROPOSAL PREPARATION



GCF DOCUMENTATION

PROJECTS

Simplified Approval Process Funding Proposal

Project/Programme title: *Please indicate the project title. Ideally this should reference the country where the project/programme will be implemented.*

Country(ies): *List all the countries where the project/programme will be implemented.*

National Designated Authority(ies): *Indicate the National Designated Authority(ies) of the country(ies) where the project/programme will be implemented. This should match the NDAs on the submitted no objection letter(s).*

Accredited Entity: *Indicate the accredited entity submitting this proposal.*

Date of first submission: *YYYYMMDD*

Date of current submission/
version number: *YYYYMMDD.V.001*



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Contents

Section A PROJECT / PROGRAMME SUMMARY

This section highlights some of the project's or programme's information for ease of access and concise explanation of the funding proposal.

Section B PROJECT / PROGRAMME DETAILS

This section focuses on describing the context of the project/programme, providing details of the project/programme including components, outputs and activities, and implementation arrangements.

Section C FINANCING INFORMATION

This section explains the financial instrument(s) and amount of funding requested from the GCF as well as co-financing leveraged for the project/programme. It also includes justification for requesting GCF funding and exit strategy.

Section D EXPECTED PERFORMANCE AGAINST INVESTMENT CRITERIA

This section provides an overview of the expected alignment of the projects/programme with the GCF investment criteria: impact potential, paradigm shift, sustainable development, needs of recipients, country ownership, and efficiency and effectiveness.

Section E ANNEXES

This section provides a list of mandatory documents that should be submitted with the funding proposal as well as optional documents and references as deemed necessary to supplement the information provided in the funding proposal.

Notes to accredited entities on the use of the SAP funding proposal template

- The Simplified Approval Process Pilot Scheme (SAP) supports projects and programmes with a GCF contribution of up to USD 25 million with minimal to no environmental and social risks. Projects and programmes are eligible for SAP if they are ready for scaling up and have the potential for transformation, promoting a paradigm shift to low-emission and climate-resilient development.
- This template is for the SAP funding proposals and is different from the funding proposal template under the standard project and programme cycle. Distinctive features of the SAP funding proposal template are:
 - Simpler documents: key documents have been simplified, and presented in a single, up-front list.
 - Fewer pages: A shorter form with significantly fewer pages. The total length of funding proposals should not exceed 20 pages, annexes can be used to provide details as necessary.
 - Easier form-filling: fewer questions and clearer guidance allows more concise and succinct responses for each sub-section, avoiding duplication of information.
- Accredited entities can either directly incorporate information into this proposal, or provide summary information in the proposal with cross-reference to other funding proposal documents such as project appraisal document, pre-feasibility studies, term sheet, legal due diligence report, etc.
- Submitted SAP Pilot Scheme funding proposals will be disclosed simultaneously with submission to the Board, subject to the redaction of any information which may not be disclosed pursuant to the [GCF Information Disclosure Policy](#).
- For more information on how to develop Funding Proposals under the SAP please refer to the [Simplified Approval Process \(SAP\) Funding proposal guidelines](#).

✓ Must be submitted by AE

✓ Reduced number of Annexes

✓ Must follow the SAP FP template

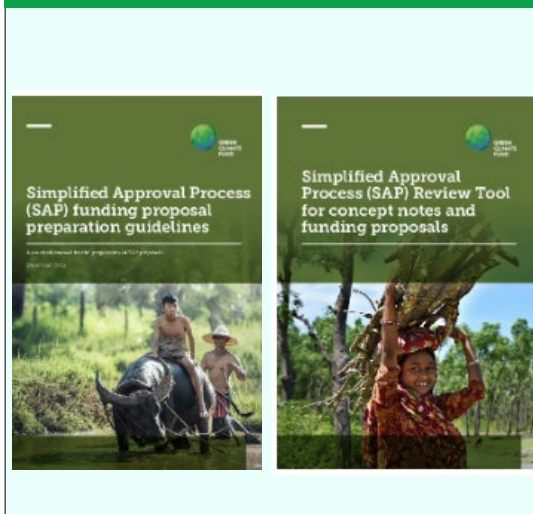
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SAP DOCUMENTATION & GUIDANCE



SAP GUIDANCE DOCUMENTATION OVERVIEW

Guidelines for FPs and CNs



Technical compendium



Technical sector guidelines



Guidelines for ESS, economic & financial analysis



E-Learning module on developing SAP FP's*



*2070 total enrollments from inception to date

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APPROVED SAP PROJECTS



37
Approved

USD 441M
GCF funding

USD 329M
Co-financing

46%
DAEs

SAP027 ADAPTATION

SOLOMON ISLANDS

Solomon Islands Knowledge-Action-Sustainability for Resilient Villages (SOLKAS) Project

SAP024 MITIGATION

PAKISTAN

Pakistan Distributed Solar Project

SAP022 ADAPTATION

UZBEKISTAN

Enhancing Multi-Hazard Early Warning System to increase resilience of Uzbekistan communit...

SAP021 MITIGATION

TIMOR-LESTE

Community-based Landscape Management for Enhanced Climate Resilience and Reduction of Defor...

SAP020 ADAPTATION

MICRONESIA (FEDERATED STATES OF)

Climate resilient food security for farming households across the Federated States of Micronesia (FS...

SAP016 MITIGATION

FIJI

Fiji Agrophotovoltaic Project in Ovalau

SAP010 ADAPTATION

PHILIPPINES (THE)

Multi-Hazard Impact-Based Forecasting and Early Warning System for the Philippines

SAP009 ADAPTATION

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (THE)

Building resilience of urban populations with ecosystem-based solutions in Lao PDR

SAP008 ADAPTATION

BANGLADESH

Extended Community Climate Change Project-Flood (ECCCP-Flood)

SAP004 MITIGATION

MONGOLIA

Energy Efficient Consumption Loan Programme

SAP003 ADAPTATION

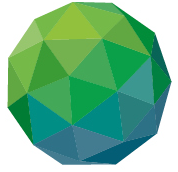
BAHRAIN

Enhancing climate resilience of the water sector in Bahrain

SAP002 ADAPTATION

KYRGYZSTAN

Climate services and diversification of climate sensitive livelihoods to empower food insecure and vulne...

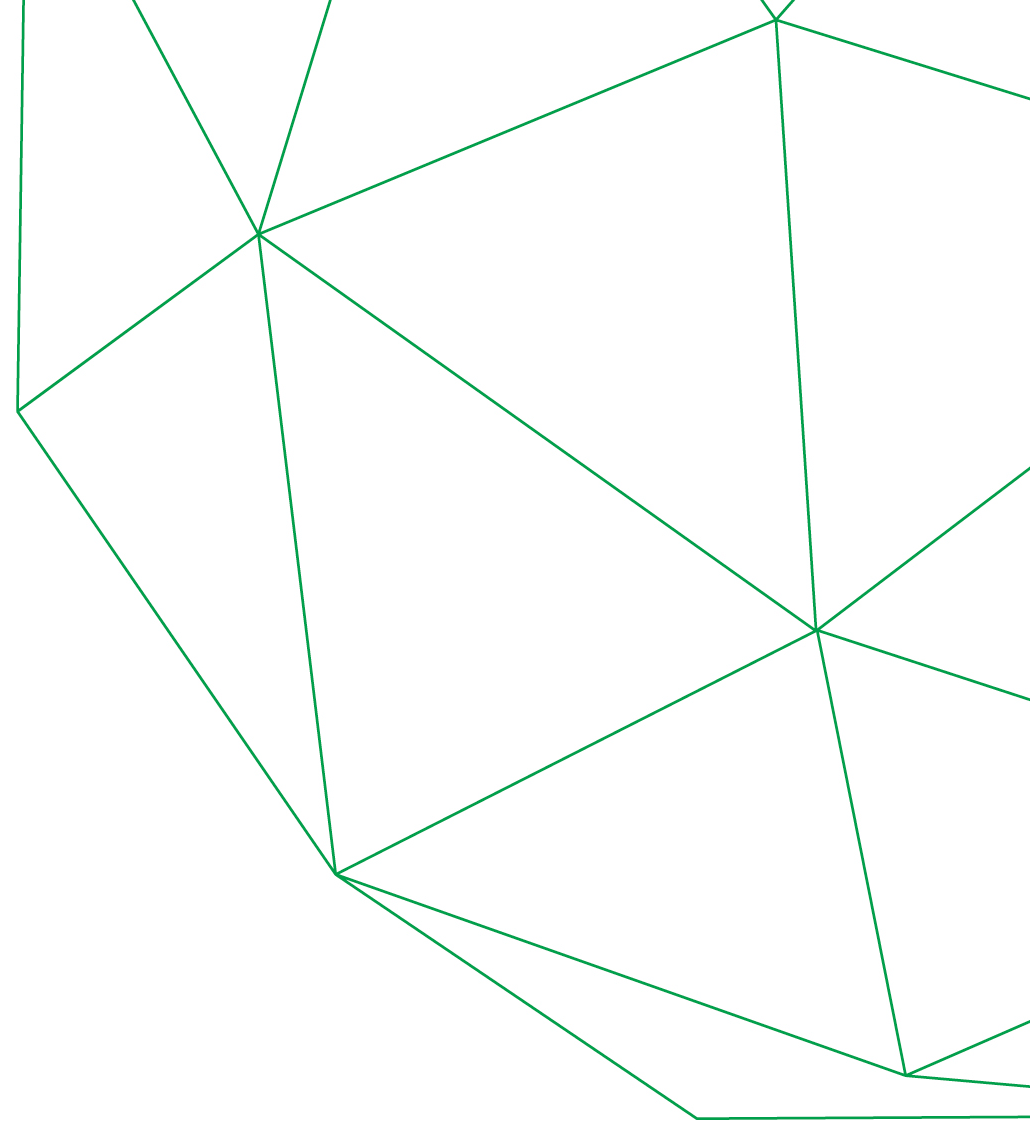


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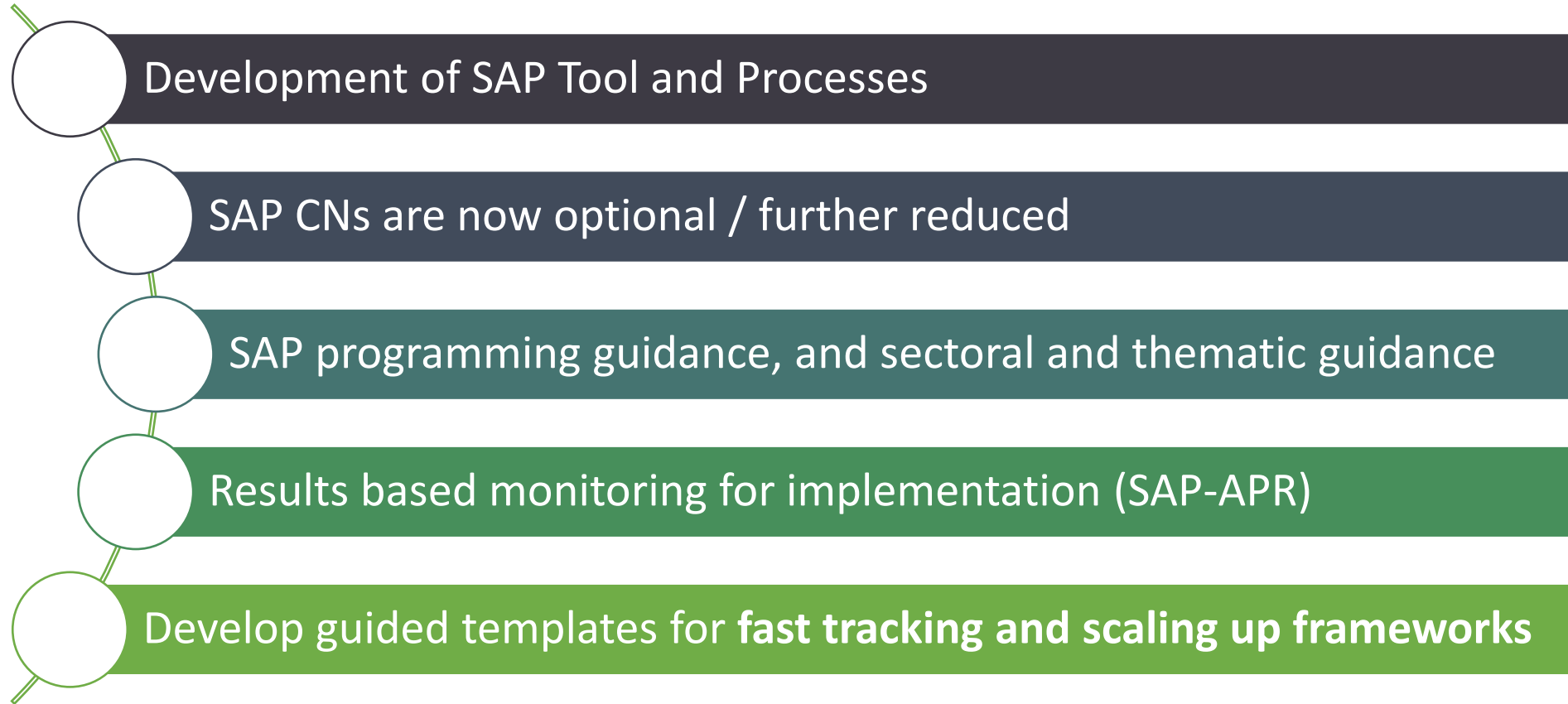
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SAP FAST-TRACKING FRAMEWORKS

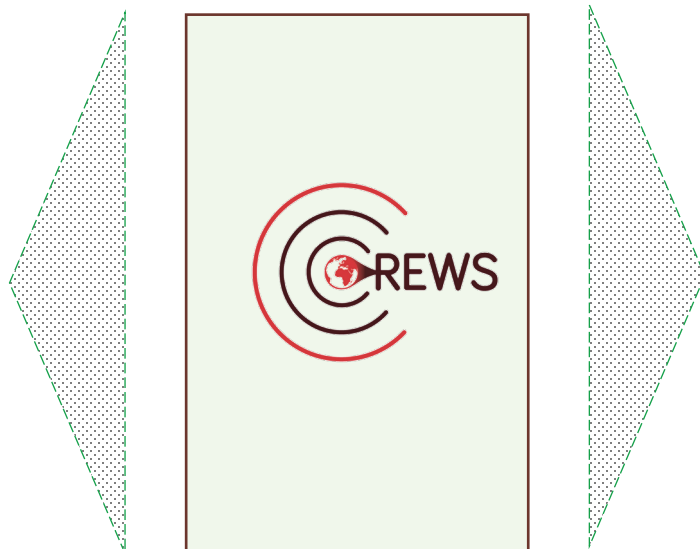
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MEASURES FOR ACCELERATING SAP



FRAMEWORK 1: CREWS



The Framework is operational and ongoing pipeline screening support the identification of proposals funded by previous interventions that have high potential for scaling up.

CREWS Implementing Partners



Framework 1: CREWS Pillars



FRAMEWORK 2: ADAPTATION FUND*



ADAPTATION FUND

Success Factors:

Proof of concept, project sustainability, strong local stakeholder engagement, enhanced relevance of project interventions

Challenges:

Financing constraints, institutional support, information gaps, complexity

Senegal Coastal Protection

Combat coastal erosion; built dikes and seawalls; success through local capacity building and awareness.

Maldives Water Management

Ensure freshwater access; integrated desalination and rainwater harvesting; stakeholder involvement crucial

Pakistan GLOF Risks Reduction

Address glacier lake outburst floods; developed community-based disaster management; government structure integration key.

Rwanda Community-Based Adaptation

Increased adaptive capacity to climate change; emphasized risk reduction, community engagement, and sustainable practices.

Georgia Flood Management:

Introduced floodplain development policy; inclusiveness and participatory approach pivotal.

India Coastal Resource Management

Restored mangroves, demonstrated fishery farming systems; community awareness and self-sustainability led to success.

FAST TRACKING INCENTIVES



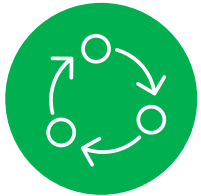
ACCESS

Enhanced access to resources to strengthen the impact of successful completed projects, or projects under implementation with demonstrated success on the ground



EFFICIENCY

Reduced transaction costs and time efficiency in the overall project review cycle



SUSTAINABILITY

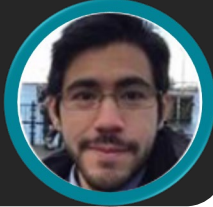
Sustainability and continuation of results achieved by the initial project interventions



SYNERGY

Coordinated efforts with other regional or national investments to leverage impacts and achieve synergetic effects

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Thank you

SAP PROJECT EXAMPLE

Solomon Islands Knowledge-Action-Sustainability for Resilient Villages (SOLKAS) Project



Country: Solomon Islands

Theme: Adaptation

GCF funding: 25m USD (Grants)

Total project funding: 31.8m USD

Accredited Entity: Save the Children Australia (SCA)

The SOLKAS project will strengthen the resilience of targeted communities and rural youth on the Solomon Islands against the onslaught of climate change impacts. Rising temperatures, sea levels, and extreme weather pose severe threats to Solomon Islands' residents. Dependence on declining resources is stressing food and water supplies, hurting work productivity, and damaging unique ecosystems.

SAP PROJECT EXAMPLE

Fiji Agrophotovoltaic Project in Ovalau



Country: Fiji

Theme: Mitigation

GCF funding: 5m USD (3.9m Loans + 1.1m Grants)

Total project funding: 10m USD

Accredited Entity: Fiji Development Bank

Innovative Solar Agrophotovoltaic Project to Bolster Energy Stability and Agricultural Production in Fiji. This project aims to tackle Fiji's energy instability, caused by climate variability, with an innovative blend of photovoltaic power and agriculture. It finances a solar agrophotovoltaic system and a battery storage unit in Ovalau, enhancing solar power, battery storage, and local farming. The initiative also strengthens community capacity and sets up a climate financing facility within Fiji's Development Bank.

SAP PROJECT EXAMPLE

Multi-Hazard Impact-Based Forecasting and Early Warning System for the Philippines



Country: Philippines

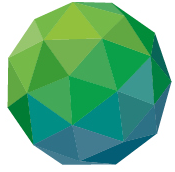
Theme: Adaptation

GCF funding: 10m USD (Grants)

Total project funding: 22m USD

Accredited Entity: Landbank of the Philippines

Scaling up current initiatives on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in the Philippines. The Philippines is one of the world's most vulnerable countries to climate hazards, experiencing an average of 19 tropical cyclones annually. Studies project an increase in the intensity of cyclones, along with an increase in the vulnerability of physical and social infrastructure.

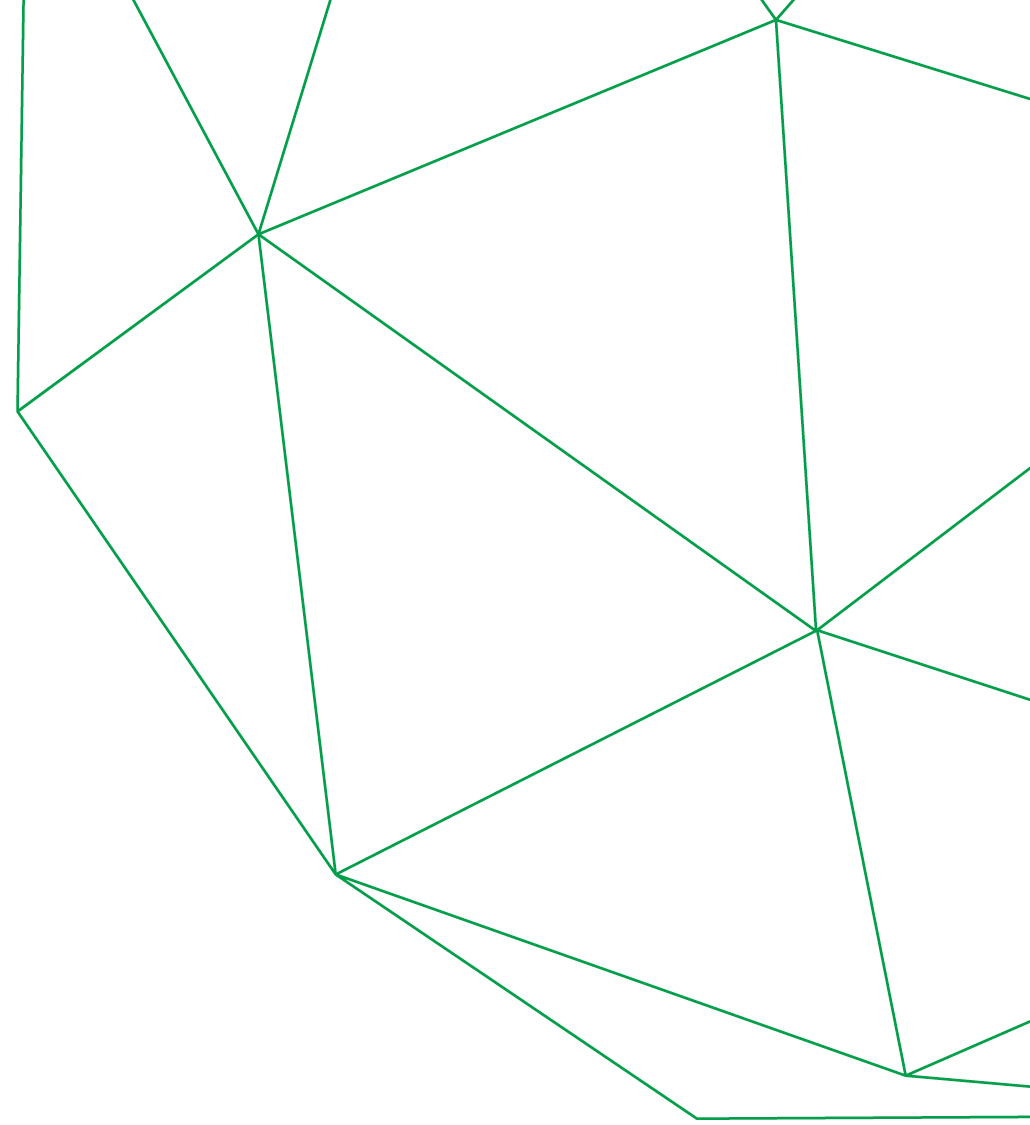


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GCF/SAP - CREWS SCALING UP FRAMEWORK FOR EARLY WARNING

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Early Warning Value Chain Pillars



Disaster risk knowledge

Systematically collect data and undertake risk assessments

- Are the hazards and the vulnerabilities well known by the communities?
- What are the patterns and trends in these factors?
- Are risk maps and data widely available?



Detection, observations, monitoring, analysis and forecasting of hazards

Develop hazard monitoring and early warning services

- Are the right parameters being monitored?
- Is there a sound scientific basis for making forecasts?
- Can accurate and timely warnings be generated?



Preparedness and response capabilities

Build national and community response capabilities

- Are response plans up to date and tested?
- Are local capacities and knowledge made use of?
- Are people prepared and ready to react to warnings?



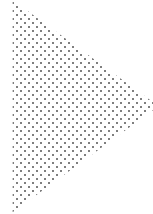
Warning dissemination and communication

Communicate risk information and early warnings

- Do warnings reach all of those at risk?
- Are the risks and warnings understood?
- Is the warning information clear and usable?

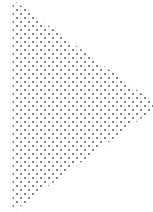
SAP SCALING UP FRAMEWORK

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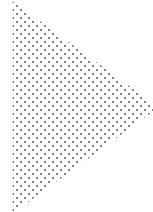
A horizontal increase of the geographical spread through sequenced programming scaling up /scaling out of activities within the country or region

Functional



A vertical increase in the scope of activity addressing remaining gaps in the value chain of the specific sector or to maximize potential opportunities for increase impact

Institutional



Strengthening the institutional capacity, from community to local to regional to national, and even supra-national institutions, for the four pillars of an effective early warning system.

Eligibility criteria

Project alignment with country climate policies and strategies

National Development Plans, Early Warning Plans
Consultations with the National Designated Authorities, NMHSs, NDMAs

Successful project review

Country baseline information, Progress Reports, Evaluation Reports

Project sustainability

Evidence that project results are sustainable (sustainability and communication plans)

Potential to maximize climate impacts

Evidence of plans and systems to establish synergies and collaboration

Leveraging potential

Mapping of partners and projects with leveraging potential

Operationalization process of the scaling up Framework: First Pilot

Project: Strengthening Hydro-Meteorological and Early Warning Services in the Caribbean

Target Countries: Belize, Trinidad & Tobago

Accredited Entity: Caribbean Development Bank

Status: Development of the first draft of the Concept Note.