



Coordinated Engagement by Green Climate Fund and Global Environment Facility

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF), as Operating Entities of the Financial Mechanism for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), invite interested countries to carry out coordinated engagement, in order to collaborate in programming GCF and GEF resources to maximize synergies.

Coordinated Engagement Concept

The concept proposed is “coordinated engagement”, where countries will synergize the programming of resources available at the GEF and GCF on a pilot basis, while keeping in mind sequencing, complementarity of support and other factors in a manner that ultimately maximizes the benefit and impact of those resources.¹ Countries are invited to voice their needs and expectations and engage with the GCF and GEF to explore the opportunities available towards coordinated engagement.

Cooperation to undertake collaborative programming at the national level can lead to enhanced delivery of financing, for example, by piloting innovative projects, aligning capacity building and readiness support, or scaling up successful mechanisms or interventions. For the GEF operational Focal Points (OFPs), GCF National Designated Authorities (NDAs), and Agencies, cooperation for national programming can help reduce transaction costs and lower administrative burdens.

Actions to promote coherence of national programming will be pursued in a country-driven manner. Coordinated engagement will serve as the interface between actions to promote coherence at the national level and enhancing complementarity at the activity level, including by identifying sources of co-financing.

The GEF and GCF stand ready to support countries interested in coordinated engagement and can avail countries of resources to undertake the exercise—readiness funds in the case of the GCF, and planning support in the case of the GEF through GEF Dialogues, Workshops, and Constituency Meetings. The exercise is not intended to take place as a parallel process to other programming, but rather as an input into it.

Rationale

Given the status of the two Secretariats’ work on programming—the GCF advancing in the process of Country Programme development and the GEF starting the GEF-7 phase where countries are developing their national portfolio vis-a-vis the programmatic directions

¹ Parties at COP 21 welcomed efforts to date by the GEF to engage with the GCF and encouraged both entities to further articulate and build on the complementarity of their policies and programs within the Financial Mechanism of the Convention.

strategies for the GEF Trust Fund as well as the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)—the second half of 2018 presents a timely opportunity to maximize the impact of available resources. Both the GEF and GCF are engaged in programming exercises: GEF-7 phase opening with countries developing national portfolios for the Trust Fund, LDCF and SCCF; and the GCF advancing the process of Country Programme development.

As countries continue their efforts to plan and implement their climate action towards achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement, it is important for the climate financing providers to facilitate greater strategic coherence at the national level. In partnership with national governments, the GEF and GCF are looking at ways to work together and with countries to build greater national strategic coherence, through:

- a) Strengthening country engagement through country level coordination and communications between focal points and entities, including ways to improve coherence in communicating with GCF NDAs, GEF OFPs, and accredited entities/Agencies;
- b) Complementarity of support for policy frameworks, including Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Nationally and National Adaptation Plan (NAP) process; and
- c) Coordinating programming and identification/development of financing priorities, including looking at opportunities for scaling up and replication.

In addition to helping countries achieve strategic national coherence, these elements could also serve as avenues for enhancing synergies between the GCF and the GEF.

Outcomes Informed by Coordinated Engagement

Countries participating in the Coordinated Engagement pilot are expected to undertake and develop their country programming and planning document by early 2019, working closely in partnership with the GCF and GEF, and with engagement of national stakeholders and OEs/Agencies. The individual work plan for each country will be developed in consultation with countries by September 2018. The Coordinated Engagement is expected to have the following expected outcomes at the country level:

- i. Enhanced channels for communication between different focal points;
- ii. Coordinated development of a country program/plan that utilizes opportunities across the climate finance landscape as part of the process of engaging existing and prospective implementing entities to identify practical steps to enable implementation of the country's strategies with support from the GCF;
- iii. Early identification of, and solutions to, issues that may arise throughout the collaborative engagement process; and
- iv. Lessons learned on how to enhance coordination among NDAs, OFPs, and Agencies/Entities to improve support to help the country realize a paradigm shift in its efforts to achieve low-emission and climate-resilient development

Provisional Agenda

Informal Ministerial Dialogue on GCF and GEF Coordinated Engagement

18:30 – 20:00, 26 June 2018 (Tuesday)

Ballroom 1B, Ariyana Convention Center

Da Nang, Viet Nam

Time	Agenda Item
18:30-18:45	Opening Remarks The heads of the GEF and GCF will welcome the participants, highlight the partnership between the two funds to date, and present the coordinated engagement concept. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naoko Ishii, CEO and Chairperson, GEF • Howard Bamsey, Executive Director, GCF
18:45-19:45 45 minutes	Dialogue with Countries Ministers and heads of delegations are invited to explore the following questions and share their views: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is needed at the country level to move towards coordinated national engagements? • What opportunities and challenges do you see to enhance linkages and synergies for the GEF and GCF projects? • Is your country interested in piloting the coordinated engagement concept?
15 minutes	Questions and Answers
19:45-20:00	Way Forward The GEF and GCF heads will summarize the discussion and explain the way forward for the coordinated national engagement pilot.
20:00	Adjournment