



Ministry of Environment

Male', Republic of Maldives.

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GCF Country Coordination Group

Required qualifications and experience of renowned expert

- A minimum of a Master's degree or higher degree in a relevant subject
- Demonstrable and nationally recognized expertise in climate change
- Minimum five years practical experience in the Maldives on climate change adaptation or mitigation, disaster risk reduction, livelihoods or related, in particular with vulnerable populations and in a rural and urban context
- Strong understanding of climate change, risk and vulnerability, and resilience
- Experience in the area of climate change research and analysis
- Must be a Maldivian citizen

CCG Composition

The initial composition of the CCG includes ten members as follows:

- Chair: GCF NDA (Ministry of Environment)
- 1 senior officer from the President's Office
- 1 senior officer from the Ministry of Environment, Energy sector
- 1 senior officer from the Ministry of Environment, Environment sector
- 1 senior officer from the Ministry of Finance
- 1 senior officer from the Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resources, and Agriculture
- 1 senior officer from the Ministry of Tourism
- 1 senior officer from the Ministry of National Planning and Infrastructure
- 1 senior officer from the Ministry of Economic Development
- 1 member from each Maldivian DAE
- 1 renowned expert on climate change
- Observers and experts without decision making rights, invited on a case by case basis by the NDA



Representatives of Ministries are appointed by the respective Minister and other members by heads of their organization. The Minister of Environment, supported by the NDA, initiates such nomination and appointment by referring to the terms of reference for the CCG (see below), thereby stressing that certain profiles of knowledge, expertise and procedure is required for a well-functioning CCG. The Minister of Environment shall nominate the renowned expert on climate change, based on the recommendation of the Head of the Climate Change Department of the Ministry of Environment.

Other coordinative processes required under the UNFCCC shall be harmonized with the CCG structure to the extent possible.

The CCG can be enhanced in the future with one representative each from every Direct Access Entity that will get accredited with the GCF. In addition, if the need arises and based on initial experience and lessons learned with the CCG, the NDA can decide to enhance the CCG with one or several GCF stakeholders, e.g., from the private sector and non-governmental organizations dealing with climate change. If such a decision is taken, such members will be selected through the Country Stakeholder Convention.

CCG members are appointed for a duration of 3 years with a maximum service time of two terms, appointed, recalled or replaced by the respective Minister or by executives of respective organizations included in the CCG. Appointment, recalling and replacement will always be done in writing to the CCG Chair (NDA).

Terms of Reference of CCG members

In-between CCG meetings and on a case by case basis (as needed):

- Upon invitation by the NDA Secretariat and within the time frame indicated (usually 10 workdays), complete No-Objection Assessment forms and/or participation in NOP related meetings.
- Upon invitation of the NDA Secretariat and within the time frame indicated (usually 10 workdays), complete DAE nomination forms.

During CCG meetings:

- Discuss progress in NDA work and latest GCF developments relevant for NDA/CCG (such as: modified GCF policies and procedures, latest GCF capitalization and project pipelines, relevant additions to the list of accredited entities, etc.).
- Discuss relevant domestic strategic issues, including in particular Country Programming (and prioritization of projects to be included in Country Programmes), considering GCF Secretariat guidance, relevant Country Stakeholder Convention recommendations and relevant Entity Programming.
- Discuss and decide on controversial cases of no-objection and DAE nomination (e.g., in case of negative decisions challenged by applicants).
- Discuss developments and alignment with other climate finance mechanisms active in the Maldives.



- Discuss and support relevant Monitoring and & Evaluation processes initiated by the NDA and/or GCF Secretariat.

CCG recommendations will serve to facilitate final decision-making by the NDA including as regards implementation of the no-objection procedure and finalization of Country Programmes.

In the area of controversial cases of no-objection and DAE nomination, the CCG will, however, have decision making power. CCG decisions in this area will be deemed valid if more than half of the CCG members are present in a session and no less than half of CCG members present in a meeting vote for a decision. Experts invited by the NDA do not have a voting right. In instances where one CCG member represents an institution that is subject to a decision, the respective CCG member will be allowed to participate in CCG discussions on the issue but not to vote on that issue. Exemption from decision making (voting) will also apply for cases involving apparent conflicts of interest (for example: if a no-objection for a project submitted by a Direct Access Entity that has a membership in the CCG is discussed, the member of that Direct Access Entity will not be allowed in decision making and voting for that no-objection).

The CCG are invited by the NDA and will meet at least once every calendar year, with additional meetings taking place if necessary, e.g. in the case of controversial no-objection cases which require fast decision making, or any other issue deemed relevant by the NDA. Meetings are invited with a minimum two weeks' advance notice and invitation by email, followed by a phone call for confirmation.

The NDA Secretariat is responsible for preparing minutes of each CCG meeting. Meeting minutes shall be prepared both in Dhivehi and the English language and published on the NDA website.

The NDA can arrange for training provided to CCG members, especially in the early period of operation and especially on issues relevant to the CCG mandate, such as GCF project cycle/development, No-Objection Procedure, other relevant GCF operational policies, etc. Such training will be coordinated through the NDA Secretariat and provided by capable experts and can be financed by GCF readiness assistance provided by the GCF or development partners.