

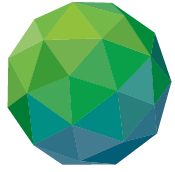
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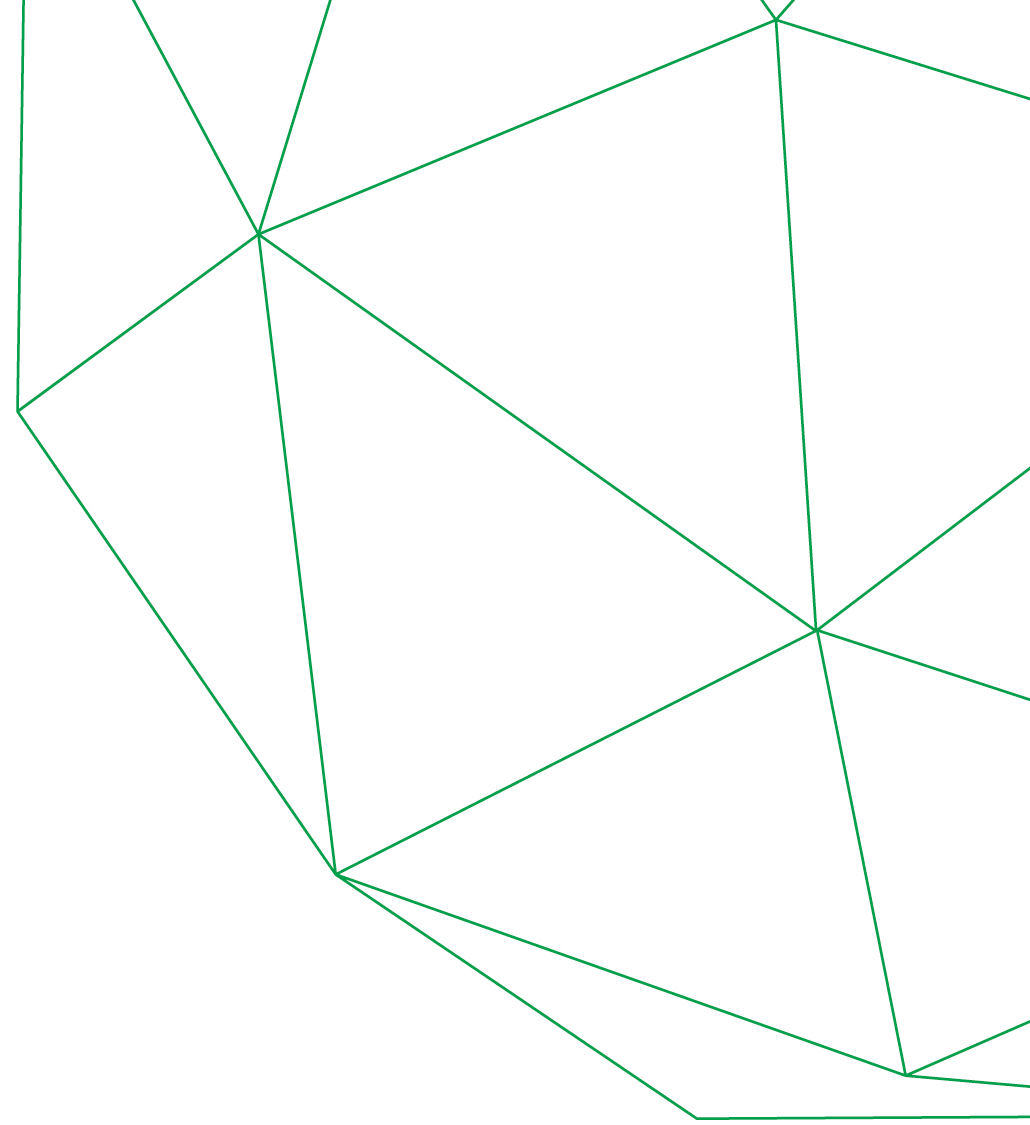
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GCF's Sustainability and Inclusion Policies

Office of Sustainability and Inclusion (OSI)

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Key – Improving Outcomes

Environmental and Social Management System

“do no harm”

“do good”

Protective and
mitigative
safeguards

Focus on risks
and impacts

Improving
outcomes

Environmental
and social co-
benefits

Sustainability Policies

- Revised Environmental and Social Policy (B.BM-2021/18, B.19/10)

Provisions on
SEAH (2021)

Environmental and Social
Safeguard (ESS) Standards

Updated Gender Policy

Indigenous Peoples Policy

Interim ESS

GCF ESS in development

Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS): interim



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

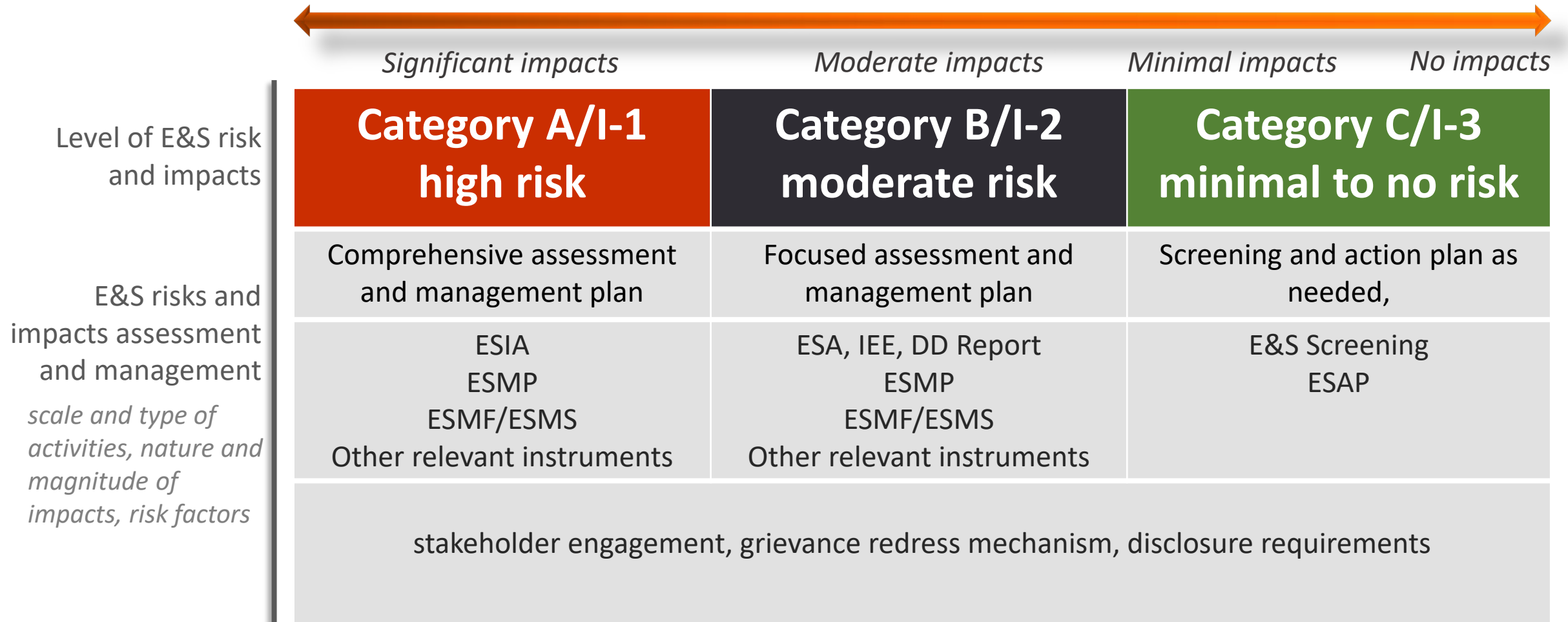
PS5 – Land Acquisition
and Involuntary
Resettlement

PS6 – Biodiversity
Conservation and
Sustainable Management of
Living Natural Resources

PS7 – Indigenous
Peoples

PS8 – Cultural
Heritage

Environmental and Social Due Diligence – Risk Based Approach



What is SEAH?

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 in GCF

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

GCF

- 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

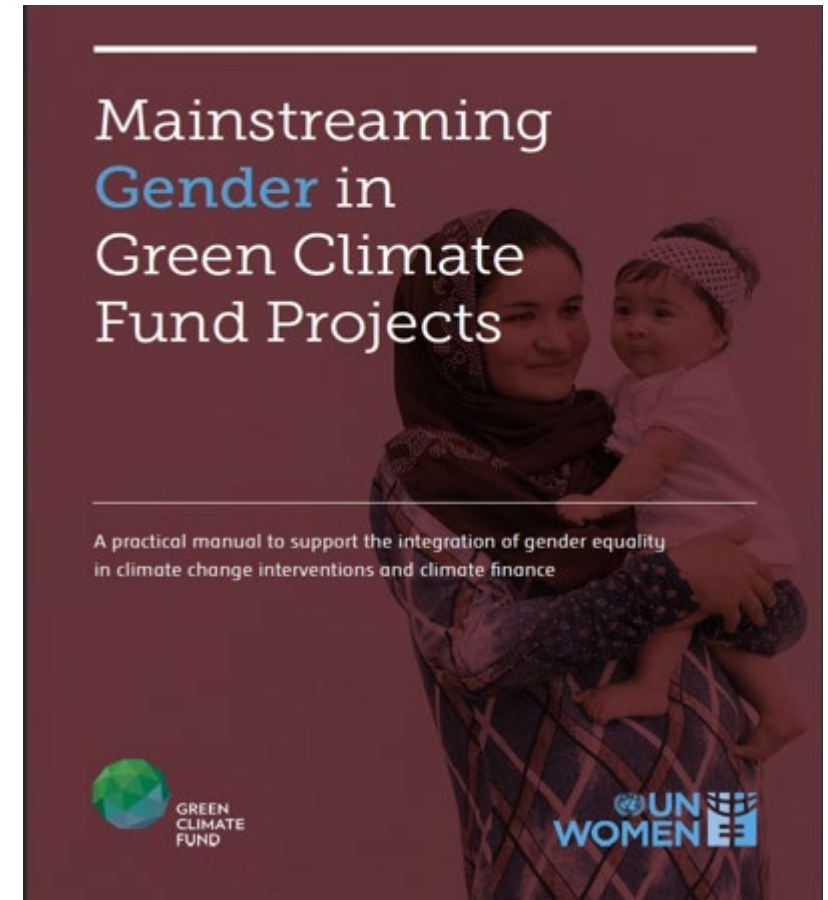
A Toolkit for Green Climate Fund (GCF) Financed
Activities



- Considers the SEAH-specific provisions in the RESP (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

GCF's 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.





Gender policy requirement

- **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

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, climate change action, can also pose a serious threat.
- Indigenous Peoples are a distinct stakeholder at the GCF.

Identifying Indigenous Peoples

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

Indigenous Peoples Policy & ESS7



		<i>Significant impacts</i>		<i>Moderate impacts</i>	<i>Minimal impacts</i> <i>No impacts</i>
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, grievance redress mechanism, disclosure requirements			

Indigenous Peoples Plan (IPP)

- project/subproject specific

1. Baseline information, including methodology and references for obtaining the information.
2. Key findings and analysis of impacts, risks, and opportunities.
3. Measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate negative impacts and enhance positive impacts and opportunities.
4. Community-based natural resources management (where applicable).
5. Results of consultation (during the environmental and social risks and impacts assessment process), the FPIC, and future engagement plans.
6. Benefit-sharing plans.
7. Tenure arrangements
8. Grievance redress mechanism
9. Costs, budget, timetable, organizational responsibilities.
10. Monitoring, evaluation, and reporting (participatory, community-based monitoring should be considered).

Indigenous Peoples Planning Framework (IPPF)

- To be identified projects/subprojects (i.e., Programmes)

1. The types of subprojects likely to be proposed for financing under the project.
2. The potential positive and adverse impacts of such programs or subprojects on indigenous peoples.
3. A plan for carrying out the assessment for such programmes or subprojects.
4. A framework for ensuring tailored meaningful consultations with indigenous peoples, and a framework for ensuring FPIC if applicable.
5. Institutional arrangements: necessary capacity building for screening project-supported activities, evaluating their effects on indigenous peoples, preparing IPPs, and addressing any grievances.
6. Monitoring and reporting arrangements.
7. Disclosure arrangement for IPPs to be prepared as specified in the IPPF.

- The plan, implementation, and documentation of the process of informed consultation, engagement, and FPIC, where relevant.
 - A description of the government-provided entitlements of affected indigenous peoples.
- The measures proposed for bridging any gaps between such entitlements and the requirement of these guidelines.
 - The financial and implementation responsibilities of the government agency and/or the accredited entity.

Meaningful consultation

- ✓ Providing adequate information to the members of the indigenous community about the project's potential adverse impacts and proposed minimization and compensation measures may involve iterative process involving the community.
- ✓ Should start as early as possible, with the aim of ensuring that indigenous peoples are aware and understand the risks and impacts of the project.
- ✓ Information are available in understandable format.
- ✓ Sufficient time and resources.

FPIC

- Meaningful consultation + good faith negotiation between AEs and indigenous peoples.
- Required if:
 - ✓ Impacts on lands and natural resources subject to traditional ownership or under customary use;
 - ✓ Relocation of indigenous peoples from lands and natural resources subject to traditional ownership or under customary use;
 - ✓ Impacts on cultural heritage that is essential to the identity, cultural, ceremonial, or spiritual aspects of indigenous peoples lives, including practice of traditional livelihoods, natural areas with cultural or spiritual values such as sacred groves, sacred bodies of water and waterways, sacred trees, and sacred rocks; or
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FPIC Checklist

- Does the project staff have the knowledge and competence to work with the concerned indigenous peoples in a culturally appropriate manner?
- Has the project staff been trained on how to interact with indigenous peoples?
- Has a consultation and engagement strategy been developed, in agreement with the concerned Indigenous peoples, taking into account indigenous peoples' own mechanisms, language and locations?
- Where relevant, have consultation and/or FPIC protocols developed by the concerned indigenous peoples been incorporated?
- Has the community, including individuals identified as legitimate leaders of the indigenous communities involved been met and consulted?
- Have the involved communities had sufficient time to get independent expert advice on the project?
- Have sufficient resources been provided for the community to be effectively engaged (e.g. obtain expert advice on the project)?
- Have adequate mechanisms and procedures for effective participation in the FPIC process been established?
- Have timely consultations (well prior to project design) been carried out?; (j) Have the indigenous communities involved been enabled to participate fully and effectively in project scoping, design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, mitigation, and determination of the need for further review and management of the project?
- Has project information (including environmental and social assessment document; environmental social management plan; and evaluation) been provided in a timely fashion and through culturally appropriate means?
- Has the proper understanding of the information provided to the indigenous communities involved been verified?
- Has the documentation of the consultation process been disclosed in a timely matter and using appropriate languages, formats and locations?
- Has the consent been provided explicitly and recorded and affirmed in the format preferred by the community (for example, ensuring that evidence of consent is complete such as signature, thumbmarks, and identification)?
- Do the participatory monitoring and evaluation of the project include indicators that indigenous peoples determine to be relevant?;
- Has the community been engaged in an adequate negotiation process on land and resources agreements, governance arrangements, legal and financial arrangements, employment and contracting opportunities, culturally appropriate benefits sharing, processes and mechanisms for monitoring, grievances and dispute resolutions, among other items?
- Have there been complaints about the project design/concept and how have these been addressed?

**APR
Assessment**

disclosure of information, meaningful consultation and informed participation on track? Are there any identified challenges and measures to address these challenges? Are the measures adequate?

- If an FPIC process was to be undertaken, please provide a summary of the outcomes, as well as the methodology of how the process was

Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group



Senior Members of IPAG with
GCF Management

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Relevant policies and guidelines

1. Revised Environmental and Social Policy: <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/revised-environmental-and-social-policy>
2. IFC Performance Standards: <https://www.ifc.org/en/insights-reports/2012/ifc-performance-standards>
3. Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (SEAH) risk assessment guideline: <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/sexual-exploitation-abuse-and-harassment-seah-risk-assessment-guideline>
4. 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>
5. Updated Gender Policy: <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/gender-policy>
6. Indigenous Peoples Policy: <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/indigenous-peoples-policy>
7. Operational guidelines: Indigenous Peoples Policy: <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/operational-guidelines-indigenous-peoples-policy>
8. 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>



Thank you