

Membership and Accession



Since the establishment of GGGI as an inter-governmental organization in 2012, its membership has grown to 48 Members as of Nov 5, 2023. A further 23 countries and regional integration organizations have formally expressed interest to join and commenced their accession to the Establishment Agreement.

1. Membership

Membership to the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) is open to any UN member state or regional integration organization that subscribes to the objectives of GGGI, namely, promoting sustainable development of developing and emerging countries, including the least developed countries, by:

- Supporting and diffusing a new paradigm of economic growth: green growth, which is a balanced advance of economic growth and environmental sustainability;
- Targeting key aspects of economic performance and resilience, poverty reduction, job creation, social inclusion, and environmental sustainability; and
- Creating and improving the economic, environmental and social conditions of countries through partnerships between developed and developing countries and the public and private sectors.

Members of GGGI benefit from:

- Technical assistance delivered through a mix of global, regional and country-specific programming, guided, funded through voluntary core and program/project earmarked contributions from partners; and
- Access to knowledge sharing and good practice. All Member States have access to the knowledge to scale up green growth solutions and can be involved in knowledge exchange to identify good practices and approaches that may be applied in different country contexts.

2. Process of Accession

Membership to GGGI requires a Member State of the United Nations or a regional integration organization to complete the formalities required for the GGGI Establishment Agreement to have the force of law of a treaty. The Member State of the United Nations or regional integration organization will become a Member State of GGGI on the thirtieth day after the deposit of its **Instrument of Accession** to the Director-General of GGGI.

Recognizing that ratification, acceptance or approval of the GGGI Establishment Agreement takes time, Member States of the United Nations or regional integration organizations are encouraged to submit a **Letter of Intent** to become a Member State of GGGI to the Director-General.

Initial discussion between Government and GGGI regarding interest in Membership

Head of State, Head of Govt, or Foreign Minister submits letter of intent to GGGI Director-General

Govt ratifies, accepts, or approves the Establishment Agreement in accordance with its domestic process

Head of State, Head of Govt or Foreign Minister deposits Instrument of Accession to GGGI Director-General

Country becomes a GGGI Member State on 30th day following DG's receipt of the original Instrument of Accession

In parallel with accession, GGGI seeks privileges and immunities for the proper functioning in Member countries, as provided for under the Establishment Agreement. The **Agreement on Privileges and Immunities** provides a framework to facilitate GGGI's presence, operations and activities in the country. The agreements confer on GGGI, and its personnel privileges, immunities and exemptions customarily afforded to international organizations to enable it to function efficiently in the country as an international organization.

3. Obligations of Membership

- All Member States of GGGI serve on the Assembly, the supreme organ of GGGI that meets once a year. Member States may stand for election and serve on the Council.
- Membership does not require any obligatory financial contributions. However, Member States are encouraged to support GGGI and ensure its financial stability through voluntary contributions, in-kind contributions, active engagement in activities, and/or other appropriate means.

4. GGGI Member States (48 as of Nov 5, 2023)

Member State/ RIO	Membership Start Date	Member State/ RIO	Membership Start Date	Member State/ RIO	Membership Start Date
Angola	Nov 23, 2019	Jordan	May 10, 2014	Philippines	Nov 8, 2012
Australia	Nov 16, 2014	Kazakhstan	Dec 16, 2022	Qatar	Mar 24, 2013
Bahrain	Mar 18, 2022	Kiribati	Oct 18, 2012	Rwanda	Sep 11, 2016
Burkina Faso	Apr 14, 2019	Korea	Dec 29, 2012	Senegal	Dec 9, 2014
Cambodia	Mar 24, 2013	Kyrgyz Republic	May 15, 2020	Sri Lanka	Jan 13, 2019
Costa Rica	Oct 18, 2014	Lao PDR	Oct 7, 2017	Thailand	Feb 28, 2016
Colombia	Apr 14, 2021	Mexico	Nov 19, 2014	Togo	Nov 4, 2023
Cote d'Ivoire	Sep 24, 2020	Mongolia	Jul 20, 2014	Tonga	Dec 17, 2018
Denmark	Oct 18, 2012	Nepal	Oct 23, 2022	Turkmenistan	Mar 6, 2022
Ecuador	Nov 23, 2019	Nicaragua	Oct 16, 2021	Uganda	Aug 28, 2019
El Salvador	Sep 28, 2023	Norway	Sep 25, 2013	UAE	Jun 27, 2013
Ethiopia	Aug 4, 2013	OECS	Nov 21, 2019	UK	Jun 27, 2013
Fiji	Apr 25, 2014	Pakistan	Nov 11, 2021	Uzbekistan	Mar 9, 2019
Guyana	Oct 18, 2012	PNG	Apr 10, 2013	Vanuatu	Dec 7, 2014
Hungary	Feb 13, 2016	Paraguay	Sep 13, 2018	Viet Nam	Jan 11, 2013
Indonesia	Oct 26, 2014	Peru	Oct 19, 2016	Zambia	Jul 23, 2023

5. UN Member States and Regional Integration Organizations in Accession (23 as of Nov 5, 2023)

Belize, Benin, Chile, Comoros, Dominican Republic, European Union, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, North Macedonia, Samoa, Sudan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Tunisia

For further information on how to become a Member State of the Global Green Growth Institute, please contact the Governance Unit at governance@gggi.org.