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Update on 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"/> Provide feedback
<input type="checkbox"/> Endorse	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)

CONTEXT/BACKGROUND

This document presents an update 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 three broad criteria to guide GGGI 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 47 Member States and Regional Integration Organizations (RIO) as of September 2023, with an additional 24 UN Member States and RIO in the process of accession. Since the last update to the Council in October 2022, GGGI has welcomed Kazakhstan and Zambia as new Member States.

GGGI now has concluded privileges and immunities agreements with 27 Member States as of September 2023, compared with 24 in September 2022. The latest agreements have been signed (but not yet effective) with Sri Lanka (February 2023), Peru (April 2023), and Kyrgyz Republic (April 2023). GGGI is expected to conclude an agreement with Kenya, and it is working to advance discussions on privileges and immunities with El Salvador, Ecuador, Jordan, and Mongolia.

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Membership and Accession at a Glance

1. The Agreement on the Establishment of the Global Green Growth Institute indicates that GGGI membership is open to all Member States of the United Nations and Regional Integration Organizations that are committed to GGGI's mission. Accession is not contingent on GGGI inviting a UN Member State or Regional Integration Organization to become a Member State of GGGI, nor can GGGI block a state or organization from becoming a Member State.
2. 47 Member States and Member Regional Integration Organization have ratified the Establishment Agreement as of September 2023. Since the last joint session of the Assembly and the Council in October 2022, Kazakhstan, Zambia, and El Salvador completed their accession. The full list of GGGI Member States can be found in **Annex 1**.
3. Furthermore, 24 UN Member States and Regional Integration Organizations have formally expressed their intent to become a Member State of GGGI, communicating to GGGI that they have commenced their accession process. So far in 2023 GGGI received letters of intent from Kenya, Honduras, and Tanzania. The list of countries and Regional Integration Organizations that are in their accession process can be found in **Annex 2**.
4. GGGI was informed that accession has made significant progress in Togo, where the Parliament adopted the law for the country to accede to GGGI's Establishment Agreement. Some internal progresses have also been reported in Ghana, Kenya and Samoa.

Country Programming

5. As of September 2023, GGGI has operations in 46 countries consisting of 36 program and 10 project countries. A program country has multiple projects generally led by a Country Representative. A project country is a country where GGGI has one active project and staff, led by a Team Lead under the responsibility of a Regional Director or Country Representative in a neighboring country.

Table 1. List of Program and Project Operations in Member and Partner States

Portfolio	Countries	Member State	Agreement on Privileges and Immunities	Country Operations	Operation start year	Country Office
Africa	Angola	Yes	Signed & effective	-	2020	No
	Benin	Accession	Model shared	-	2022	No
	Burkina Faso	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	2018	Yes
	Comoros	Accession	Model shared	-	-	No
	Cote d'Ivoire	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	2020	Yes
	Ethiopia	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	2012	Yes
	Ghana	Accession	Model shared	-	-	No
	Kenya	Accession	Under negotiation	-	-	No
	Madagascar	Accession	Model shared	-	-	No
	Malawi	Accession	Model shared	-	-	No
	Morocco	Accession	Model shared	Program	2015	Yes
	Mozambique	Accession	Model shared	-	2018	No
	Rwanda	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	2015	Yes
	Senegal	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	2016	Yes
	Sudan	Accession	Model shared	-	-	No
Tanzania	Accession	Model shared	-	-	No	

General Distribution

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	Togo	Accession	Model shared	Program	2020	Yes	
	Tunisia	Accession	Model shared	-	-	No	
	Uganda	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	2016	Yes	
	Zambia	Yes	Model shared	Project	2021	No	
Asia	Cambodia	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	2015	Yes	
	India	Accession	Model shared	Program	2013	Yes	
	Indonesia	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	2012	Yes	
	Kazakhstan	Yes	Model shared	Project	2023	No	
	Kyrgyz Republic	Yes	Signed, not yet effective	Project	2021	No	
	Lao PDR	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	2017	Yes	
	Mongolia	Yes	Text agreed, not signed	Program	2013	Yes	
	Myanmar	Accession	Text under negotiation	-	paused	No	
	Nepal	Yes	Text under negotiation	Program	2015	Yes	
	Pakistan	Yes	Model shared	-	2023	No	
	Philippines	Yes	Signed, not yet effective	Program	2012	Yes	
	Sri Lanka	Yes	Signed, not yet effective	Program	2019	Yes	
	Tajikistan	Accession	Model shared	-	-	No	
	Thailand	Yes	Text under negotiation	Program	2016	Yes	
	Turkmenistan	Yes	Model shared	-	-	No	
	Uzbekistan	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	2021	Yes	
	Viet Nam	Yes	Text under negotiation	Program	2015	Yes	
	Europe	Hungary	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	2017	Yes
		Luxembourg	Accession	Signed & effective	-	2023	Yes
North Macedonia		Accession	Model shared	-	-	No	
Latin America and the Caribbean	Belize	Accession	Model Shared	-	-	No	
	Chile	Accession	Model shared	-	-	No	
	Colombia	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	2014	Yes	
	Costa Rica	Yes	Signed, not yet effective	Project	2017	No	
	Dominican Republic	Accession	Model shared	Program	2022	Yes	
	Eastern Caribbean (OECs)	Yes	Model shared	Program	2019	Yes	
	Ecuador	Yes	Model shared	Program	2022	Yes	
	El Salvador	Yes	Model shared	Program	2023	Yes	
	Guyana	Yes	Model shared	Program	2019	Yes	
	Guatemala	Accession	Model shared	Project	2023	Yes	
	Honduras	Accession	Model shared	Project	2023	Yes	
	Mexico	Yes	Signed, not yet effective	Program	2013	Yes	
	Nicaragua	Yes	Model shared	Project	2023	Yes	
	Paraguay	Yes	Model shared	Project	2021	Yes	
	Peru	Yes	Signed, not yet effective	Program	2013	Yes	
Middle East	Bahrain	Yes	Model shared	-	2020	No	
	Jordan	Yes	Text under negotiation	Program	2014	Yes	
	Kuwait	Accession	Model shared	-	-	No	
	Qatar	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	2019	Yes	
	UAE	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	2012	Yes	
Pacific	Fiji	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	2015	Yes	
	Kiribati	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	2017	Yes	
	Papua New Guinea	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	2018	Yes	
	Samoa	Accession	Model shared	Project	2023	Yes	
	Solomon Islands	No	Model shared	Project	2023	No	

	Tonga	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	2018	Yes
	Vanuatu	Yes	Signed & effective	Program	2015	Yes

6. The establishment of new operations is guided by the Criteria on Country Programming [[C/2019/DC/9](#)], under which the Council adopted three broad criteria:
 - a. Strong political commitment, engagement, and contribution to GGGI;
 - b. Potential for the transformation of countries to a green growth model; and
 - c. Adequate financial resource to support expansion and deliver impact.

Criterion (a) focuses on membership to GGGI, an effective agreement on privileges and immunities, and establishment of a Country Planning Framework (CPF).
7. Project countries may be seen as part of the “phase in” to country programming in new member countries. GGGI’s Strategy 2030 Roadmap 2021-2025 further outlines the evolution of operations (Figure 1), 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.
8. Project countries 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.” GGGI will focus in-country programming in Member States that have in place an effective agreement on privileges and immunities, providing a legal basis for GGGI and its staff to operate in country, together with secured multi-year earmarked funding—either self-financed by the Member State 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 continues to prioritize putting in place Host Country Agreements (also known as Agreements on Immunities and Privileges) in all countries where it has staff. While it is recognized that such agreements tend to take a long time to negotiate, sign, pass through parliament and become effective in almost every country, in some Member States this process has still not been concluded, many years after operations started (while in others an HCA was agreed together with membership, at the outset). GGGI now has concluded privileges and immunities agreements with 27 Member States as of September 2023, compared with 24 in September 2022. The latest agreements have been signed (but are not yet effective) with Sri Lanka (February 2023), Peru (April 2023), and Kyrgyz Republic (April 2023). GGGI is expected to conclude an agreement with Kenya, and it is working to advance discussions on privileges and immunities with El Salvador, Ecuador, Jordan, Mongolia.
11. In a number of countries, GGGI as an organization and GGGI’s international staff continue to experience both professional and personal challenges as a result of the absence of a signed and effective Host Country Agreement. In some countries obtaining visas and work permits is difficult, or even impossible for international staff, affecting GGGI operations and both business and personal travel. Without an HCA in place GGGI is also in most cases unable to open a bank account and manage

finances locally. While some GGGI country offices have operated for many years in country without an agreement in place (e.g., Mongolia and Jordan since 2013 and 2014, respectively), others started operations fairly recently (e.g., Ecuador and El Salvador in 2022 and 2023, respectively) and will require time to conclude an agreement. Table 1 provides the status of HCA in countries GGGI is operating. GGGI Management urges all Member States that host (or aim to host) GGGI staff to maximize their efforts to complete the HCA process soonest.

12. Since the last report to the Council on country programming in October 2022, GGGI has opened or re-opened project operations in the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Kyrgyz Republic, and Zambia. Furthermore, the project operation in Mozambique has been closed, with its last project that ended in March 2023. There are three country programs in non-Member States—India, Morocco, and Togo—where GGGI is making progress to implement the Criteria on Country Programming [[C/2019/DC/9](#)]. In Togo, there has been progress in its membership to GGGI with the Parliament recently adopting a law allowing the country to become a Member State. For Morocco, GGGI is engaging with the government to support the final steps in its accession process, but at the same time preparing to downsize the program to a project office. Operations in India are mainly funded by project and program earmarked funding with minimal core allocation.
13. GGGI will continue to explore opportunities to support its Member States 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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Annex:

1. List of GGGI Member States and Regional Integration Organizations
2. List of Countries and Regional Integration Organizations in the accession process

Annex 1. List of GGGI Member States and Regional Integration Organizations

	Member State/RIO	Membership Start Date
1	Angola	November 23, 2019
2	Australia	November 16, 2014
3	Bahrain	March 18, 2022
4	Burkina Faso	April 14, 2019
5	Cambodia	March 24, 2013
6	Costa Rica	October 18, 2014
7	Colombia	April 14, 2021
8	Cote d'Ivoire	September 24, 2020
9	Denmark	October 18, 2012
10	Ecuador	November 23, 2019
11	El Salvador	September 28, 2023
12	Ethiopia	August 4, 2013
13	Fiji	April 25, 2014
14	Guyana	October 18, 2012
15	Hungary	February 13, 2016
16	Indonesia	October 26, 2014
17	Jordan	May 10, 2014
18	Kazakhstan	December 16, 2022
19	Kiribati	October 18, 2012
20	Korea, Republic of	December 29, 2012
21	Kyrgyz Republic	May 15, 2020
22	Lao PDR	October 7, 2017
23	Mexico	November 19, 2014
24	Mongolia	July 20, 2014
25	Nepal	October 23, 2022
26	Nicaragua	October 16, 2021
27	Norway	September 25, 2013
28	OECS	November 21, 2019
29	Pakistan	November 11, 2021
30	Papua New Guinea	April 10, 2013
31	Paraguay	September 13, 2018
32	Peru	October 19, 2016
33	Philippines	November 8, 2012
34	Qatar	March 24, 2013
35	Rwanda	September 11, 2016
36	Senegal	December 9, 2014
37	Sri Lanka	January 13, 2019
38	Thailand	February 28, 2016
39	Tonga	December 17, 2018
40	Turkmenistan	March 6, 2022
41	Uganda	August 28, 2019
42	United Arab Emirates	May 29, 2013
43	United Kingdom	June 27, 2013
44	Uzbekistan	March 9, 2019
45	Vanuatu	December 7, 2014
46	Viet Nam	January 11, 2013
47	Zambia	July 23, 2023

Annex 2. List of Countries and Regional Integration Organizations that have formally expressed intent to join GGGI as a Member

1. Belize	2. Benin	3. Chile
4. Comoros	5. Dominican Republic	6. European Union
7. Ghana	8. Guatemala	9. Honduras
10. Kenya	11. Kuwait	12. Luxembourg
13. Madagascar	14. Malawi	15. Morocco
16. Mozambique	17. Myanmar	18. North Macedonia
19. Samoa	20. Sudan	21. Tajikistan
22. Tanzania	23. Togo	24. Tunisia