



Republic of Rwanda

**RWANDA ENVIRONMENT  
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
(REMA)**



Kigali, 03/08/2021  
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All GCF AEs working with the Government of Rwanda

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Guidelines on application of No - Objection Letters to the GCF**

The 2020-2023 Strategic Plan of the GCF sets out an ambitious programming and operational vision for the next phase of GCF which among other priorities aims to significantly increase funding to countries channeled through Direct Access Entities (DAEs).

The GCF strategy is therefore an opportunity for Rwanda to enhance support, accelerate and scale up direct access to GCF climate financing of project and program through the Ministry of Environment (MoE), Rwanda's accredited entity.

The Rwanda NDA calls upon international and Regional Accredited Entities to strengthen Rwanda's efforts for strategic partnership in enhancing access to climate finance as an effective approach to support Rwanda's green and climate resilient growth agenda. This will require International and Regional Accredited Entities to: (i) orient their programming towards reliable support to NDC priority interventions, (ii) promote robust national stakeholder consultation guided by the NDA in a bid to ensure that projects and programs are aligned and consistent with national strategic ambitions of climate finance access at scale, and (iii) support the DAE in long term planning to increase access to climate finance at scale and scope commensurate with national sustainable growth aspirations including through capacity development and technical support to projects and programs preparation and implementation.

In this regard, the Rwanda NDA developed the attached guidelines which shall be followed by all GCF International and Regional Accredited Entities seeking for No-Objection Letters. Any concern related to these guidelines should be directed to [nda@rema.gov.rw](mailto:nda@rema.gov.rw).

Thank you for your continued collaboration.

Sincerely,



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**Cc:**

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## GUIDELINES FOR ISSUING A NO-OBJECTION LETTER FOR GREEN CLIMATE FUND SUPPORT IN RWANDA

The purpose of the no-objection procedure is to ensure consistency with national climate strategies and plans and country-driven approaches, and to provide for effective direct and indirect public and private sector financing by the Fund. A no-objection is a condition for approval of all funding proposals submitted to the Fund. Accredited entities should consider the Rwanda approval procedure in order to develop quality GCF project proposals.

➤ **Proposals submitted by Rwanda Direct Access Entities must meet the following selection criteria:**

1. The project/programme proposal should be aligned with the GGCRS, NDCs and other relevant climate change policies in place;
2. The project/programme proposal should be aligned with sector(s) strategic plan(s) of national priority investment areas;
3. The project/programme proposal should have undergone all necessary consultations including the discussion at NCT level and the decision to endorse the project /programme has to be agreed by majority members of the NCT including both central level or district level stakeholders that will directly implement the project or the programme;
4. The project/programme proposal should intend to achieve one or more of the GCF strategic impacts;
5. The project/programme proposal should comply with GCF investment criteria.

➤ **Proposals submitted by Regional or International Accredited Entities must meet the following selection criteria:**

1. The project/programme proposal should be aligned with the GGCRS, NDCs and other relevant climate change policies in place;
2. The project/programme proposal should be aligned with sector(s) strategic plan(s) of national priority investment areas;
3. The project/programme proposal should have undergone all necessary consultations including the discussion at NCT level and the decision to endorse the project /programme has to be agreed by majority members of the NCT including both central level or district level stakeholders that will directly implement the project or the programme;
4. The project/programme proposal should intend to achieve one or more of the GCF strategic impacts;

5. The project/programme proposal should comply with GCF investment criteria;
6. The project/programme proposal should intend to achieve the priorities in the country programme and strategic framework;
7. Rwanda has a Direct Access Accredited Entity (DAE) which can access up to USD 50 million, in order to empower the national DAE, the project/programmes proposed by IAE or Regional Accredited Entities must demonstrate access to resources well beyond what Rwanda DAE can access. The suggested minimum investment in Rwanda should be USD 60 million;
8. AE should have this project/programme in its Entity Work Programme and must be reflecting the priorities of the country programme and Rwanda's strategic framework;
9. EXCEPTION may be made on projects of small size and grant award if they are fulfilling the following:
  - The project/programme is providing subsidized loans, equity or guarantee that can readily be tapped by the private sector and the direct investments made in Rwanda should not be less than 60% of the total project cost;
  - The project/programme has unique expertise that cannot easily be found in Rwanda and demonstrate appropriate technology transfer to the country institutions within relevant sectors of intervention;
  - The programme has a component(s) that will be implemented by the national DAE.

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