



GCF Coordination Mechanism and No-objection Procedure

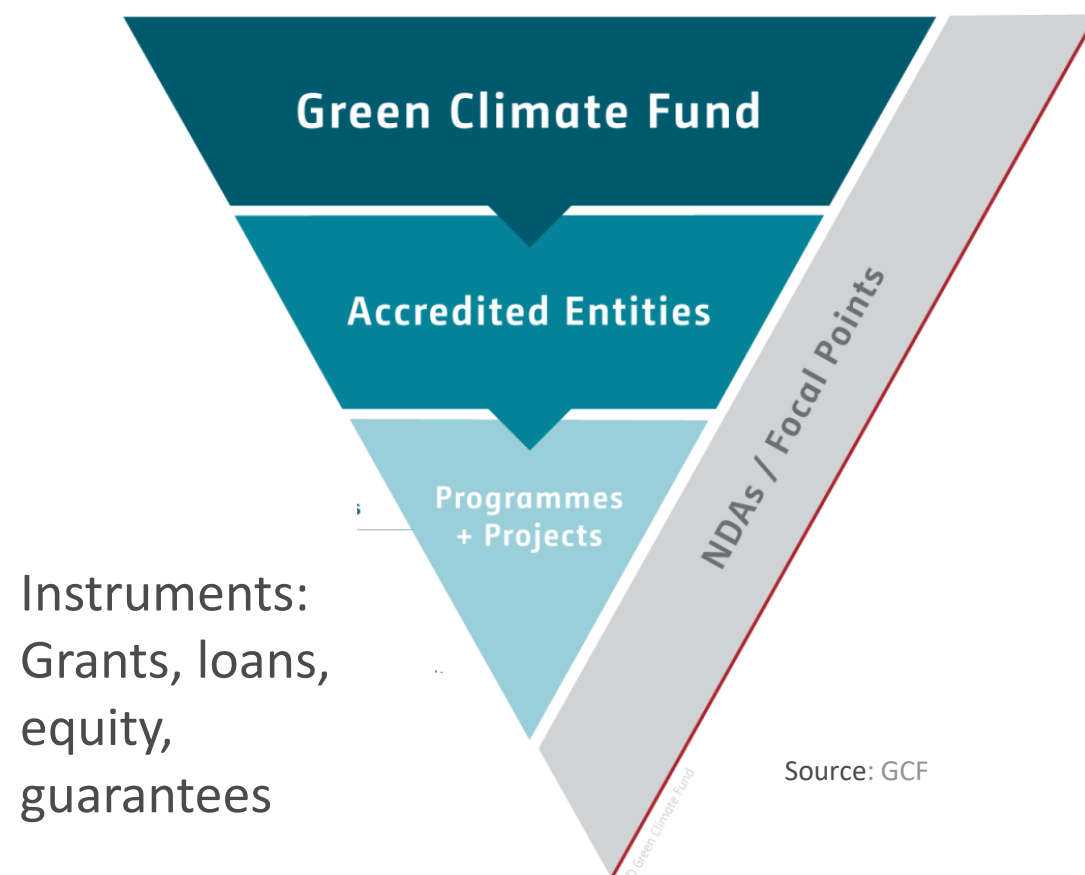
Bahodur Sheraliev, Belgrade, March 13, 2019

GCF Access Modality

Ensuring joint participation

- National Designated Authority (NDA) with the mandate to officially communicate with the Fund.
- Fulfils an important function of **representing the priorities and interests of the country** in a clear and transparent manner

GCF Architecture



National Designated Authorities (NDAs)

Currently, the Green Climate Fund has 145 original National Designated Authorities (NDAs) or designated focal points (focal points).

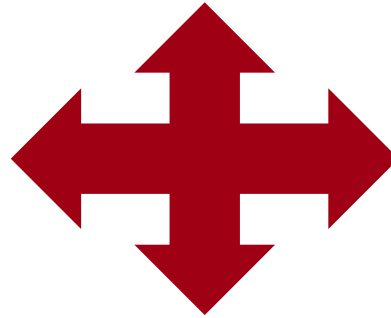
The type of NDA varies in different countries. They are mainly represented by the Ministries of the Environment or National Environmental Protection Agencies, but in some countries they are represented by the Ministries of Finance.

#	NDA/Focal Point	Country
1	MINISTRY OF ENERGY	Kazakhstan
2	ECONOMIC RELATIONS DIVISION – MINISTRY OF FINANCE	Bangladesh
3	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE	Tajikistan
4	CENTER OF HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICE IN THE CABINET OF MINISTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN	Uzbekistan
5	MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION	Georgia

Main NDA Functions

1. Coordination center for maintaining **contact** and **communication** with the GCF; Facilitate communication between Accredited Entities and GCF

2. Act as **Focal Point** and **signatory** on behalf of the Government on GCF activities

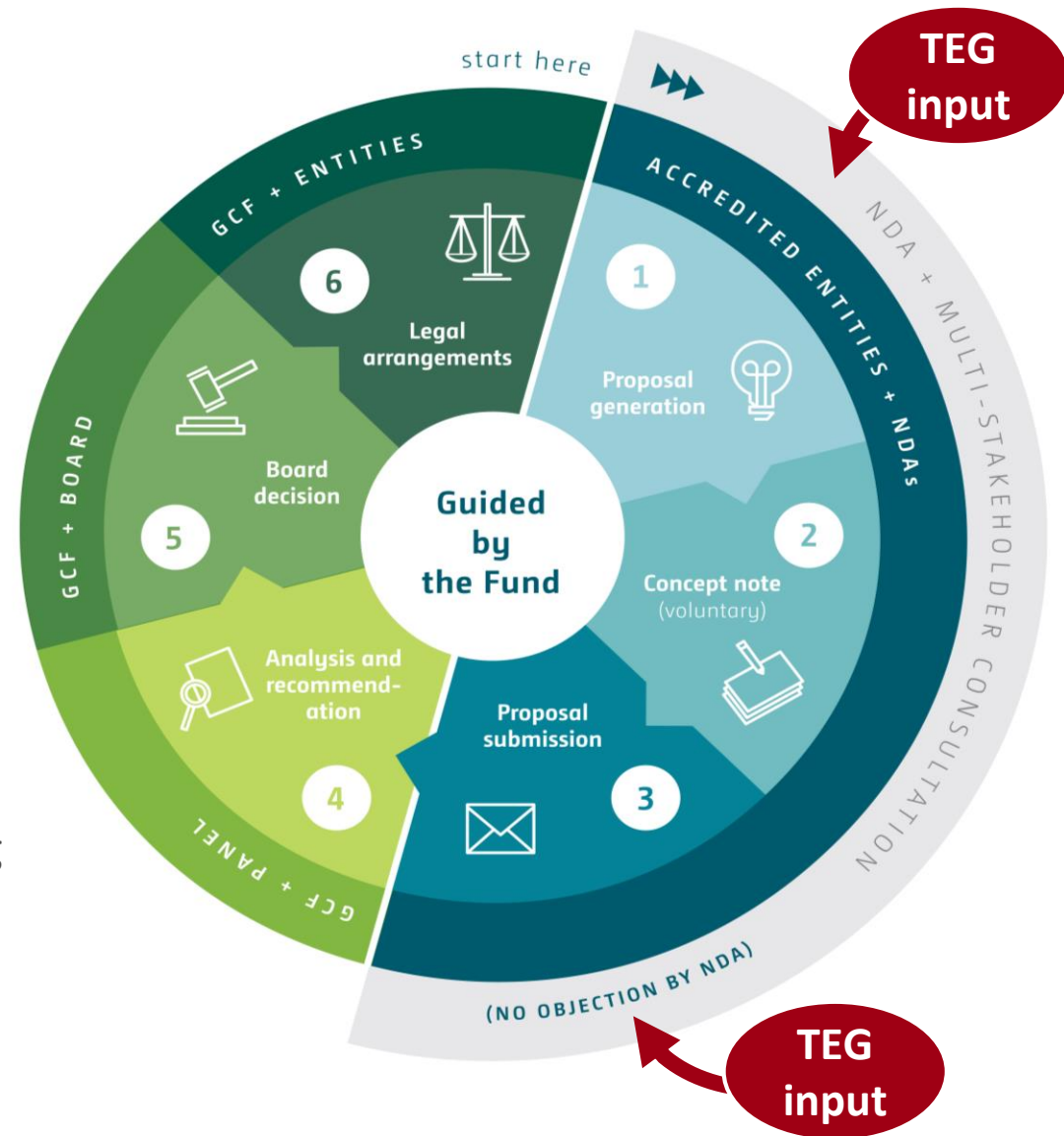


4. Ensure **consistency** with **national priorities** and country-driven approach of the GCF activities

3. To exercise **No-objection procedure**, review project concept notes and funding proposals to make sure they **correspond to** the national and sector priorities and regulations

Project/Programme Financing

1. Country, regional and / or accredited organization programs
2. Forming applications for funding programs or projects - setting priorities based on 1.
3. Submission of a concept / application for funding through an Accredited Entity (AE)
4. AEs must go through the “no objection” procedure and the approval of the NDA.
5. Consideration and recommendations of the GCF Panel of Experts
6. Funding requests will be evaluated according to the GCF investment criteria.
7. GCF Board meets 3-4 times a year



Source: GCF

Funding Proposal

Section A PROJECT / PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Section B PROJECT / PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Section C FINANCING INFORMATION

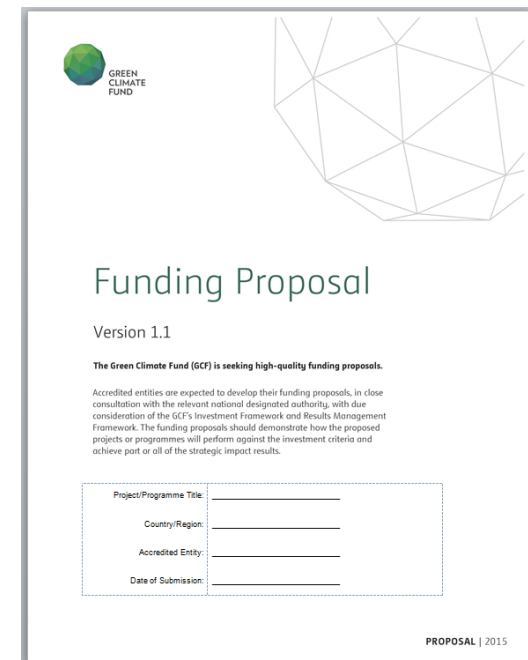
Section D EXPECTED PERFORMANCE AGAINST INVESTMENT CRITERIA

Section E LOGICAL FRAMEWORK

Section F RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT

Section G GCF POLICIES AND STANDARDS

Section H ANNEXES



Source: GCF

No-objection Letter


The “no-objection” from the NDA/Focal Point implies that:

- (a) The **Government** has no-objection to the funding proposal;
- (b) The submitted funding proposal is in **conformity with national priorities, strategies and plans**, and that consistency was pursued; and
- (c) The submitted funding proposal is in **conformity with relevant national laws and regulations**, in accordance with the GCF environmental and social safeguards.

No-Objection Procedure – Signed Letter Sample

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№ 1/28-03-88 « 01 » 16. 01 соли 2017
Ба № _____ аз « _____ » соли 2016

To: The Green Climate Fund (“GCF”)

Dushanbe, 14.01.2017

Re: Funding proposal for the GCF by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (“EBRD”) regarding Scaling Up Hydropower Sector Climate Resilience

Dear Madam, Sir,

We refer to the project Scaling Up Hydropower Sector Climate Resilience in Tajikistan as included in the funding proposal submitted by European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (“EBRD”) to us on 12. January 2017.

The undersigned is the duly authorized representative of the Committee on Environmental Protection, the National Designated Authority/focal point of Tajikistan.

Pursuant to GCF decision B.08/10, the content of which we acknowledge to have reviewed, we hereby communicate our no-objection to the project as included in the funding proposal.


By communicating our no-objection, it is implied that:

- (a) The government of Tajikistan has no-objection to the project as included in the funding proposal;
- (b) The project as included in the funding proposal is in conformity with Tajikistan’s national priorities, strategies and plans;
- (c) In accordance with the GCF’s environmental and social safeguards, the project as included in the funding proposal is in conformity with relevant national laws and regulations.

We also confirm that our national process for ascertaining no-objection to the project as included in the funding proposal has been duly followed.

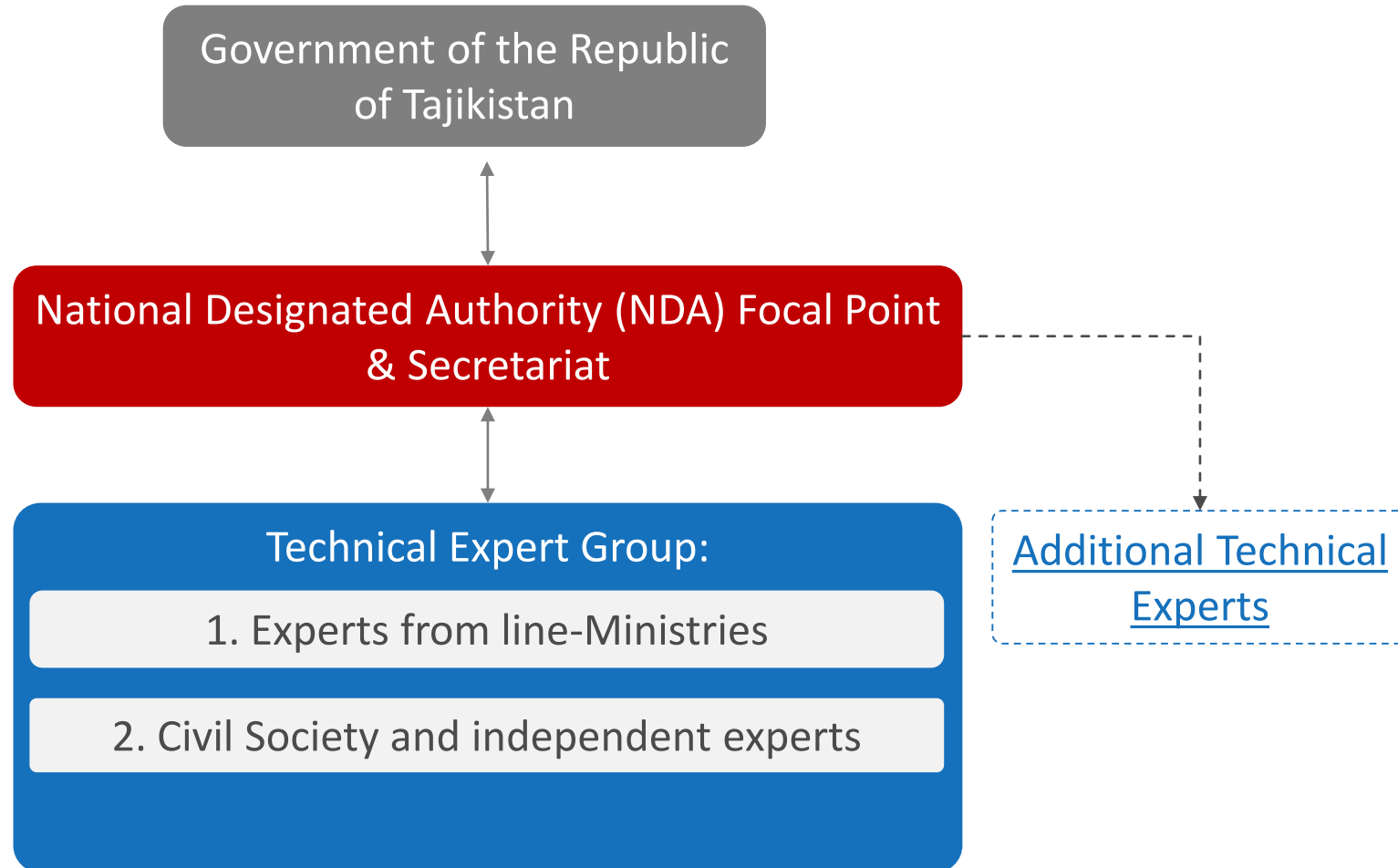
We acknowledge that this letter will be made publicly available on the GCF website.

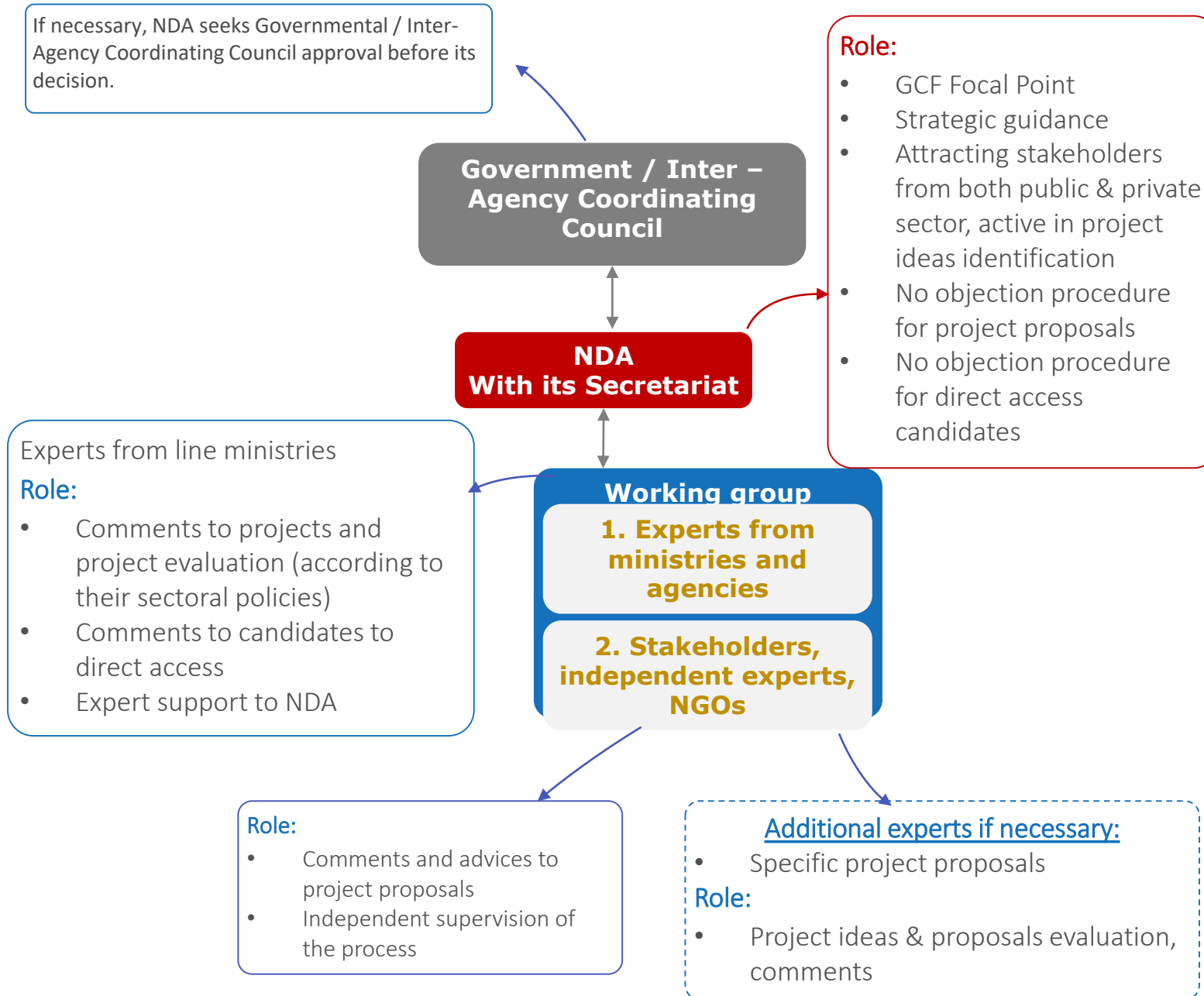
Kind regards,



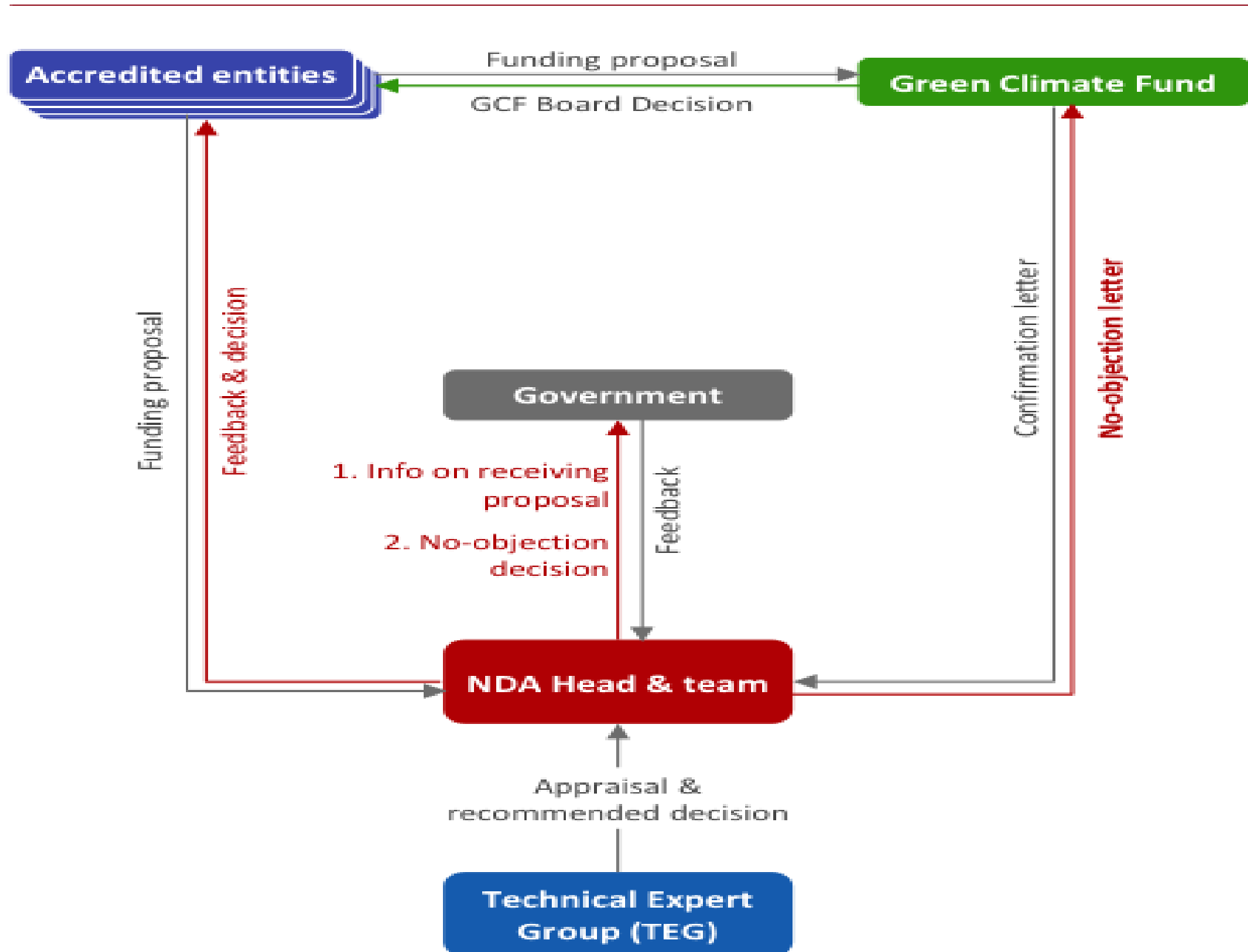
Name: Mr. Khayrullo Ibodzoda
Title: Chairman of the Committee on Environmental Protection
under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan

Coordination Mechanism





“No-Objection” procedure on funding proposal



Technical Expert Group - Expectations, Issues and Barriers

Responsibility of Line Ministries:

- Project Evaluation and Decision by TEG member – **NOT an individual opinion - MUST BE OFFICIAL POSITION OF THE LINE MINISTRY**

Signatory:

- Head of the Department/Dep. Minister



Technical Expert Group - Expectations, Issues and Barriers

SUSTAINABILITY

- Staff rotation/reshuffling:

NDA recommendation to assign unit/department as TEG member, to avoid brain-drain.

- Responsibility of qualified sector evaluation decision to be clearly understood by line ministry:

High-level understanding of evaluation decision

Technical Expert Group - Expectations, Issues and Barriers

Knowledge/Competence

Knowledge of all relevant sector strategies and plans is crucial for TEG members:

- Capacity-building workshops (list of relevant policies/strategies)?
- Regular updates on recent developments?

Checklist for Project Evaluation by TEG

Purpose of the questionnaire:

- To **support the TEG members** as part of the “no-objection” procedure and coordination mechanism of the GCF activities in Tajikistan.
- To help **structure feedback** and accommodate all concerns and comments with regard to the proposed project

The questionnaire consists of **two sections**.

1. Expert opinion whether the proposed project complies with Tajikistan’s national and sector policies and investment priorities and regulations.
2. Evaluation of how the proposed project corresponds to the GCF investment criteria.

Annexes: Introduction to the GCF; GCF investment criteria; overview of the coordination mechanism and “no-objection” procedure in Tajikistan.

1. Project compliance with national and sector priorities

1. Is the project proposal in conformity with [and contributes to the implementation of] the following national climate change and development policies and laws:

ADAPTATION	Yes, it is conformity	No, it does not contribute to this policy / law <i>(please specify)</i>	No, it contradicts the policy / law <i>(please specify)</i>

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MITIGATION	Yes, it is conformity	No, it does not contribute to this policy / law <i>(please specify)</i>	No, it contradicts the policy / law <i>(please specify)</i>

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CROSS-CUTTING	Yes, it is conformity	No, it does not contribute to this policy / law (please specify)	No, it contradicts the policy / law (please specify)

1. Project compliance with national and sector priorities

2. Is the project proposal in line with the priorities set in the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) of Tajikistan submitted to the UNFCCC: *(please mark only those relevant for the project or those you are familiar with)*

MITIGATION	Yes	No	Comments

1. Project compliance with national and sector priorities

- 3. Does the project comply with any additional strategies, priorities and sector regulations of your ministry / institution? Please specify the strategies, priorities and sector regulations in the comments, if there are any contradictions:

Yes	No	Comments

- 4. Does the project duplicate or contradict any activity already funded by other donors, government or private actors? If yes, please provide more details in the comments:

Yes	No	Comments

1. Project compliance with national and sector priorities

Does the project comply with the relevant national and sector specific environmental and social safeguards and regulations , e.g.: *(see section F.3. of the project proposal and Annex C of this questionnaire for more details)*

(please mark only those relevant for the project or those you are familiar with)

Safeguards and regulations	Yes	No	Comments
Labour and working conditions			
Pollution prevention			
Community health, safety and security			
Land acquisition and involuntary resettlement			
Biodiversity conservation and sustainable management of natural resources			
Indigenous peoples			
Cultural heritage			
Gender considerations			

1. Project compliance with national and sector priorities

6. Were you or your institution involved in the discussion and development of this proposal?

Yes	No

If yes, what was your role?

Comments

Was the stakeholder engagement process in your opinion inclusive and adequately addressed the feedback (*see section E.5.3. of the project proposal*)?

Yes	No	Comments

1. Project compliance with national and sector priorities

- 7. In your opinion, are the institutional capacities and implementation arrangements of the project well thought-through (*see sections C.7.and E.5.2. of the project proposal*)?

Yes	No	Comments

Is your institution involved in the implementation or financing of the project? If no, do you think it should be involved and how?

Yes	No	Comments

1. Project compliance with national and sector priorities

- 8. In your opinion, does the project proposal list and address all potential risks (*see section G.1. and G.2. of the project proposal*)?

If, what would be additional risks or negative effects of the project?

Yes	No	Comments

- 9. In your opinion, are the technical assessment and technological solution chosen for the project implementation sound and do not raise additional concerns (*see section F.2. of the project proposal*)? If no, please provide your comments:

Yes	No	Comments

1. Project compliance with national and sector priorities

10. Do you have any additional concerns with regard to the project components:

	Comments
Project activities and outcomes	
Financing volume & structure	
Implementing institutions and executing entities	
Implementation timeline	
Other (please specify)	

2. GCF Investment Criteria

Please provide brief assessment of the project proposal with regard to the GCF investment criteria (see more details in Annex B) on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the highest rating, and 1 – the lowest)

GCF investment criteria	Definition	Grade	Comments
Impact potential	Potential of the programme/project to contribute to the achievement of the Fund's objectives and result areas		
Paradigm shift potential	Degree to which the proposed activity can catalyze impact beyond a one-off project or programme investment		
Sustainable development potential	Wider benefits and priorities, including environmental, social, and economic co-benefits as well as gender-sensitive development impact		
Responsive to recipients needs	Vulnerability and financing needs of the beneficiary country and population in the targeted group		
Promote country ownership	Beneficiary country ownership of and capacity to implement a funded project or programme (policies, climate strategies and institutions)		
Efficiency & effectiveness	Economic and, if appropriate, financial soundness of the programme/project, and for mitigation-specific programmes/projects, cost-effectiveness and co-financing		

Thank You!