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OPERATING AN EFFECTIVE GRIEVANCE REDRESS MECHANISM (GRM)



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IRM & ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE GCF



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Secretariat

IEU

IIU

IRM

*"The Board will establish an
**Independent Redress
Mechanism** that will **report**
to the Board. The mechanism
will receive **complaints**
related to the operation of
the Fund and will evaluate
and make recommendations.*



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WHY INDEPENDENT REDRESS MECHANISM (IRM)?



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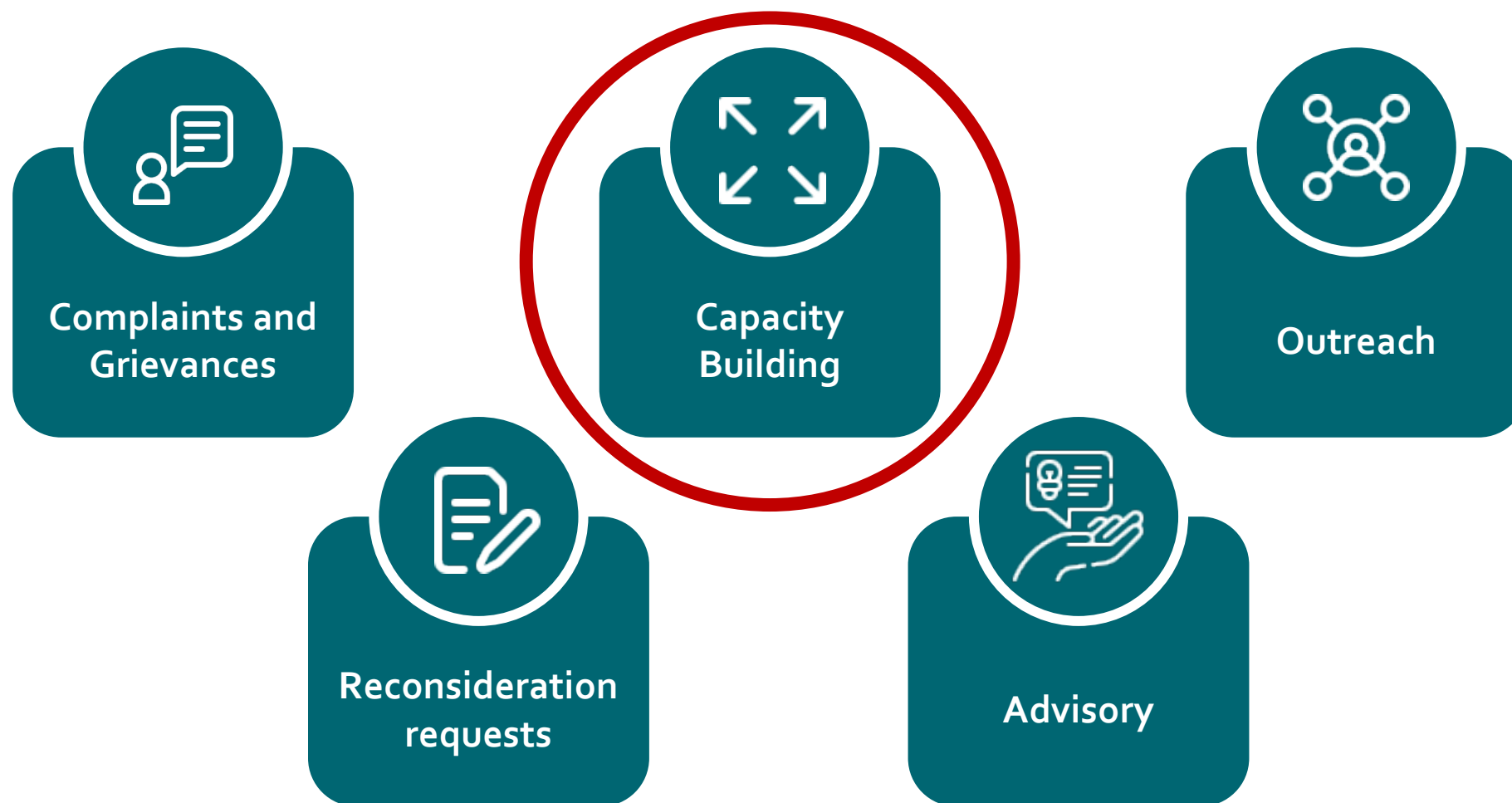
THE IRM'S FIVE FUNCTIONS



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The TOR of the IRM tasks the IRM with the following activities:



WHAT IS A GRIEVANCE REDRESS MECHANISM (GRM)?



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A system established and/or supported by public and private organisations to receive and respond to concerns about the impact of their operations on external stakeholders

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE A GRM?



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- Prevent, mitigate and/or compensate harm to affected individuals and groups
- Reduce project E&S risks and improve project outcomes
- Identify issues in organisational policy and operations that may need to be addressed to reduce ongoing / future risk of harm
- Promote and demonstrate accountability and responsiveness in the eyes of an organisation's internal and external stakeholders



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THE BASIS FOR HAVING A GRM

- Accreditation Master Agreement (AMA):

Clause 13.04: “It is understood that the Independent Redress Mechanism of the Fund on the one hand, and the systems of the Accredited Entity on the other, will each perform their duties and exercise their powers and functions, in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Fund and the Accredited Entity respectively. To this end, the Accredited Entity and the Fund shall promote cooperation between the Independent Redress Mechanism and the systems of the Accredited Entity, and provide them with reasonable assistance in carrying out their functions.”

THE BASIS FOR HAVING A GRM



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- GCF's Revised Environmental and Social Policy (ESP):

Para. 79: "It is the responsibility of the accredited entities to require and ensure that their grievance mechanisms and the activities' grievance mechanisms are functioning effectively, efficiently, legitimately, and independently in a manner that is accessible, equitable, predictable, transparent, and that allows for continuous learning."



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THE ECOSYSTEM OF REDRESS

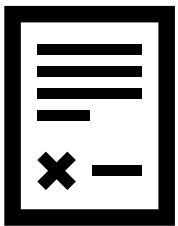
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ACCREDITED ENTITY

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES



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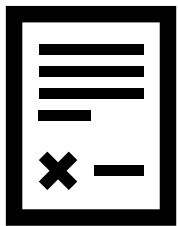


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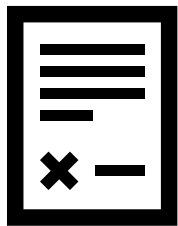
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Complaints

AE GRM



Complaints

PROJECT GRM



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WHO DO I
SUBMIT MY
COMPLAINT TO?



FREEDOM OF CHOICE

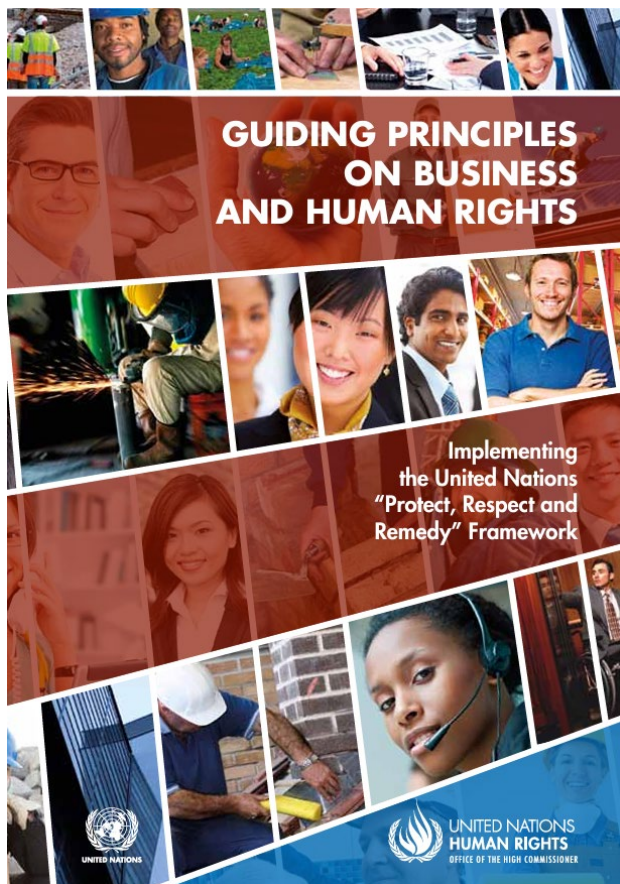
COOPERATION BETWEEN
MECHANISMS

UNGPs AND EFFECTIVENESS CRITERIA



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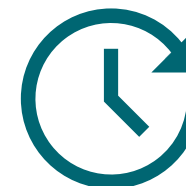
*Endorsed by the UN Human Rights
Council in 2011*



Legitimate



Accessible



Predictable



Equitable



Transparent



Rights-compatible



A source of
continuous learning



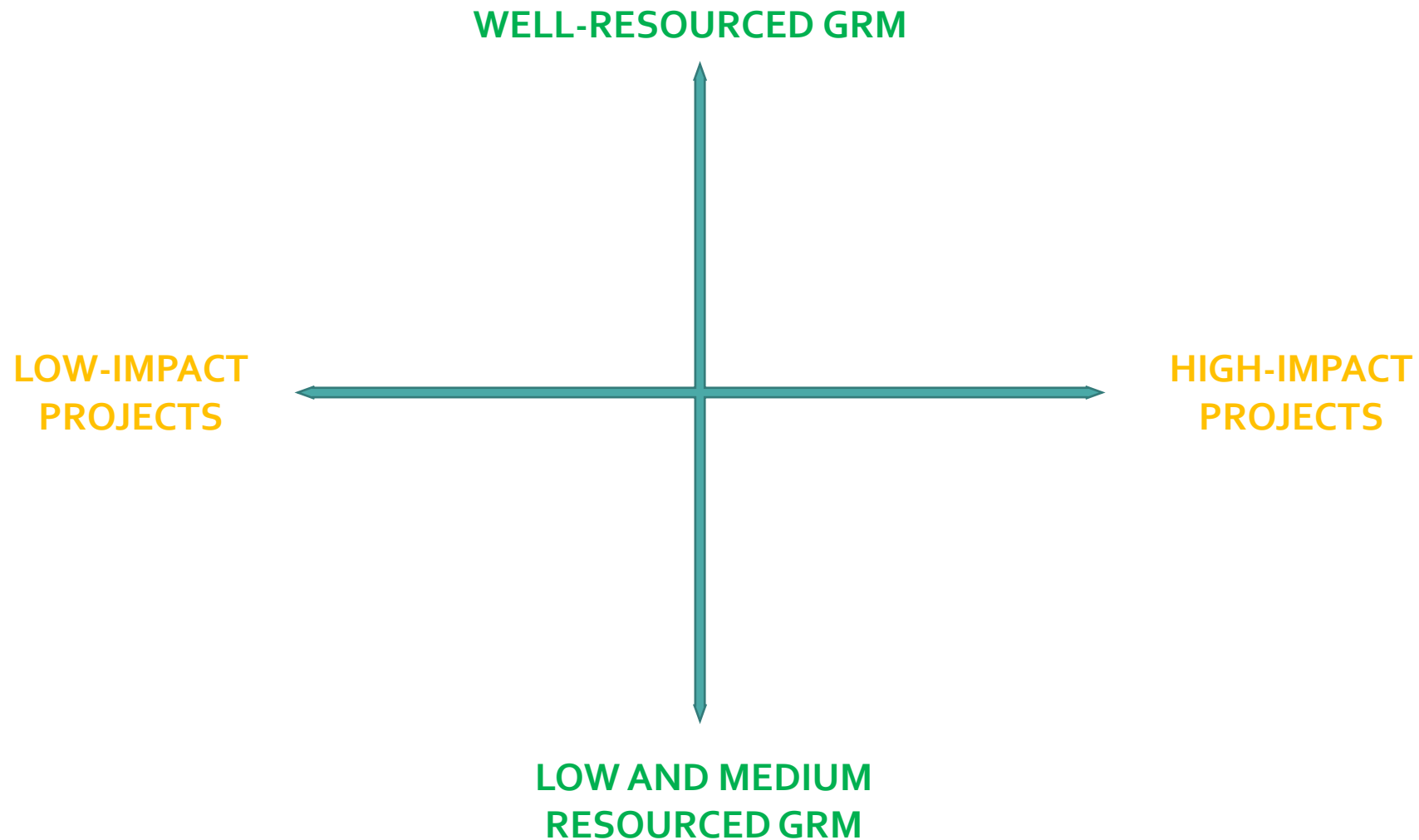
Based on engagement
and dialogue

DIFFERENT ALTERNATIVES FOR A LEGITIMATE GRM



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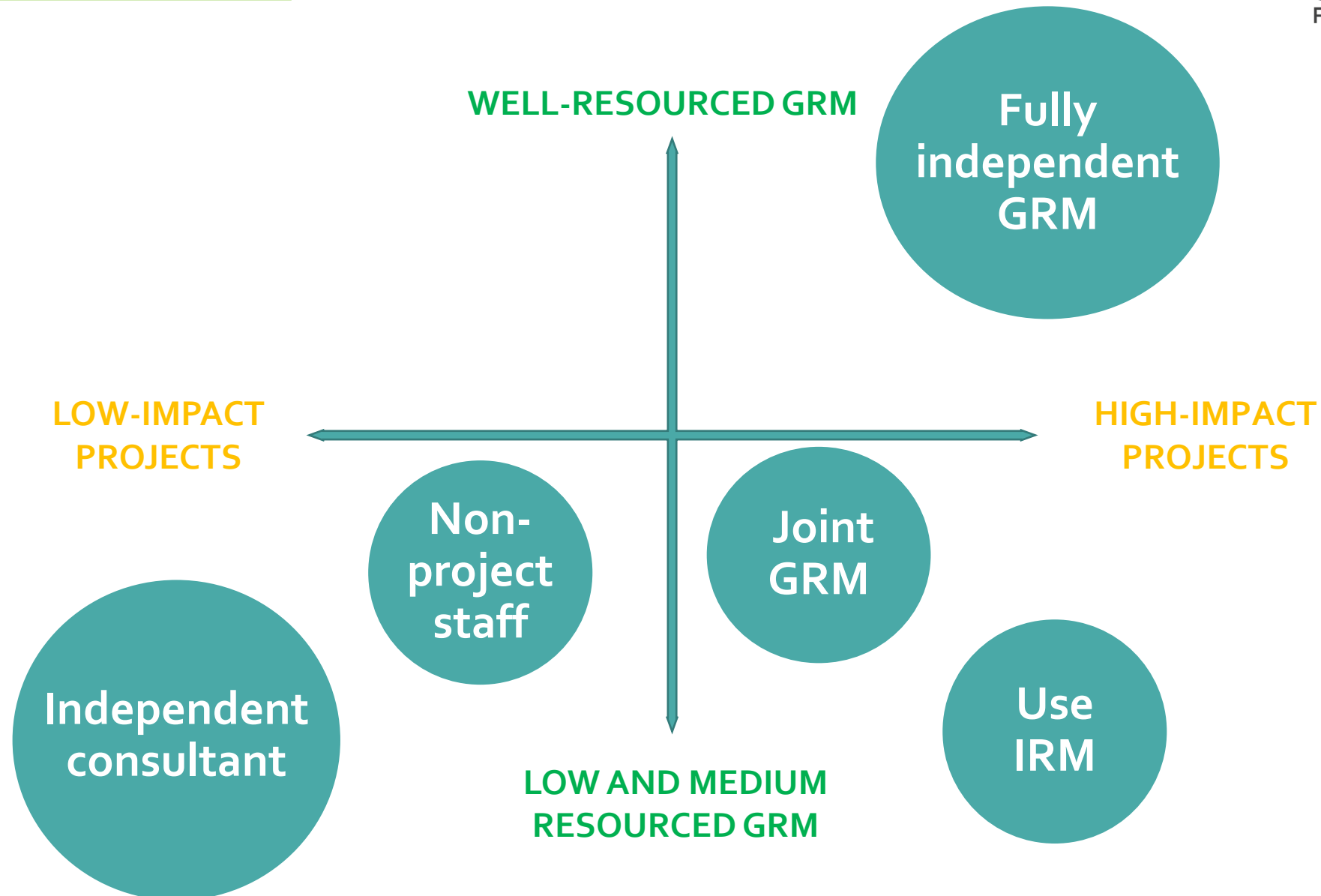


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Form a
committee

Closer to the
ground, less
independent

THE BUSINESS CASE FOR A GRM



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Frame GRM as a
learning
opportunity



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IRM CAPACITY BUILDING TOOLKIT

Beginner



Advanced

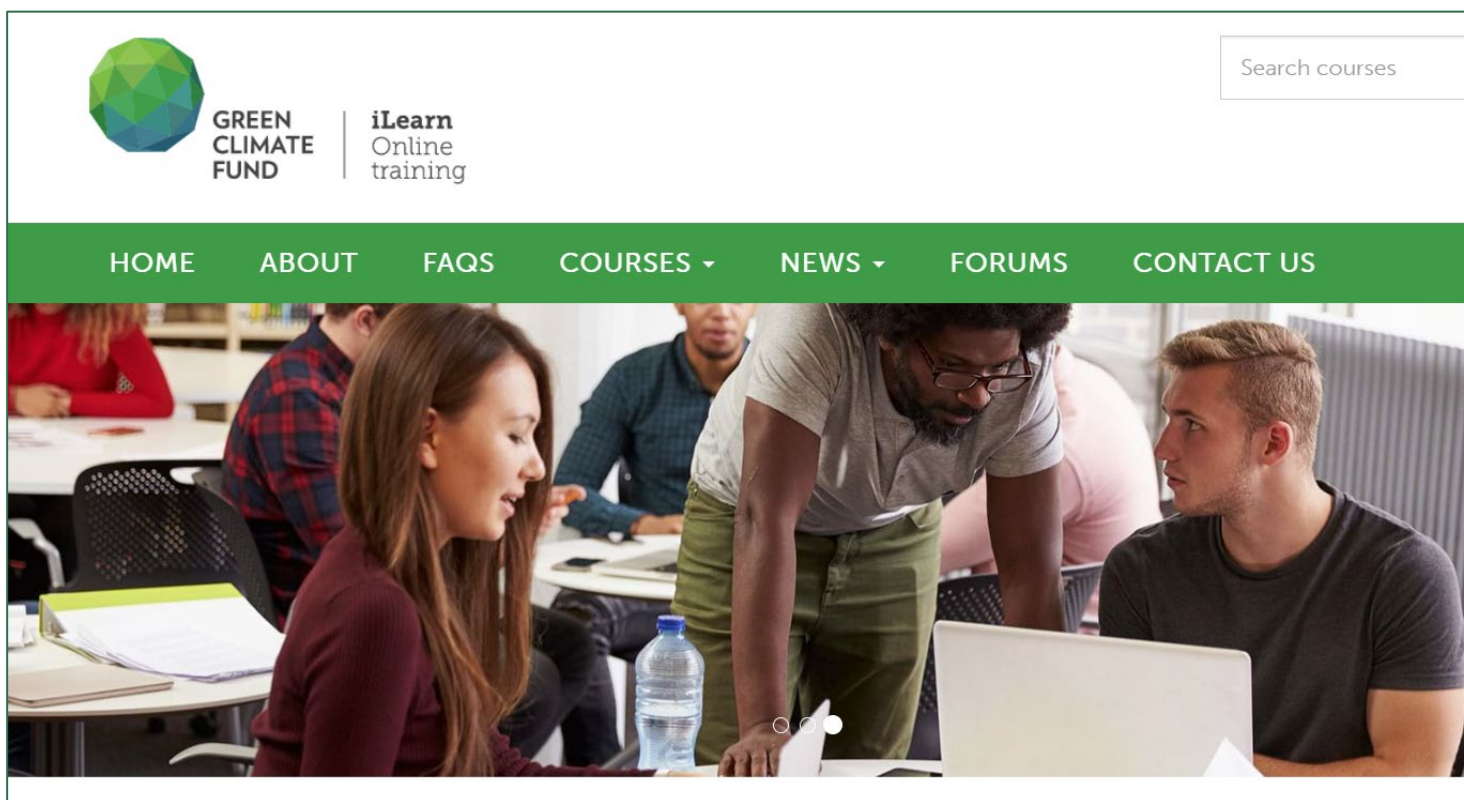
Training	Format	Target audience
1. Online Course	Intro course, self taught	Open to all
2. Operating an effective GRM	Intro course with facilitator	GRM staff of DAEs
3. Mediation training	Secondary course with facilitator	GRM staff of DAEs
4. One-to-one specialised support	Consultative sessions	GRM staff of DAEs

1. IRM'S ONLINE LEARNING MODULES



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Online training course on key concepts relating to Grievance Redress Mechanisms

- Module 1: Why DAEs need effective GRMs
- Module 2: Principles for an Effective GRM
- Module 3: Establishing a GRM
- Module 4: Operating a GRM
- Module 5: Complex grievances
- Module 6: Closing a case
- Module 7: Learning from GRMs
- Module 8: Project-level GRMs
- Module 9: Accountability and Compliance
- Module 10: Outreach and Communications

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2. TRAINING ON HOW TO OPERATE AN EFFECTIVE GRM



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- 2023: IRM-IIU joint capacity building and outreach workshop in Rwanda & virtual capacity building training for APAC and LAC
- 2024: IRM-IIU joint capacity building and outreach workshop in Morocco & virtual capacity building training for APAC and LAC



Morocco workshop, April 2024



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% OF DAES TRAINED BY THE IRM



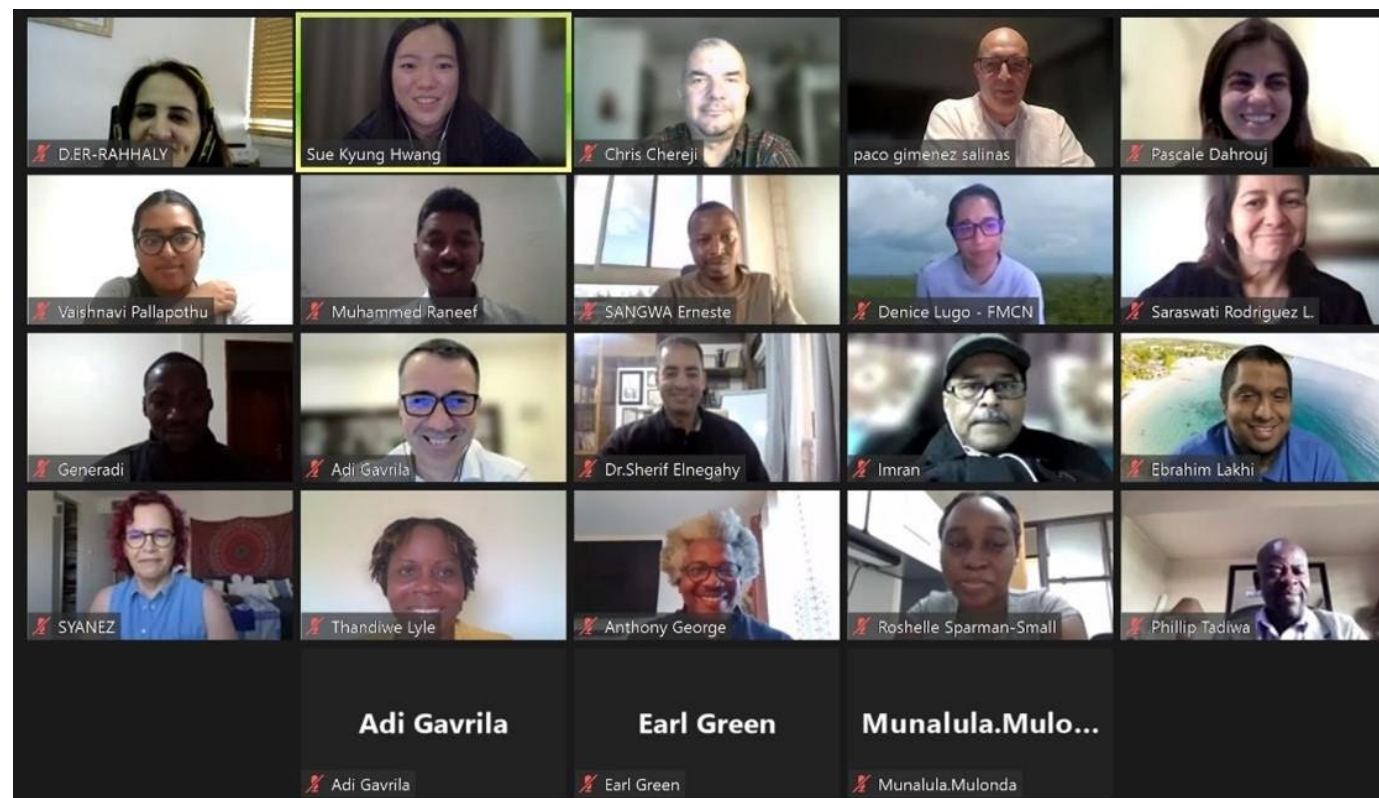
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- Virtual company-community mediation trainings to GRM personnel of the GCF's DAEs who already completed the basic GRM training (2021, 2022, 2023, planned in 2024)



4. SPECIALISED ONE-TO-ONE SUPPORT



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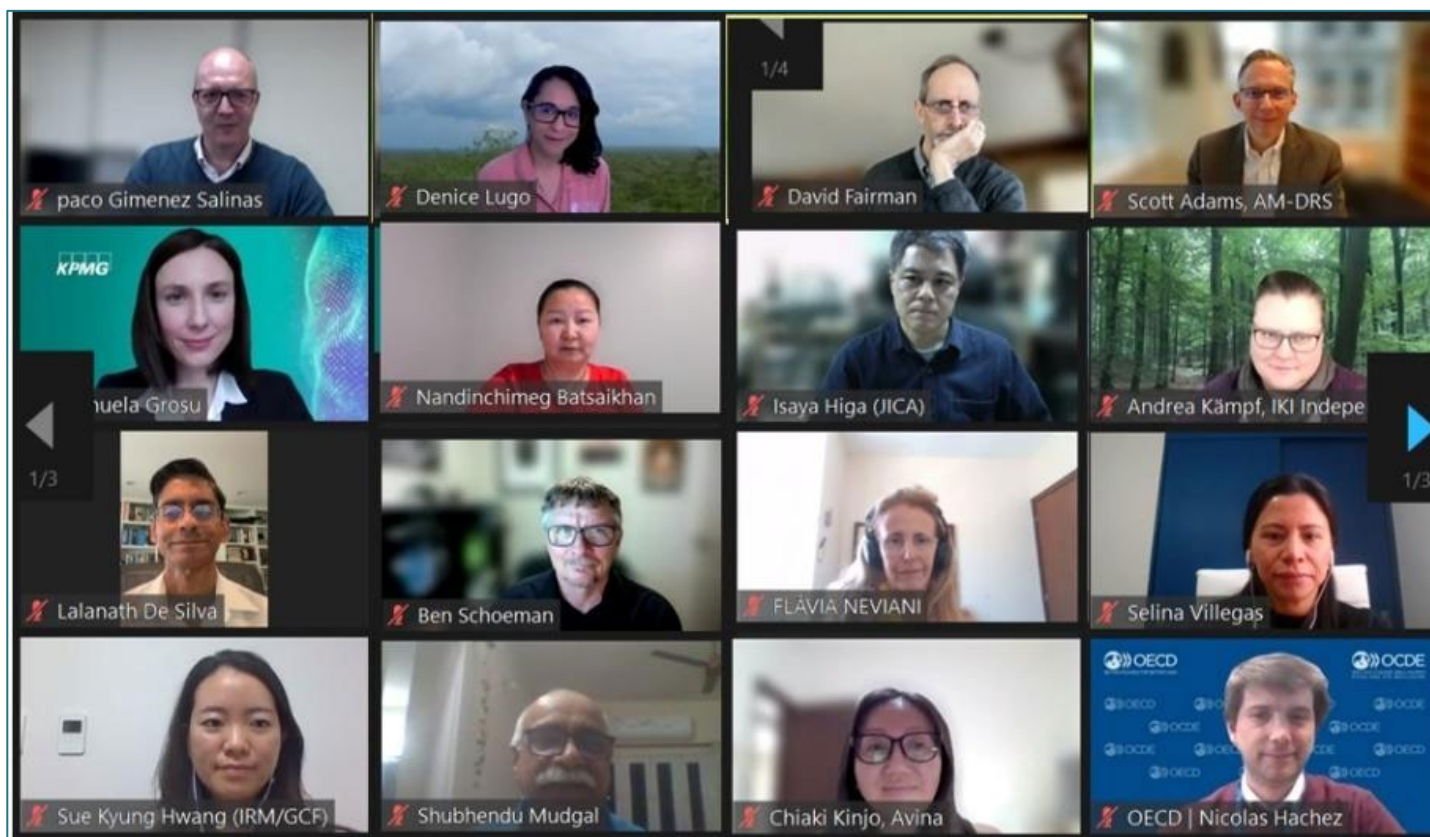
- Provided by an independent consultant
- Offered to 5 GRMs of DAEs in 2023
- Specifically requested by DAEs from the IRM
- Goal is to ensure that DAEs have well-established GRMs that are able to tackle non-complex disputes early and resolve them before they reach the IRM

GRAM PARTNERSHIP



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Grievance Redress and Accountability Mechanism (GRAM)

- Created in 2019
- Partnership to offer leadership, a learning and knowledge platform and a meeting space

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