



**TERMS OF
REFERENCE FOR
ADVISORY
GROUP(S) AND
AUXILIARY BODY
FOR GBFF
COUNCIL**

1st GBFF Council
GEF/GBFF.01/06
February 8 – 9, 2024

COUNCIL DECISION ON ADVISORY GROUP(S) & AUXILIARY BODY and WAY FORWARD

Advisory Group(s)



Paragraph 45: The GBF Fund Council may establish an advisory group or advisory groups, which may include without limitation **non-sovereign participants**, taking into account further considerations such as the potential for conflicts of interest and equity concerns, for the purpose of providing advice and recommendations to the GBF Fund Council.

Auxiliary Body



Paragraph 46: The GBF Fund Council will establish an auxiliary body, which will include representatives of GBF Fund Participants which are developing countries with areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, for the purpose of providing advice and recommendations to the GBF Fund Council, while recognizing that the GBF Fund Council remains the decision-making body. The auxiliary body will be comprised of experts nominated by national governments. The GBF Fund Council will agree on the terms of reference of the body including membership and geographical representation.

ESTABLISHING ADVISORY GROUP(S)



- GBF Fund Council may establish an Advisory Group or Groups to provide advice and recommendations to Council



- Council to **decide on the need to establish** an Advisory Group



- Each group to have a **TOR** with specific **focus of work** of relevance to GBF Fund, its **composition, modalities of work, and timeline**



- Council may request the **Secretariat to develop a TOR** for approval



- Council may **request specific tasks** to be conducted by any Advisory Group



- Any **changes** to the TOR to be decided by **Council**



- **Council remains the decision-making** body

ADVISORY GROUP FOR **NON-SOVEREIGN** CONTRIBUTORS

TOR 1/2



PURPOSE

- Provide **advice and recommendations** to GBFF Council
- On **engagement of non-sovereign contributors** in support of implementation of GBFF objectives and Programming Directions
- **No members** will be responsible for GBFF **project execution**; Institutions and individuals with other GEF roles not eligible



COMPOSITION

- **Non-sovereign contributors**, including philanthropies, private sector, others
- All **contributors may join voluntarily** as members
- Council may decide to include **non-contributors with relevant expertise and insights** to inform Advisory Group deliberations and Council



ESTABLISHMENT

- **Council to decide** on Advisory Group establishment
- Group to become effective with **confirmation of 3 non-sovereign contribution agreements**, by the trustee
- Council **may assess composition and mandate** of the group and decide on **modification**

ADVISORY GROUP FOR **NON-SOVEREIGN** CONTRIBUTORS

TOR 1/2



ORGANIZATION

- **1 Chair** elected among members
- **2-year Chair term** from group establishment, with due consideration to gender, regional, sector balance
 - July 2024 to June 2026
 - July 2026 to June 2028
 - July 2028 to December 2030
- Members participate **without remuneration**



MODALITIES

- **Chatham House** to allow candid dialogue
- **Chair to present to Council** advice and recommendations of Group
- **May consult** with institutions within GEF partnership to consider inputs, and invite additional specialists and experts to **stimulate discussion**



SCHEDULE

- Operate until **December 31, 2030**, unless Council decides otherwise
- **Meet twice a year** prior to Council to discuss relevant Council agenda items and to **respond to specific Council request**
- Meeting may also be called with **1-month written notice**
- May be **virtual**



PURPOSE

- Provide **advice and recommendations** to GBFF Council
- Concerning implementation of the Programming Directions of GBFF
- Body of **experts**
- **No members** will represent an entity responsible for project execution



COMPOSITION

- **Each GEF constituency** that includes developing countries invited to **nominate maximum 2 experts**, from interested countries
- **Countries declare** to have areas of particular importance for BD and ecosystem functions
- Expert should have **relevant BD and ecosystem management experiences** as recognized by nominating governments



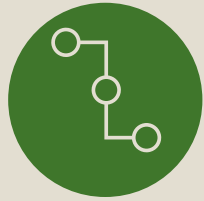
ESTABLISHMENT

- **Council member**, after consultation with interested developing countries in the constituency, **to communicate nominated experts** and reasons
- Council **may assess composition and mandate** of the group and decide on **modification**
- **Individuals with other roles**, such as Agency staff or consultant, observer, member or alternates of Council, other bodies and committees **not eligible**



ORGANIZATION

- **2 Co-Chairs** elected among members, with consideration to gender, regional, sector balance
- Members and Co-Chairs to serve **one term**, with each term as:
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