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Membership, Accession, and Country Programming

PURPOSE AND ACTION REQUIRED

Members of the Assembly and the Council are invited to:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Take note of the updates on GGGI’s Membership, Accession and Country Programming
<input type="checkbox"/> Endorse

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide feedback on GGGI’s Membership, Accession and Country Programming
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CONTEXT/BACKGROUND

This document presents an update to the Assembly and the Council on GGGI’s membership and the pipeline of countries in accession to the Agreement on the Establishment of GGGI (“Establishment Agreement”). It also informs discussion on the implementation of the Council’s Decision on Criteria for Country Programming [[C/2019/DC/9](#)]. This Decision adopted a set of criteria to guide GGGI’s country programming, namely: (a) Strong political commitment, engagement, and contribution to GGGI; (b) Potential for the transformation of counties to a green economic model; and (c) Adequate financial resource to support expansion and deliver impact.

SUMMARY

GGGI has 39 Members as of August 2021, with an additional 23 UN Member States and Regional Integration Organizations in the process of accession. Since the last update to the Council in 2020, GGGI has welcomed one new Member - Colombia (April 2021).

GGGI has concluded privileges and immunities agreements with 21 Members as of August 2021, compared with six in October 2016. The latest agreements have been concluded with Philippines (June 2020), Qatar (August 2020), Uzbekistan (May 2021), and Cote d’Ivoire (July 2021), and agreements are now effective in 19 Member countries. GGGI is advancing discussions on privileges and immunities in 4 Members where it currently has a country program (Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, and Sri Lanka) and 11 Members where GGGI has operations, in addition to those partners in the process of accession.

Since the adoption of the Criteria for Country Programming [[C/2019/DC/9](#)], GGGI has phased out country programs in China (completed), Mozambique and Morocco (operating a project office), and Thailand (exploring funding to reengage). In Myanmar, operations were temporarily suspended due to

political instability, and GGGI is assessing country programming in India and Nepal where government engagement is strong and the outlook on membership is positive.

Membership, Accession, and Country Programming

Membership and Accession at a Glance

1. **39 countries/Regional Integration Organizations have ratified the Establishment Agreement as of August 30, 2021.** Since the last session of the Assembly and Council on October 28, 2020, Colombia completed its accession (April 2021). The full list of GGGI Members can be found at [LINK](#)¹.
2. There is interest in GGGI membership from a growing number of UN Member States stemming from GGGI's support in the transformation of economies toward sustainable and climate-resilient development pathways, tailored to the specific local circumstances and needs, while aligned to the Paris Agreement and Agenda 2030. **23 UN Member States and Regional Integration Organizations have submitted a letter of intent to the Director-General**, formally communicating to GGGI that they have commenced their accession process. Since the last session of the Assembly and Council, GGGI has received letters of intent from Nicaragua (March 2021), Guatemala (April 2021), and the Dominican Republic (April 2021). The list of countries and regional integration organizations that have submitted a letter of intent to GGGI can be found at [LINK](#). **Nicaragua is scheduled to deposit the instrument of accession with the Director-General on September 16, 2021**, and Nicaragua will officially become the 40th Member of GGGI 30 days after said deposit.
3. GGGI's membership is expected to surpass 40 Members during the Work Program and Budget 2021-2022. Kuwait, Morocco, and Nepal have made significant progress in the accession process. In Kuwait, the Cabinet approved accession and the agenda now is waiting for approval by the Parliament. In Morocco, the accession file has been approved by both chambers of the Parliament and is before the King for signature. In Nepal, membership has been approved by the Cabinet and the decision has moved to the Parliament for approval.

Sustainable Expansion of Programming

4. Strategy 2030 recognizes that while GGGI's key asset is its embedded country operations, it may not be possible to meet the expectations of all new Members to have a fully -established country program. Moreover, Strategy 2030 introduces global and regional programs to serve as way for GGGI to respond to the needs of Members and Partners without a country program. Global and regional programs deliver project-specific interventions for Members and Partners. A regional program has already been established in the Pacific for several years, with a new program operating in the Eastern Caribbean since 2020.

¹ The Establishment Agreement states membership to GGGI is open to UN Member States and Regional Integration Organizations that are committed to the GGGI's mission. Accession is not contingent on GGGI inviting a UN Member State or Regional Integration Organization to become a Member, nor can GGGI block a State or Organization becoming a Member. The outline for the framework for Membership and Accession provided by the Agreement on the Establishment of GGGI can be found at [LINK](#).

5. In 2021, GGGI is forecast to have operations in 40 countries, of which 23 are country programs (Table 1). A program has multiple projects managed from within the same country, guided by a Country Planning Framework (CPF), Country Business Plan (CPB), and managed by a country representative. A project country - with one or two projects - is delivered under a global/regional program and managed from a neighboring country program, a regional office, or headquarters.
6. The establishment of program operations are guided by the Criteria on Country Programming [C/2019/DC/9]. Under this decision, the Council adopted three broad criteria: (a) Strong political commitment, engagement, and contribution to GGGI; (b) Potential for the transformation of counties to a green economic model; and (c) Adequate financial resource to support expansion and deliver impact. In particular, the first criterion focuses country programming on membership, an effective agreement on privileges and immunities, and the establishment of a CPF.

Table 1. Program and Project Operations in Members and Partners

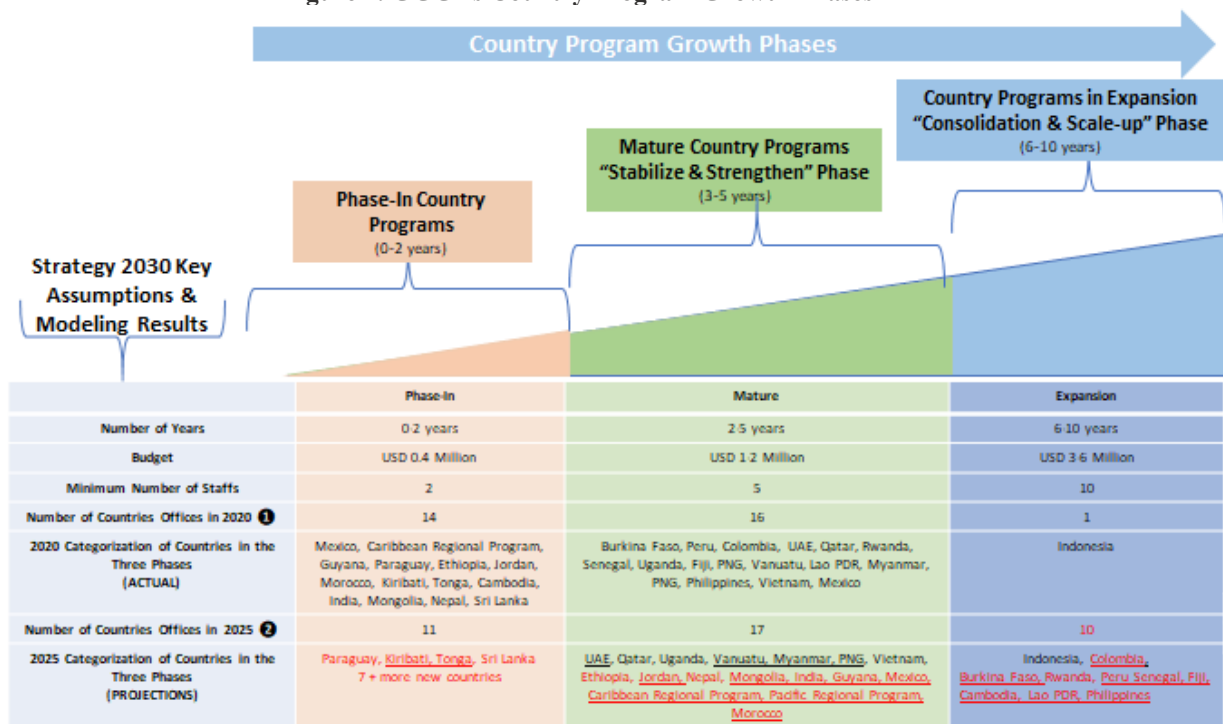
Portfolio	Countries	GGGI Member	Agreement on Privileges and Immunities	Operations (2021)	Core allocation 2021-22, minus scenario, MUSD
Africa	Angola	Yes	Signed & effective	Project	0.1
	Burkina Faso	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	-
	Comoros	Accession	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	-	-
	Cote d'Ivoire	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	-
	Ethiopia	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	-
	Ghana	Accession	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	-	-
	Madagascar	Accession	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	-	-
	Morocco	Accession	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	Project	-
	Mozambique	Accession	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	Project	-
	Rwanda	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	0.44
	Senegal	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	0.52
	Sudan	Accession	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	-	-
	Togo	Accession	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	Project	-
	Uganda	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	-
Zambia	Accession	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	-	-	
Asia	Cambodia	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	0.70
	India	Accession	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	Program	-
	Indonesia	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	-
	Kazakhstan	Accession	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	-	-
	Kyrgyz Republic	Yes	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	To commence in 2021 (project)	0.10
	Lao PDR	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	0.70
	Mongolia	Yes	Text agreed, not yet signed	Program	0.70
	Myanmar	Accession	Text under negotiation	Operations Suspended	0.43

	Nepal	Accession	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	Program	0.30
	Pakistan	Accession	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	-	-
	Philippines	Yes	Signed but not yet effective	Program	0.60
	Sri Lanka	Yes	Text agreed, not yet signed	Program	-
	Thailand	Yes	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	Project	0.20
	Turkmenistan	Accession	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	-	-
	Uzbekistan	Yes	Signed & effective	Program (from mid-2021)	0.14
	Viet Nam	Yes	Text under negotiation	Program	0.70
Latin America and the Caribbean	Chile	Accession	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	-	-
	Colombia	Yes	Signed, not yet effective	Program	0.44
	Costa Rica	Yes	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	-	0.10
	Dominican Republic	Accession	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	-	-
	Eastern Caribbean (OECs)	Yes	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	Program	0.56
	- Antigua and Barbuda				
	- Dominica				
	- Grenada				
	- St Lucia				
	Ecuador	Yes	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	-	0.10
	Guyana	Yes	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	Program	0.12
	Guatemala	Accession	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	-	-
	Mexico	Yes	Text agreed, not yet signed	Program	0.32
	Nicaragua	Accession	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	-	-
Paraguay	Yes	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	Project	0.10	
Peru	Yes	Text agreed, not yet signed	Program	0.46	
Europe and Middle East	Bahrain	No	Model shared	Project	-
	Hungary	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	0.14
	Jordan	Yes	Text under negotiation	Program	0.18
	Qatar	Yes	Signed and effective	-	-
	Tunisia	Accession	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	-	-
	United Arab Emirates	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	-
Pacific	Fiji	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	0.18
	Kiribati	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	0.02
	Marshall Islands	No	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	(Project closing in 2021)	-

Papua New Guinea	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	0.14
Samoa	Accession	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	-	-
Solomon Islands	No	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	Project	-
Tonga	Yes	Signed and effective	Program	0.02
Tuvalu	No	Model shared, yet to commence negotiations	Project	-
Vanuatu	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	0.02

7. Project operations may be seen as part of the “phase in” to country programming in new Members. The Strategy 2030 Roadmap 2021-2025 further outlines the evolution of operations (Figure 2), across three specific phases:
 - a. **Phase-in:** takes approximately 18 to 24 months, with a CPF in place and operationalized within 6 to 12 months;
 - b. **Maturation, Stabilize and Strengthen:** takes between 3 and 5 years, when the program is expected to complete the first CPF and demonstrate results; and
 - c. **Expansion/Consolidation and Scale-up:** from the fifth year of operation with the commencement of the second CPF.

Figure 2. GGGI’s Country Program Growth Phases



8. Project operations may also reflect a phasing out. The Decision on Country Programming notes GGGI will “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”. To implement this decision, GGGI’s Management will prepare a recommended phase out plan accordingly. This follows that GGGI shall focus in-country programming in Members that have in place an effective agreement on privileges and immunities, providing a legal basis for GGGI and its officials to operate in country,

together with secured multi-year earmarked funding—either self-financed by the Member or a development partner.

9. As part of this transition to the implementation of the Criteria on Country Programming, since 2019, GGGI has undertaken a concerted effort to draw attention of partner governments to the status of Membership and privileges and immunities for in-country programming and to request that the matter be given appropriate attention. This effort has involved the President and Chair, the Director -General and Management Team, Regional Directors and Country Representatives.
10. GGGI has concluded privileges and immunities agreements with 21 Members as of August 2021, compared with 6 in October 2016. Latest agreements have been concluded with the Philippines (June 2020), Qatar (August 2020), Uzbekistan (May 2021), and Cote d'Ivoire (July 2021), and agreements now effective in 19 Members. GGGI is advancing discussions on privileges and immunities in 15 Members where it currently has operations, in addition to those partners in the process of accession.
11. Moreover, in Q4 2019, GGGI used the new Criteria on Country Programming to review the ongoing operations and decided to phase out country programs in China, Mozambique, and Thailand. In China, GGGI has concluded operations for the time being. In Mozambique, GGGI's country program has been converted into a project office. In the process, the Government has re-articulated its intent to become a Member which is being taken forward with the Ministry of Land, Environment and Rural Development and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In Thailand, GGGI is maintaining dialogue with the Government and exploring options for funding to restart operations.
12. As part of the WPB 2021-22 process, action has been taken to implement the Criteria on Country Programming to a second group of countries, namely India, Morocco, Myanmar, and Nepal. In India, discussions with the Government on membership are continuing, core has been brought down to zero under the minus scenario, but operations continue under a USAID-funded project (Narmada Landscape Restoration Project, USD 3.5 million, 2020-2024) and targeted Danish programmatic earmarked support. In Morocco, GGGI is engaging with the Government to support the final steps in the accession process, but also has downsized the program to a project office. In Myanmar, GGGI has suspended operations. In Nepal, GGGI continues to engage with the Government as it finalizes accession.
13. GGGI will continue to explore opportunities to support Members and partners in their green transition, through time-bound project-level interventions under regional and global programs, until such time that membership has been completed, an effective agreement on privileges and immunities have been put in place, and adequate multi-year earmarked resources have been secured.

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