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# Partnership opportunities with GCF

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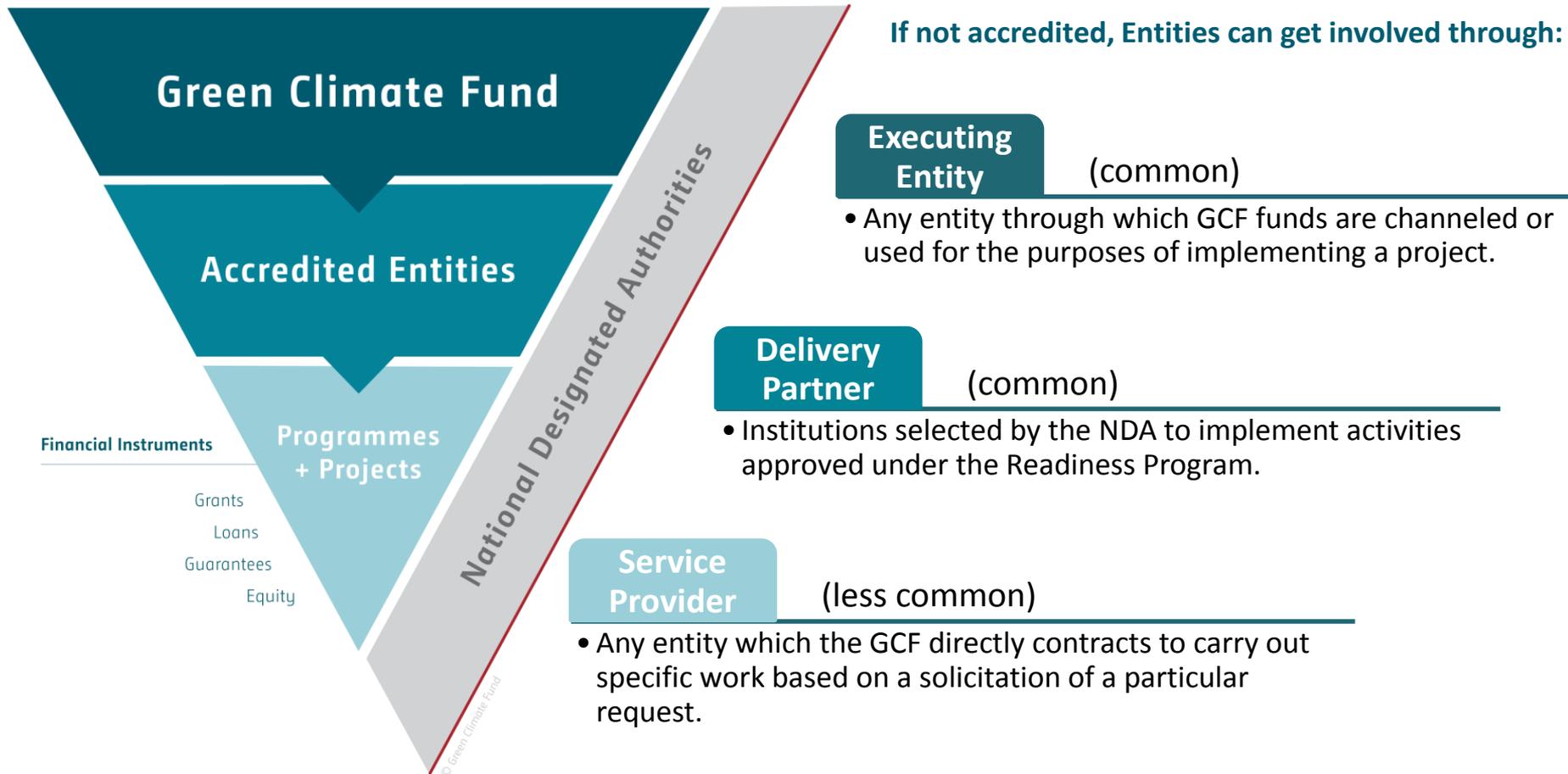
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# THE GCF ARCHITECTURE

## Accredited Entities & other partners

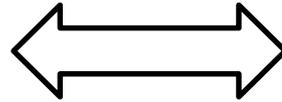




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# Potential partners and roles

## Potential partner



## Roles

- National and subnational institutions
- Private sector
- CSO
- Academia
- Int. institutions donors and funds

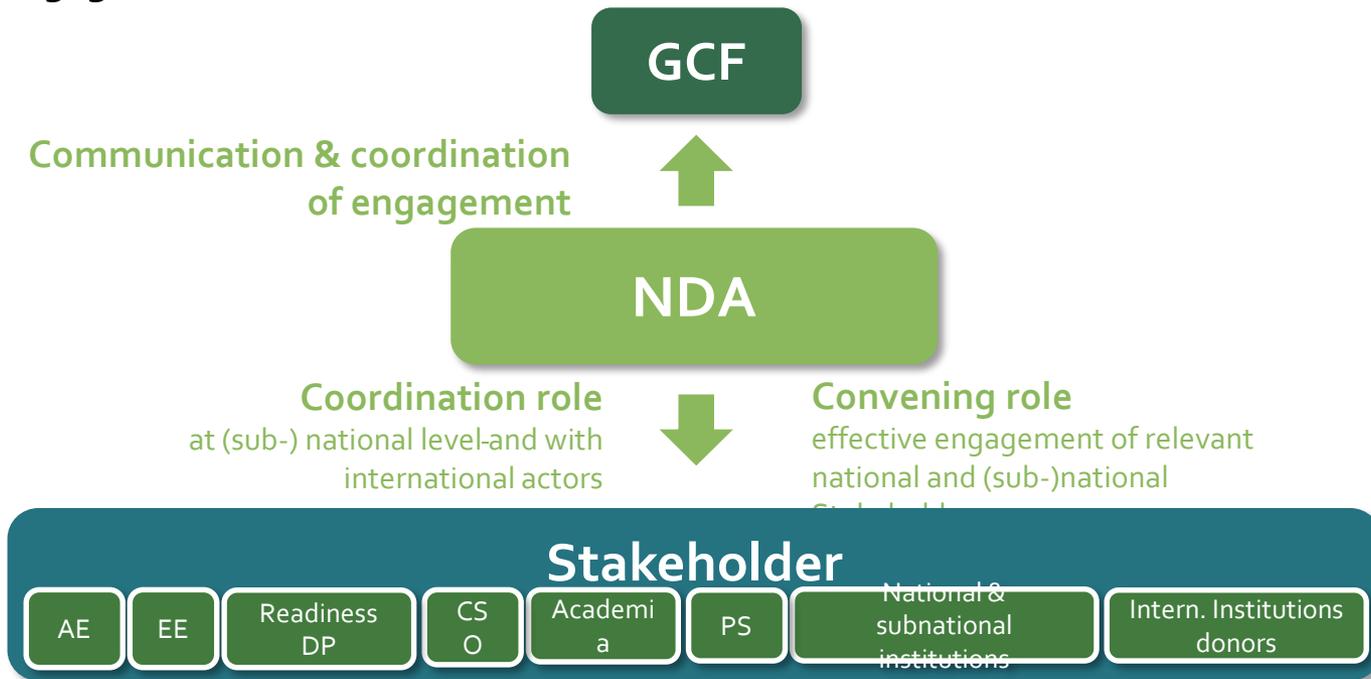
- Accredited Entities (AEs)
- Readiness Delivery Partners
- Executing Entities
- Technical advisors
- Co-financiers



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# GCF operates in countries through NDAs

**NDAs represent national priorities and interests of the country and steer the engagement with GCF**



Source: GCF/B.04/17, Decisions of the Board (Decision.04/05 :Country Ownership and GCF/B.10/17, Decisions of the Board (Decision 10.10 Country Ownership)



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# ACCREDITATION



84 accredited entities

Direct Access

Private Sector

International Access



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## Who Can Apply for Accreditation?

All entities, including international, regional, national and subnational public and private entities, can apply for accreditation through one of two modes of access:

**Direct access modality:** for regional, national and sub-national entities.

- Entities will need to accompany their application for accreditation with evidence of their nomination from the NDA or focal point designated from their country with their application for accreditation.
- Entities may be eligible to receive readiness and preparatory support in terms of capacity-building in order to meet the GCF's accreditation requirements.

**International access modality:** for international entities, including United Nations agencies, multilateral development banks, international financial institutions and regional institutions.



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## GCF set requirements to be considered when NDAs nominate entities for accreditation

- Expertise matches country priorities and national climate change strategy
- Entity provides evidence of institutional systems, policies and procedures and a track record applying them
- Entity demonstrates capacity to pass GCF standards down to EEs and to monitor, report and verify that those are being upheld
- Possess independent legal personality and legal capacity



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# Fit-for-purpose approach to accreditation

## Mandate & track record

- Alignment with Fund objectives
- At least 3 year of operations

## Project size

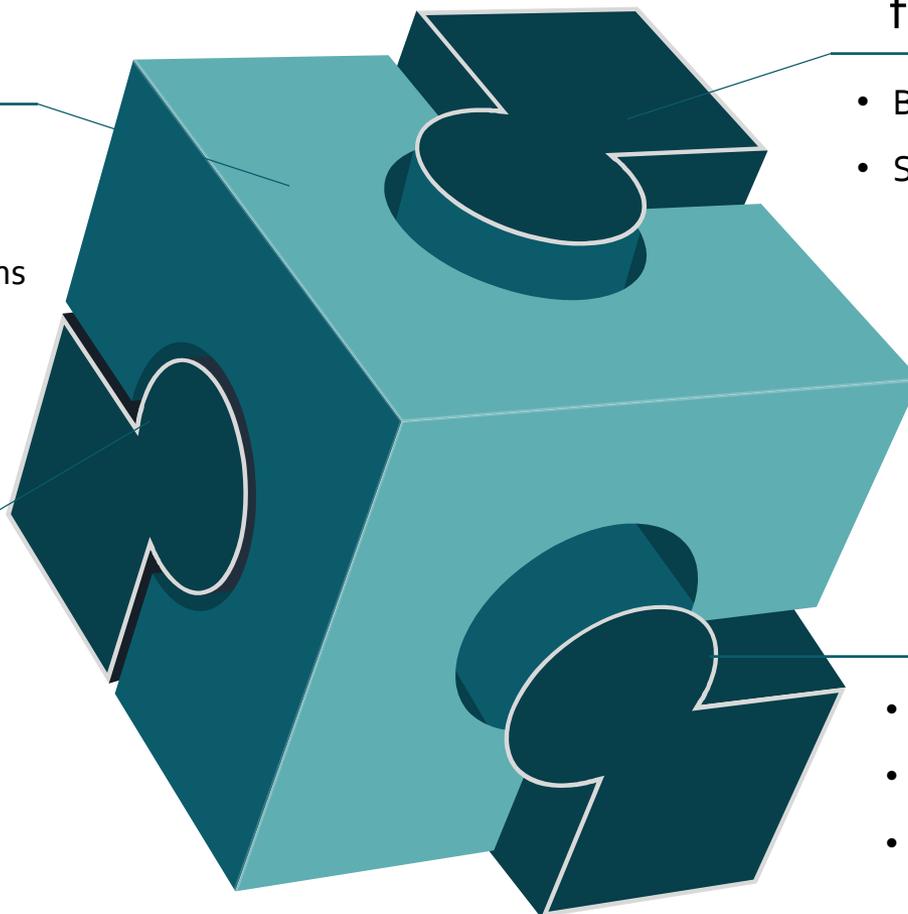
- Micro (<10mn)
- Small (10-50mn)
- Medium (50-250mn)
- Large (>250mn)

## Fiduciary functions

- Basic
- Specialized
  - Project management
  - Grant award
  - On-lending/blending (loans, equity and/or guarantees)

## Environmental & social risk category

- A (high)
- B (medium)
- C (minimal or no)

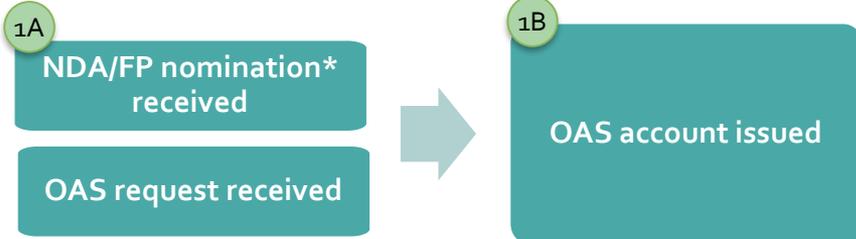




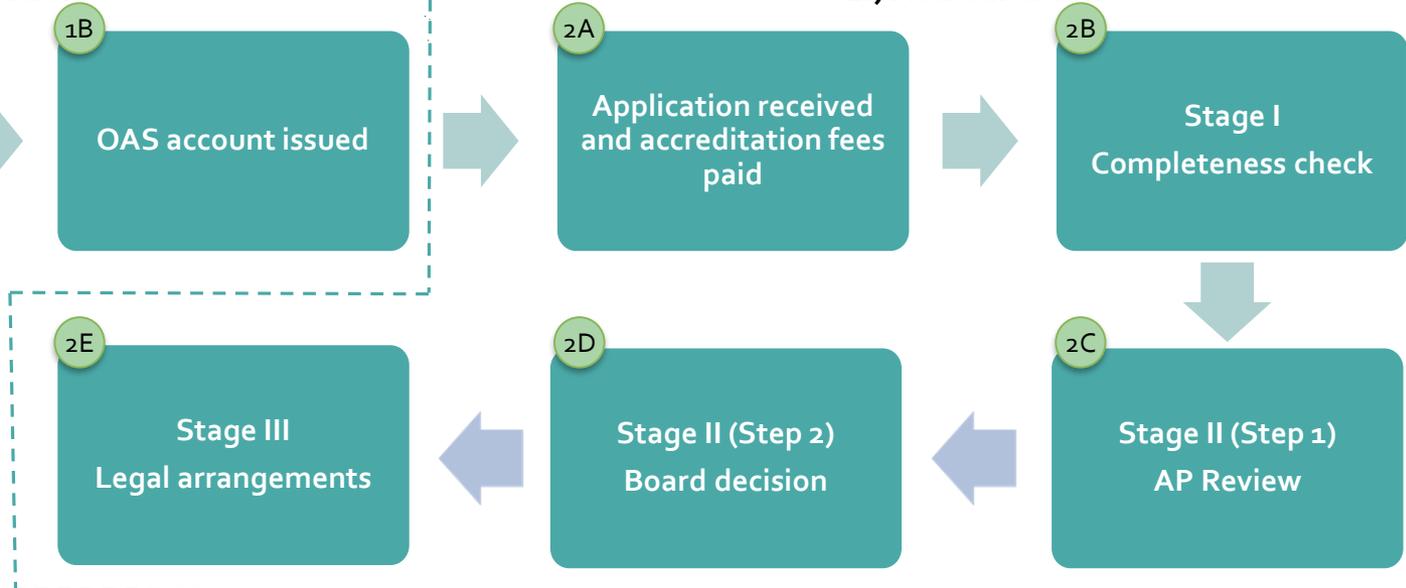
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# Accreditation Process Steps

## 1.) Pre-accreditation



## 2.) Accreditation



**AMA:** Accreditation Master Agreement  
**AP:** Accreditation Panel  
**NDA:** National Designated Authority  
**OAS:** Online Accreditation System

\*An NDA nomination letter is required for Direct Access entities only.  
Nomination is not required for International Access entities.



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# Accreditation application structure

## 7 Sections of application:

1. Background and contact information
2. Information on how the intended projects/programmes will contribute to furthering the country's climate strategies and action plans, in line with GCF's objectives
3. Information on the scope of intended projects/programmes
4. Basic fiduciary criteria
5. Applicable specialized fiduciary criteria
6. ESS
7. Gender

## What you need to apply\*

- Nomination by your NDA(s) or focal point(s) (for subnational, national and regional entities applying under direct access)
- Intended projects/programmes (for information purposes)
- Evidence of how your organization can meet the GCF's fiduciary standards, ESS and gender policy
- Track record, which should include climate change-related projects/programmes and the fiduciary, environmental and social practices applied

\* This list is not exhaustive.



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# EXECUTING ENTITIES

- It is not necessary for AEs to act as the direct implementer of funding proposals. **Executing Entities** can also do this on behalf of Accredited Entities by channelling funds and carrying out the funded activity.

## HOWEVER

- AEs will continue to be important as they maintain oversight of Executive Entities' GCF-related activities.
- Example:



Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program for  
the Aral Sea Basin (CAMP4ASB)

Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

Accredited Entity



Executing  
Entity





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## DELIVERY PARTNERS

- Institutions selected by the NDA to undertake readiness activities, including AEs
- NDA can also implement readiness project
- Demonstrated institutional financial administration capacity – assessed through FMCA process for non-AE entities.



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# DELIVERY PARTNERS

## Financial Management Capacity Assessment (FMCA)

### 6 Sections of application:

1. General & contact information
2. Legal Framework
3. Organizational structure and culture
4. Financial Management
5. Procurement
6. Project Management

### What you need to apply\*

- Legal registration and founding document
- Organizational chart describing hierarchical structure and all key functions
- Code of conduct, Conflicts of Interest Policy
- Annual and periodical financial statements
- Procurement policies and procedures
- Operations manual, HR manual
- External evaluation(s), assessment (s)
- CV's presenting knowledge and experience of key finance and project staff (maybe anonymous)



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# SERVICE PROVIDERS

- Any entity which the GCF directly contracts to carry out specific work based on a solicitation of a particular request
- **Examples:**
  - PWC (readiness accreditation support: Gap Assessment and ESS/Gender policy development)
  - Mott McDonald, IISD (readiness accreditation support: ESS/Gender)
  - Roster of consultancy firms



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## Readiness Delivery Partner

- Institutions selected by the NDA to implement activities approved under the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme
- Provide services, e.g. development of readiness request proposals; implementation and supervision; fiduciary management; progress reporting; and project completion and evaluation

Examples: Global Green Growth Institute; Environmental Project Implementation Unit

## Accredited Entity

- Design projects and develop funding proposals to be considered by GCF for financing based on country priorities
- Implement, deliver, monitor and report on the results of such activities
- Manage executing entities
- Develop and periodically update an entity work programme that is aligned with country programme

Examples: UNDP, IFC, GIZ  
FUNDACIÓN AVINA  
Deutsche Bank AG;  
XacBank

## Executing Entity

- Any entity through which GCF proceeds are channeled or used for the purposes of a Funded Activity or part thereof
- An entity that executes, carries out or implements a Funded Activity, or any part thereof

Examples: XacBank,  
Central American Bank  
for Economic Integration,  
Burkina Rural  
Electrification Agency



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