

Global Green Growth Institute

Program Sub-Committee of the Council

Chair's Recommendation

14 November 2013

Recommendation from the Chair on the process for graduation of projects

In light of the discussions held at the third meeting of the Program Sub-Committee (PSC) in Jakarta on 14 September 2013, the PSC would like to recommend a process to streamline the graduation of projects from the scoping to delivery phase as follows:

The Secretariat will report to the PSC, starting from its December meeting, a list of projects in the pipeline to graduate from the scoping to delivery phase in the upcoming 6 months.

The Secretariat will confirm in its report that graduation will only happen once the scoping phase is finalized and a checklist is completed.¹ This checklist will include the following items:

- Project review meeting held successfully and recommendation for proceeding issued by the Deputy Director-General for Green Growth Planning & Implementation (GGP&I).
- Government counterpart identified and directly involved in the development of the project proposal.
- Appropriate MOU with government finalized.
- Full COP documents completed, including project proposal, work plan, budget, log frame, and key performance indicators (KPI).
- GGGI internal safeguards check and risk assessment carried out.

The PSC will assess the list received and send a recommendation to the Facilitative Sub-Committee for the graduation of projects not included in the yearly budget, as per Financial Regulation 3.3.

The Facilitative Sub-Committee will assess and approve the list of projects not included in the budget that are allowed to graduate over the upcoming 6 months, as per Financial Regulation 3.4.7b.

At the following PSC meeting (likely to be in June), the Secretariat will report back to the PSC on the list of projects that have graduated over the previous 6 months, together with the new batch of projects likely to graduate over the upcoming 6 months. The PSC will again send its recommendation to the Facilitative Sub-Committee on both projects that have graduated and those in the pipeline to graduate, if not included in the yearly budget, in accordance with Financial Regulation 3.3.

¹ The Secretariat will present to the PSC a proposed checklist for scoping completion during the fourth meeting of the PSC, scheduled for 4 December 2013.

The Facilitative Sub-Committee will again assess the list and approve the list of projects that have graduated and those in the pipeline to graduate over the following 6 months, if not included in the budget, as per Financial Regulation 3.4.7b.

This process, in short, will allow for greater visibility of the pipeline of projects graduating from scoping to delivery. It will streamline decision-making into only two meetings a year, in December and June, avoiding ad hoc approvals several times a year, as it is currently the case. The existence of a strong work program and a tighter graduation process, including a detailed checklist, will limit risk of ex-ante approval. It will ensure the effective use of the Program Sub-Committee and retain control over the approval of the graduation of projects not included in the budget by the Facilitative Sub-Committee, as per current Financial Regulations.