



Technical webinar - Supporting Direct Access to Climate Finance: **Prioritizing Direct Access Entities in the Republic of Azerbaijan**

BACKGROUND

In 2019, the **Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources¹ (MENR)** as the National Designated Authority² (NDA) to the **GFC**, and the **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** joined efforts to carry out a 2nd Readiness and Preparatory Support project for Azerbaijan, titled "**Strengthening country capacities for NDC implementation in the Agriculture and LULUCF Sectors**" and supporting the identification of potential Direct Access Entities from different sectors relevant for the implementation of the Country Work Programme in Azerbaijan". The readiness consists of two main components:

- ✓ **Country Programming Process:** focus on providing technology solutions to facilitate the implementation of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in the Agriculture & LULUCF Sectors.
- ✓ **Direct Access To Climate Finance:** aims at supporting the NDA in identifying the most suited potential Direct Access Entity (DAE), public or private, to engage into the GCF accreditation process.

On December 2019, FAO and MENR carry out the 1st Accreditation Workshop with national stakeholders to raise awareness regarding access modalities and the accreditation requirements and standards; as well as to start identifying and approaching potential DAE. To further support direct access process in Azerbaijan, FAO-MENR designed a methodology to identify, assess and prioritize the most suited national institution (public or private) to pursue the GCF accreditation process. Within the projects' framework, the methodology, the prioritization procedure and specific steps that all interested candidates shall follow to be consider by NDA as a potential DAE, will be socialized through a Technical Webinar (2nd workshop).

¹ For additional information regarding GCF work in Azerbaijan:

<https://www.greenclimate.fund/countries/azerbaijan>

² NDA serve as the main point of contact between the country and the GCF

DESCRIPTION

This webinar is organized by FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (FAO-REU) and the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, within the framework of the Readiness and Preparatory Support approved by the Green Climate Fund (GCF), project GCP/AZE/O12/GCR. This webinar aims to provide a holistic and comprehensive view of the GCF accreditation requirements and eligibility criteria; and understand how Azerbaijan's NDA will be prioritizing potential Direct Access Entities (DAE) wishing to engage with the GCF to manage and/or implement project and programs using Fund's resources.

The main objective of the seminar is to provide information of the concrete steps that public and private entities shall follow if interested in getting accredited by the GCF. Additionally, it will give participants the opportunity to understand and get familiarized with the methodology and "Application Forms" that would be used in Azerbaijan to prioritize potential national accredited entities.

The technical webinar will offer participants the platform to strengthen their knowledge regarding the GCF accreditation process, steps to follow if interested in becoming a national accredited entity, as well as how to complete the Application Forms to participate in the accreditation prioritization process of Azerbaijan. At the end of the seminar the floor will be open for questions from the audience/participant and to further discuss more concrete matters regarding the prioritization process in Azerbaijan. Representatives from FAO- Liaison Office in Azerbaijan as well as international consultant will be available to answer the participants inquire.

OBJECTIVE OF THIS SESSION



Explain the methodology and the main steps national entities should followed to be consider as candidate entities to initiate GCF accreditation.



Present the tools designed to prioritize potential DAE "Application Forms".



Strengthening capacity building of potential DAEs regarding the GCF accreditation process.

PARTICIPANTS

The webinar is open to national, public and/or private entities from all relevant sectors, that have interest in becoming accredited by the GCF; not limited to institutions related to the Agriculture and LULUCF sector.

SPEAKERS

The technical webinar will be delivered by **Ms Eva Rivera** – International Accreditation Specialist with additional technical support provided by **Ms Carmen Arguello** – GCF Advisor for FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia.

The webinar will be moderated by **Mr Bariz Mehdiyev**, Natural Resources Programme Leader for FAO- Liaison Office in Azerbaijan.

HOW TO ATTEND

The webinar is free and open to everyone, provided you have the link to the platform. To join the webinar session on ZOOM, kindly register in the following link

<https://fao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJloc-CrrD0pHdYR3JkaoEbi2Zrv6N-mtbEq>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

TIME

11:00 AM Baku Time

(1 hour webinar + 10-15 minutes of Q&A)

TOPICS COVERED

- ✓ Overview of the GCF accreditation process
- ✓ Why should your entity apply for GCF accreditation?
- ✓ Does your entity comply with the main eligibility criteria?
- ✓ How can national public and private entities become accredited in Azerbaijan?
 - Methodology to identify, assess and prioritize potential DAEs
 - Procedure and timelines
 - Completing the Application Forms
- ✓ Next steps... reaching the GCF