



Global Green Growth Institute

The Council

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Decision on Host Country Agreements and 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;

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;

Further 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;

Further recalling the Council Decision on Criteria for Country Programming [[C/2019/DC/9](#)], of which the first criterion indicates that “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”;

Considering the recommendation of the Management and Program Sub-Committee at its 18th Meeting on April 25, 2024 [[MPSC/2024/13](#)] and 19th Meeting on June 27, 2024 [[MPSC/2024/25](#)];

Decides:

1. GGGI will no longer have program operations in countries in which it does not have an effective Host Country Agreement (HCA), with a two-year grace period to finalize the HCA process. Program operations in countries without effective HCAs will be downscaled to project operations by December 31, 2026, giving two years for countries to finalize their HCA processes.
2. GGGI cannot initiate program operations, i.e. would be limited to project operations, in countries where GGGI does not have an effective HCA.