



Global Green Growth Institute

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Decision on Criteria for Country Programming

The Council,

Recalling Article 2 of the Agreement on the Establishment of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), that GGGI shall promote sustainable development of developing and emerging countries, and Article 4 on the activities of GGGI;

Further recalling Article 8(5)(a) of the Agreement on the Establishment of GGGI that the functions of the Council, under the Guidance of the Assembly, shall be to approve criteria for country programming, that shall be consistent with the objectives of the GGGI and be based, inter alia, on objective criteria;

Recalling that GGGI is a member-based organization and Article 5 of the Agreement on the Establishment of GGGI, that membership of the GGGI is open to any member state of the United Nations or regional integration organization that subscribes to the objectives of GGGI;

Considering Strategy 2030 - A Low-Carbon, Resilient World of Strong, Inclusive, and Sustainable Growth - that GGGI shall focus programming in Member Countries, having demonstrated political commitment to green growth and based on the resource availability;

Recalling Article 15 of the Agreement on the Establishment of GGGI, that GGGI may seek privileges and immunities in Members as may be necessary and appropriate for the proper functioning of GGGI;

Considering the recommendation of the Management and Program Sub-Committee (MPSC) on Membership, Accession, and Country Programming [MPSC/2019/20]

Decides,

1. to adopt the Criteria for Country Programming as contained in Annex 1 of this decision;
2. to phase out core funding and GGGI Country Office presence in countries that are not a Member and that have not concluded an agreement on privileges and immunities by December 31, 2020; and
3. to periodically review the criteria for country programming, in parallel with its biennial budget process.

Requests,

4. the Institute to articulate a clear value proposition for Member countries as part of the implementation of Strategy 2030, and no later than December 31, 2020; and
5. Members to expedite conclusion of agreement on privileges and immunities to support the operations of GGGI.

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Criteria for Country Programming

GGGI supports its Members to transition to a model of green growth – that delivers economic growth that is both environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive – through a mix of global programming, country programming, and knowledge sharing. Country programs are tailored entirely to the specific circumstances, demand and capacity of each country.

While GGGI hopes to deliver country programmatic interventions in support of Member's transformational economic development, membership does not guarantee country programming. It must balance both the potential to transformational change with its available resources. Moreover, GGGI recognizes that it should periodically assess its value addition, possibility phasing out country operations.

Three broad criteria will guide the decision for GGGI country programming,

1. **Strong political commitment, engagement, and contribution to GGGI:** GGGI shall focus country programs in countries that have concluded their ratification or approval of the Agreement on the Establishment of GGGI; have in place an effective agreement on privileges and immunities, providing a legal basis for GGGI and its officials to operate in country; and formally requested GGGI support in their economic transformation, including through the establishment of a Country Planning Framework.
2. **Potential for the transformation of counties to a green economic model:** Recognizing the urgency of action on climate change, GGGI's country programming shall focus on countries with greater green growth potential as defined by GGGI's strategic outcomes of, (a) GHG emission reductions; (b) creation of green jobs; (c) increased access to sustainable services; (d) improved air quality; (e) adequate supply of ecosystem services; and (f) enhance adaptation to climate change.
3. **Adequate financial resource to support expansion and deliver impact:** GGGI shall focus country programming in those countries that secured multi-year earmarked funding commitments, from either the host country entities or other resource partners. GGGI shall seek multi-year earmarked funding from host country entities in the case of UMICs and HICs; GGGI will not use core contributions to finance operations in UMICs and HICs. GGGI shall seek multi-year earmarked funding from other resource partners – including members of the OECD Development Assistance Committee, emerging providers of development assistance (i.e. countries beyond the OECD DAC), as well as private sector (including foundations).

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