

## Operational aspects regarding the activity of the National Designated Authority of the Republic of Moldova in relation to the Green Climate Fund and the Accredited Entities

### Introduction:

The Operational Manual describes the procedures governing the commitments of GCF National Designated Authority of Moldova in the context of country's engagement with Green Climate Fund. It will guide and provide support to Accredited Entities (EAs) and potential beneficiaries operating on Moldova's territory on the national level coordination process during the access of Fund's financial resources.

In accordance with decision B.04/04 of GCF Board, the NDA has to: (a) recommend to the Board funding proposals in the context of national climate change strategies and plans, including through consultation processes; (b) facilitate the communication of nominations of entities to the Fund; (c) seek to ensure consistency of funding proposals from national, subnational, regional and international intermediaries and implementing entities with national plans and strategies; (d) implement the no-objection procedure; and (e) act as the focal point for Fund communication. In the Republic of Moldova, GCF NDA is the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment (MARDE), the Secretary of State for the Environment being the official representative of the NDA.



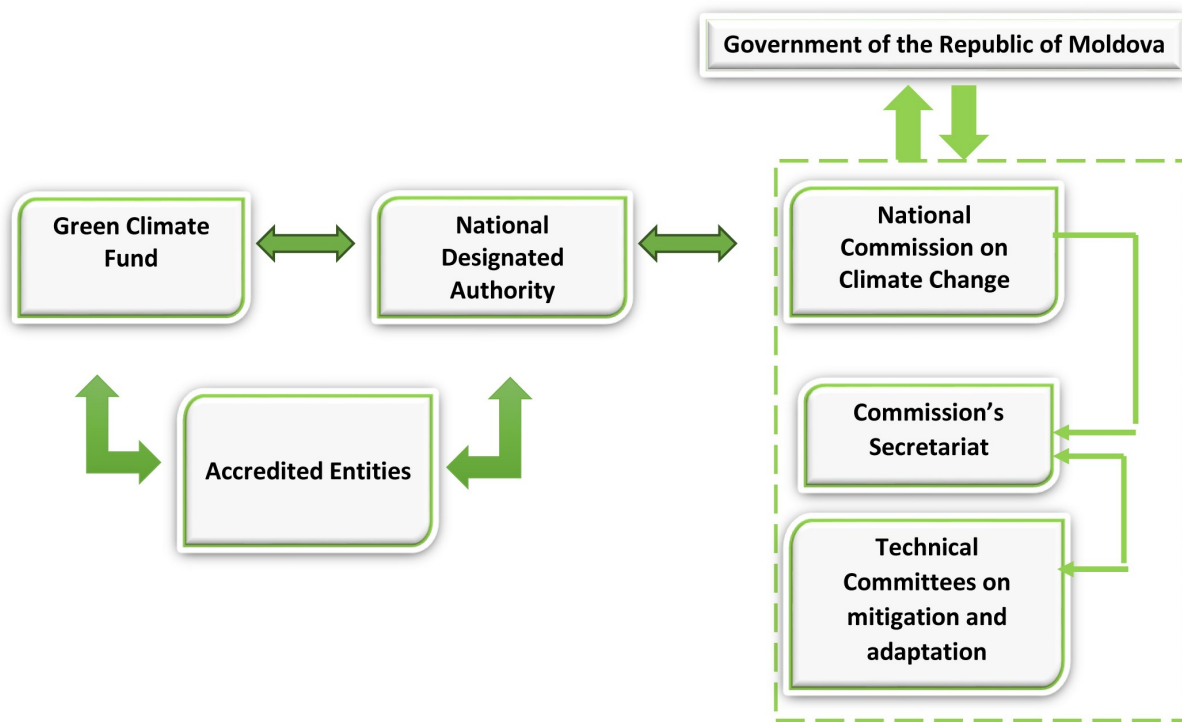
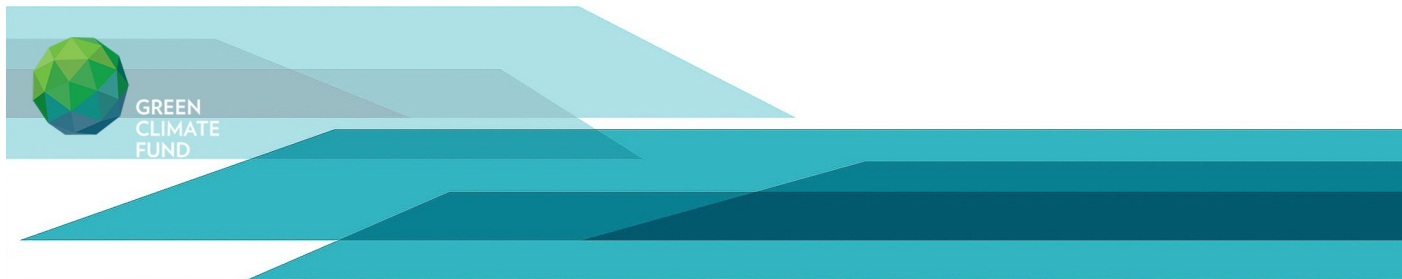
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### Content:

Meeting the needs of addressing future climate challenges in a systematic way, Climate Change Coordination Mechanism (CCCM) as a cross-sectoral multi-stakeholder mechanism to maintain a sustainable institutional arrangement for climate change in Moldova chaired by the National Commission on Climate Change (NCCC) with the mandate to coordinate mitigation and adaptation planning and action among all government entities, to monitor the progress on climate action, to facilitate the implementation of enabling activities for capacity development and to oversee the distribution of resources for adaptation and mitigation action was seen as most suitable institutional arrangement to be applied in the approval process of GCF concept notes and project proposals.

The NCCC is a permanent formalized body with highest representation of key stakeholders: sectoral ministries, NGOs, academia, research, private sectors, taking into consideration gender dimension through including representatives of women associations and considering gender equality in all supervising activities of NCCC. The NDA, as part of NCCC, will apply the CCCM in the approval process of GCF concept notes and project proposals, as it represents a collective decision-making process and is based on transparency in decision-making regarding funding from GCF; impartiality and equal opportunities for all applicants; ensuring a non-discriminatory gender policy; confidentiality; close collaboration with the private sector to provide the necessary support for obtaining funding from GCF. The two committees on mitigation on adaptation provide technical support to NDA in the evaluation of submitted concept notes and project proposals. The proposed institutional arrangement is seen as an adequate one to ensure maximum and lasting impact of GCF funded activities.

One of the most important role of the NDA in the cooperation with GCF, is to ensure the strategic ownership of the country, as the measure through which country, in consultation with relevant national stakeholders leads on its efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Therefore, Moldova's ownership will be reflected in the operational modality of NDA: convene stakeholders; nominate entities with direct access to GCF, review and evaluate project proposals; apply and communicate the non-objective procedure, monitor the implementation of GCF projects and evaluate their results.



*NDA structure and its relations with accredited entities*

According to the procedures described in the NDA Operational Manual, the NCCC, approves or rejects the proposals submitted by AE, through its collective decisions. It also provides support to NDA during the issuance of endorsement letter and communication of no-objection for the concept notes and project proposals submitted by the AEs. While submission of the concept note at this moment is not a mandatory step in the GCF submission process, it secures NDA interest and commitment before submitting the proposal. The no-objection letter is a mandatory document accompanying GCF project proposals.

The interaction of the NDA with AEs involves actions and procedures that are developed to establish effective and continuous communication in the access the Fund's financial resources. The Operational Manual describes eight steps to be followed by a programme/project from the proposal call launch to the implementation phase: 1) initiating programme/project proposals; 2) evaluation of submitted concept notes; 3) approval of the concept notes; 4) development of the project proposals; 5) evaluation of project proposals; 6) approval of project proposals; 7) submission of the project proposal to GCF and the decision taken; 8) monitoring and evaluation of programmes/projects implementation.

The Operational Manual provides details of each step, with special focus on non-objection procedure, designed to ensure consistency of the project proposal with climate change investment priority.

#### Conclusion:

The development of Operational Manual aims to strengthen NDA leadership, along with country's ownership in accessing GCF resources.

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