



Global Green Growth Institute

The Assembly

October 26, 2023

Decision on Re-defining Contributing Member and Issues Related to Core Contributions

The Assembly;

Recalling Articles 7 and 8 of the Agreement on the Establishment of the Global Green Growth Institute, regarding the Assembly and the Council of GGGI;

Recalling the functions of the Assembly and the Council as outlined in Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly [[A/4/DC/2](#)] and Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council [[C/8/DC/2](#)];

Further recalling Article 3(a) of the Establishment Agreement that “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”;

Taking note of the discussions and the recommendation of the Members of the Management and Program Sub-Committee of the Council (MPSC) during the 16th Meeting on April 27, 2023 [[MPSC/2023/12](#)], and 17th Meeting on June 29, 2023 [[MPSC/2023/23](#)];

Decides to:

1. Define “core-equivalent funding” as the sum of core funding, plus 75 percent of USD 1 of program earmarked funding, plus 50 percent of USD 1 of project earmarked funding, as reported in the annual audited financial statements of GGGI, starting January 1, 2024;
2. Re-define “Contributing Member” of GGGI as a Member State that has contributed at least USD 10 million in core-equivalent funding to GGGI in the last five years, as recorded in the five most recent GGGI financial reports, starting January 1, 2025;
3. Define “Contributing Donor” of GGGI as a non-Member partner that has contributed at least USD 10 million in core-equivalent funding to GGGI in the last five years, as recorded in the five most recent GGGI financial reports, starting January 1, 2025;
4. Establish a Donor Consultation Group comprised of Contributing Members, Contributing Donors, and the Director-General (ex-officio);
5. End the preferential overhead rate charged to Core Donors of 7 percent, so that all donors will pay an equal, and fully cost-recovering overhead rate;
6. Reduce the overhead rate charged to earmarked projects for all new projects proposed after January 1, 2024, to 13 % (down from 15%);
7. Agree that GGGI overhead expenditures will henceforth be limited to (or capped at) the recovered overhead from earmarked projects and programs plus a USD 5 million share of the ROK Contribution that are considered a contribution to GGGI Headquarters functions, that Council will set and approve these capped overhead expenditures in the GGGI Work Program

- and Budget for the first time in the WPB 2025-2026, and that all other core contributions will be allocated to programmatic functions;
8. Agree to review the overhead rate charged to earmarked projects and the composition of overhead expenditure every 2 years, after the adoption of this decision, and make adjustments, through the WPB process;
 9. Agree that GGGI Headquarters functions are defined as the cost of the office, i.e., rent, utilities, maintenance, renovations, furnishings and associated, plus the staff and operational costs of the two non-programmatic divisions located within Headquarters: the Office of the Director-General and the Operations Enabling Division; and
 10. Agree that GGGI programmatic functions are defined as the staff and operational costs of the two programmatic divisions: the Green Growth Planning and Implementation (GGPI) and the Investment and Policy Solutions Division (IPSD), both of which are located primarily in the GGGI country offices.

Approves the Terms of Reference for the Donor Consultation Group, as attached as an Annex to this decision.

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Annex

Terms of Reference for the Donor Consultation Group**1. Functions**

- 1.1 The Donor Consultation Group (DCG) will serve as a channel for all key GGGI donors—both Contributing Members and Contributing Donors—to receive news and developments regarding GGGI activities and to share its views in the deliberations of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) Council:
- a. programmatic activities, including
 - i. review of the formulation of the Institute’s strategy, and its results, monitoring and evaluation framework, in accordance with Article 8.5.b.;
 - ii. receive reports on the progress of additions to GGGI’s portfolio of projects and scoping, in accordance with Regulation 3.3. of the Financial Regulations;
 - iii. report to the Council on the draft budget estimates for the Work Program and Budget (WPB) and provide its recommendations, in accordance with Regulation 3.4 of the Financial Regulations;
 - iv. receive drafts of supplementary WPB prior to submission to the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3.7 of the Financial Regulations;
 - v. receive reports on the incurrence by the Institute of obligations against future financial periods before appropriations are approved by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 5.1 of the Financial Regulations;
 - vi. receive reports on the reallocation of expenditures between different program budgets, in accordance with Regulation 5.6 of the Financial Regulations;
 - b. partnerships and global outreach, including
 - i. support the Institute on membership expansion, including engagement with Least Developed Countries and Contributing Members, in line with the objectives articulated in the Strategic Plan 2015-2020 [C/6/DC/2] and Partnership and Outreach Strategy;
 - ii. support the Institute in establishing cooperative partnerships with non-state actors, including international, intergovernmental, and non-governmental organizations, as well as the private sector, noting the guidance of the Assembly on such matters;
 - iii. support the Institute in overseeing resource mobilization activities and financial sustainability of GGGI.
- 1.2 The Chair of the DCG will be given an opportunity to address the Council to share the recommendations of the DCG with Council Members as a standing agenda item of every Council meeting.

2. Composition and Tenure

- 2.1 The DCG shall consist of Member States that are defined as Contributing Members, non-Member States that are defined as Contributing Donors according to the Assembly decision _____ adopted during the Assembly and Council Joint Session on October 26, 2023, and the Director General (ex-officio).

Chair

- 2.2 The DCG shall be chaired by a Contributing Member currently serving on the Council of GGGI, taking into account Rule 16(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Council.
- 2.3 The members of the DCG shall elect one (1) Contributing Member as Chair of DCG to serve as Chairs of the DCG for a term of two (2) years. The results of the election shall be communicated to members of the DCG. The Chair of the DCG shall remain in that role until a successor is appointed.
- 2.4 The Chair shall preside over meetings of the DCG. If the Chair is unable to be present at a meeting, the Chair shall designate a present member of the DCG to preside.

3. Meetings

- 3.1 The DCG shall meet formally at least once every year.
- 3.2 The quorum of a DCG meeting shall be a simple majority of the members.
- 3.3 The DCG may hold informal consultations, as often as deemed necessary by the Chair or by the Director-General, via videoconference, via teleconference, and via other web-based solutions.
- 3.4 The DCG shall seek consensus in deciding on any conclusions and recommendations. If consensus cannot be reached, the dissenting views shall be conveyed to the Council.
- 3.5 Other members of the Council and Assembly that are not members of the DCG may attend meetings as observers upon invitation by the Chair of DCG.

4. Administrative Arrangements

- 4.1 The Director-General, or an official of the Secretariat appointed by the Director-General, shall serve as the secretary to the DCG and shall be responsible for:
 - a. Notifying members of the dates for meetings of the DCG;
 - b. Making logistical arrangements for DCG meetings; and
 - c. Distributing the documents in relation to the meetings of the DCG.
- 4.2 The Secretariat shall inform the members of the DCG and Council of the dates of meetings of the DCG at least ten (10) working days in advance.
- 4.3 The Secretariat shall distribute summaries of the DCG discussions and conclusions for record as soon as they are adopted but no later than fifteen (15) working days.
- 4.4 Any final documents and decisions received, reviewed and adopted by the DCG shall be made public by the Secretariat upon request by the Chair of DCG and posted on the GGGI website within thirty (30) working days, whereas deliberative processes and recordings of meetings of the DCG held in closed session shall not be disclosed to the public, pursuant to paragraph 8(h) and 9(f) of the GGGI Disclosure Policy.

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