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## Independent Redress Mechanism

Request for Reconsideration Eligibility Determination

IRM Case R-0002-Oman

SAP052 Building Oman's Climate Intelligence and Early Warning Ecosystem for Risk-Informed Planning and Inclusive Climate-Proof Investment

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## Eligibility Determination: Request for Reconsideration

The Terms of Reference (TOR)<sup>1</sup> and the Procedures and Guidelines (PGs)<sup>2</sup> of the Independent Redress Mechanism (IRM) provide the basis of the IRM's mandate in respect of requests for reconsideration. Once a request for reconsideration has been received and registered by the IRM, the PGs require the IRM to determine if the request for reconsideration meets the eligibility criteria set out in paragraphs 8-12 of the PGs of the IRM. It is to be noted that this determination is procedural, and that it does not represent a judgement on the merits or the substance of the request.

### SUMMARY OF ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION

For reasons substantiated in greater detail in this document, the IRM determines that this request for reconsideration is **eligible** under the IRM's TOR and PGs.

### BACKGROUND

On 29 January 2026, the IRM received a request for reconsideration from the National Designated Authority (NDA) of the Sultanate of Oman. The request for reconsideration pertains to Funding Proposal SAP052 "Building Oman's Climate Intelligence and Early Warning Ecosystem for Risk-Informed Planning and Inclusive Climate-Proof Investment."<sup>3</sup> The proposal was considered by the GCF Board at its 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting, held in Songdo, Incheon, Republic of Korea, from 27 to 30 October 2025. Following its deliberations, the Board did not approve the Funding Proposal.<sup>4</sup>

The decision of the Board was conveyed to the NDA on 1 December 2025. The Accredited Entity for the project was the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The IRM examined the eligibility of the request for reconsideration against the eligibility criteria set out in paragraphs 8-12 of the PGs of the IRM. The primary eligibility criteria and the IRM's findings in relation to these criteria are set out in the table below.

All eligibility requirements must be met in order for a request for reconsideration to be eligible for further consideration by the IRM.

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<sup>1</sup> Available at: <https://irm.greenclimate.fund/document/irm-tor>

<sup>2</sup> Available at: <https://irm.greenclimate.fund/document/2019-procedures-and-guidelines-irm>

<sup>3</sup> See GCF/B.43/02/Add.01: [GCF/B.43/02/Add.01 : Consideration of funding proposals – Addendum I Funding proposal package for SAP052 | Green Climate Fund](#)

<sup>4</sup> See GCF/B.43/21: [decisions-board-forty-third-meeting-board-27-30-october-2025-gcf-b43-21.pdf](#)

Criterion	Does the request meet the criterion?	Reason(s)
The request has been filed by a developing country.	Yes	<p>While the GCF does not define the term ‘developing country’ as such, a functional definition of ‘developing countries’ in the context of GCF financing is treated equivalently to recipient countries.<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Per Paragraph 35 of the Governing Instrument “<i>All developing country Parties to the Convention are eligible to receive resources from the fund</i>”<sup>6</sup> Decisions by the Board further affirm that “<i>developing countries will have access to readiness support.</i>”<sup>7</sup> GCF reporting to the Conference of Parties describes National Designated Authorities and focal points as “<i>the core interface between a developing country and GCF.</i>”<sup>8</sup></p> <p>The Sultanate of Oman has been the recipient of GCF financing. Further, as a recipient country, it has designated a national authority i.e. a National Designated Authority (NDA) or Focal Point. The request has been filed by the NDA of the Sultanate of Oman.</p> <p>Therefore, the IRM determines the criterion is met within the specific context of GCF financing.</p>
The developing country has been denied funding for a specific project or programme in that country by the Board.	Yes	<p>Per GCF Board Decision B.43/03, “<i>the approval of SAP052, submitted by the UNIDO, was put to a vote after a joint determination by the Co-Chairs that all efforts to reach consensus had been exhausted. The outcome of the vote was 18 votes in favour, 5 votes against, and no abstentions. Accordingly, the Board did not approve SAP052.</i>”</p> <p>The IRM concludes that the criterion is met.</p>
The denial of funding was for reasons other than lack of available resources.	Yes	<p>Deliberations of the Board, reviewed by the IRM and as recorded in the Report of the forty-third meeting of the Board<sup>9</sup> indicate several reasons cited for Board Members’ decision not to approve Funding Proposal SAP052. The reasons cited include the use of financing instrument (concessional grant financing) and suitability of the Accredited Entity.</p> <p>While references were made to the GCF’s limited grant funding, the IRM determines that this does not constitute a ‘lack of available resources.’ Given the above cited reasons, the IRM concludes that the criterion is met.</p>

<sup>5</sup> The IRM is not making a determination on whether Oman qualifies as a developing country for any purpose other than this eligibility criterion for a reconsideration request.

<sup>6</sup> See FCCC Decision 3/CP.17: <https://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2011/cop17/eng/09a01.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> See GCF B.08/11: [gcf-b08-45.pdf](#)

<sup>8</sup> See [Thirteenth report of the GCF to the COP to the UNFCCC final.pdf](#)

<sup>9</sup> See GCF/B.43/22: [report-forty-third-meeting-board-27-30-october-2025-gcf-b43-22.pdf](#)

Criterion	Does the request meet the criterion?	Reason(s)
The request identifies the particular circumstances of non-compliance by the Fund with a policy or procedure adopted by the Board of the Fund, including those adopted in responses to guidance from the Conference of the Parties in relation to matters of policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria.	Yes	<p>The requester is claiming non-compliance by the Fund with the following policies and/or procedures adopted by the Board of the Fund, including those adopted in response to guidance from the Conference of Parties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Board Decision GCF B.07/06 Investment Framework<sup>10</sup></li> </ul> <p>The requester additionally cites the Governing Instrument of the Green Climate Fund<sup>11</sup> which sets out its mandate and working methods.</p> <p>The alleged circumstances of non-compliance are further elaborated on the basis of (i) potential requirements pertaining to the use of financial instruments such as loans; and (ii) eligibility to receive GCF resources and specifically, grant financing.</p>
The request describes circumstances that non-compliance could have resulted in denial of the funding proposal by the GCF Board.	Yes	<p>At this stage, the IRM must assess whether the request includes a recognizable description of circumstances that non-compliance could have resulted in the denial, without assessing underlying merits of the description.</p> <p>The request details areas of potential non-compliance with the Investment Framework and the Governing Instrument of the Fund and provides information regarding the potential circumstances of non-compliance that could have resulted in the Board's decision to deny funding. Therefore, the IRM determines that the eligibility criterion, as described, has been met.</p>
The request confirms that the accredited entity which submitted the proposal is committed to implement the project or programme, if it were to be subsequently funded by the Board.	Yes	The requester has provided confirmation that Accredited Entity, is committed to implement the project, if it were subsequently funded by the Board.

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/investment-framework-irm>

<sup>11</sup> Decision 3/CP.17: <https://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2011/cop17/eng/09a01.pdf>

## **ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION**

For the reasons stated above, the IRM determines that this request for reconsideration is **eligible** under the IRM's TOR and PGs. The IRM will now engage with the requester to understand the issues in the request and to provide further information on the next steps available to process the request. For further information on the process that the IRM will follow, please refer to paragraph 18 of the PGs.

*[Signed]*

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