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**Global Green Growth Institute**

The Assembly  
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**Note on Election of Members to Serve on the Council  
for the Period January 1, 2018-December 31, 2019**

**Purpose**

1. This note is intended to provide Members with information in advance of the Sixth Session of the Assembly to elect two (2) Contributing Members to serve on the Council for the period January 1, 2018-December 31, 2019.
2. The note outlines (a) the formal requirements regarding the composition of the Council provided in the Agreement on the Establishment of the GGGI (“Establishment Agreement”) and Rules of Procedure of the Assembly; (b) the Council terms ending on December 31, 2017; and (c) the Institute’s actions to explore Member’s interests to serve on the Council.

**Composition of the Council**

3. Article 8(2) of the Establishment Agreement states that “The Council shall consist of no more than seventeen members, as follows:
  - a. five contributing members elected by the Assembly;
  - b. five participating members elected by the Assembly;
  - c. five experts or non-state actors who can contribute substantially to the objectives of the GGGI, appointed by the Council;
  - d. the host country, which shall have a permanent seat on the Council; and
  - e. the Director-General without a voting right.”
4. Article 3(a) of the Establishment Agreement defines a Contributing Members as, A Member of the GGGI that has provided a multi-year financial contribution of core funding of no less than 15 million USD over three years or 10 million USD over the first two years. The level and nature of contribution required to qualify as a Contributing Member shall be kept under review by the Assembly, and may be adjusted by the Assembly by consensus to support the growth of the GGGI over time.
5. Article 7(5)(a) of the Establishment Agreement states that Assembly shall elect “Members to the Council, in accordance with Article 8.2, and considering the principle of rotation.”

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6. Rule 49(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly [A/4/DC/2] states that “The term of office of each Member of the Council shall begin on January 1 of the coming calendar year after such Member’s election to the Council and shall end on December 31 of the second year of the term of appointment.”
7. Rule 49(c) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly states that “Contributing and Participating Members of the Council shall be eligible in principle to serve up to two (2) consecutive terms.”

**Council Terms Ending on December 31, 2017**

8. On December 31, 2017, the terms of two (2) Contributing Members will end, namely:
  - a. Denmark (Contributing Member) and
  - b. Norway (Contributing Member).
9. Norway had indicated that it is willing and able to serve an additional term for the period January 1, 2018-December 31, 2019.
10. Both Members have already served three (3) consecutive terms on the Council (Table 1).

**Exploration of Member’s Interest to Serve on the Council**

11. The Institute convened informal discussions to explore interests in serving on the Council for the period January 1, 2018-December 31, 2019.
12. The Institute notes that all five (5) Contributing Members (Australia, Denmark, Indonesia, Norway and UAE), as well as two (2) Participating Members (Costa Rica and Ethiopia), are currently serving their third consecutive terms.
13. The Institute notes that, during this relatively early developmental phase of the Institute, it is mathematically impossible to avoid having at least one (1) Contributing Member serve three (3) consecutive terms when rotating seven (7) Members to fill five (5) seats and conditions warrant such that Members may be invited to serve beyond the two (2) consecutive terms,
14. The Institute would like to encourage greater participation from all Members and, to the extent possible, greater adherence to the principle of rotation, particularly among Participating Members where there is a larger number of Members to rotate.
15. In addition, the Institute would like to inform that the election of Members to serve on the Council was given due attention to the following criteria,
  - a. Geographic balance – to ensure the composition of the Council reflects GGGI’s membership base, and given the Council’s role in membership expansion activities. Table 2 provides information on the composition of the Assembly by geographic distribution.

- b. Country income-level balance – to ensure the alignment of the composition of the Council with GGGI’s commitment in its Strategic Plan to balance operations in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Middle Income Countries (MICs). Table 3 provides information on the composition of the Assembly by country income level.

**Table 1. Members' terms on the Council**

Excluding Expert and Non-State Actor Members of the Council and the Director-General

Member Country	Accession Date	Membership Status	2012 - 2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Australia	Oct 17, 2014	Contributing	Contributing		Contributing		Contributing	
Cambodia	Feb 22, 2013	Participating						
Costa Rica	Sep 18, 2014	Participating	Participating		Participating		Participating	
Denmark	Aug 16, 2012	Contributing	Cont.	Contributing		Contributing		
Ethiopia	Jul 5, 2013	Participating	Participating		Participating		Participating	
Fiji	Mar 26, 2014	Participating						
Guyana	Sep 4, 2012	Participating						
Hungary	Jan 14, 2016	Participating						
Indonesia	Sep 26, 2014	Contributing <sup>(1)</sup>	Participating		Participating		Contributing	
Jordan	Apr 10, 2014	Participating					Participating	
Kiribati	Sep 18, 2012	Participating	Part.	Participating				
Mexico	Oct 20, 2014	Participating	Part.					
Mongolia	Jun 20, 2014	Participating						
Norway	Aug 26, 2013	Contributing	Cont.	Contributing		Contributing		
Papua New Guinea	Mar 11, 2013	Participating		Participating				
Paraguay	Jun 20, 2014	Participating <sup>(2)</sup>						
Philippines	Oct 9, 2012	Participating						
Qatar	Feb 22, 2013	Contributing	Contributing		Contributing			
Rwanda	Jun 9, 2013	Participating					Participating	
Senegal	Nov 9, 2014	Participating					Participating	
Thailand	Jan 29, 2016	Participating						
United Arab Emirates	Jul 5, 2013	Contributing	Contributing		Contributing		Contributing	
United Kingdom	May 23, 2013	Contributing						
Vanuatu	Nov 7, 2014	Participating						
Vietnam	Dec 12, 2012	Participating						
(Republic of) Korea	Nov 29, 2012	Host country	Permanent seat					

Notes:

(1) Indonesia became a Contributing Member as of end of 2016; and

(2) Denotes signatory to the Agreement on the Establishment of GGGI, but not formal ratification.

**Table 2. Composition of the Assembly by Geographic Region**

Asia Pacific	Latin Amer./Caribbean	Africa/Middle East	Europe
Australia	Costa Rica	Ethiopia	Denmark
Cambodia	Guyana	Jordan	Hungary
Fiji	Mexico	Rwanda	Norway
Indonesia	Paraguay	Senegal	United Kingdom
Kiribati		Qatar	
Rep. of Korea		United Arab Emirates	
Mongolia			
Papua New Guinea			
Philippines			
Thailand			
Vanuatu			
Vietnam			

**Table 3. Composition of the Assembly by Country Income Level**

Least Developed and Low Income	Lower Middle Income	Upper Middle Income	High Income
Cambodia	Guyana	Costa Rica	Australia
Ethiopia	Indonesia	Fiji	Denmark
Kiribati	Papua New Guinea	Jordan	Hungary
Rwanda	Paraguay	Mexico	Rep. of Korea
Senegal	Philippines	Mongolia	Norway
Vanuatu	Vietnam	Thailand	Qatar
			United Arab Emirates
			United Kingdom

Definitions based on “DAC List of ODA Recipients Effective for reporting on 2014, 2015 and 2016 flows”  
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