
*The Green Climate Fund
and Indigenous Peoples
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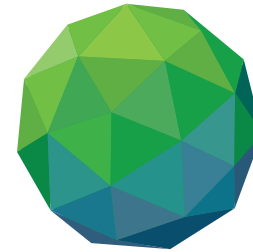
GCF actors and roles

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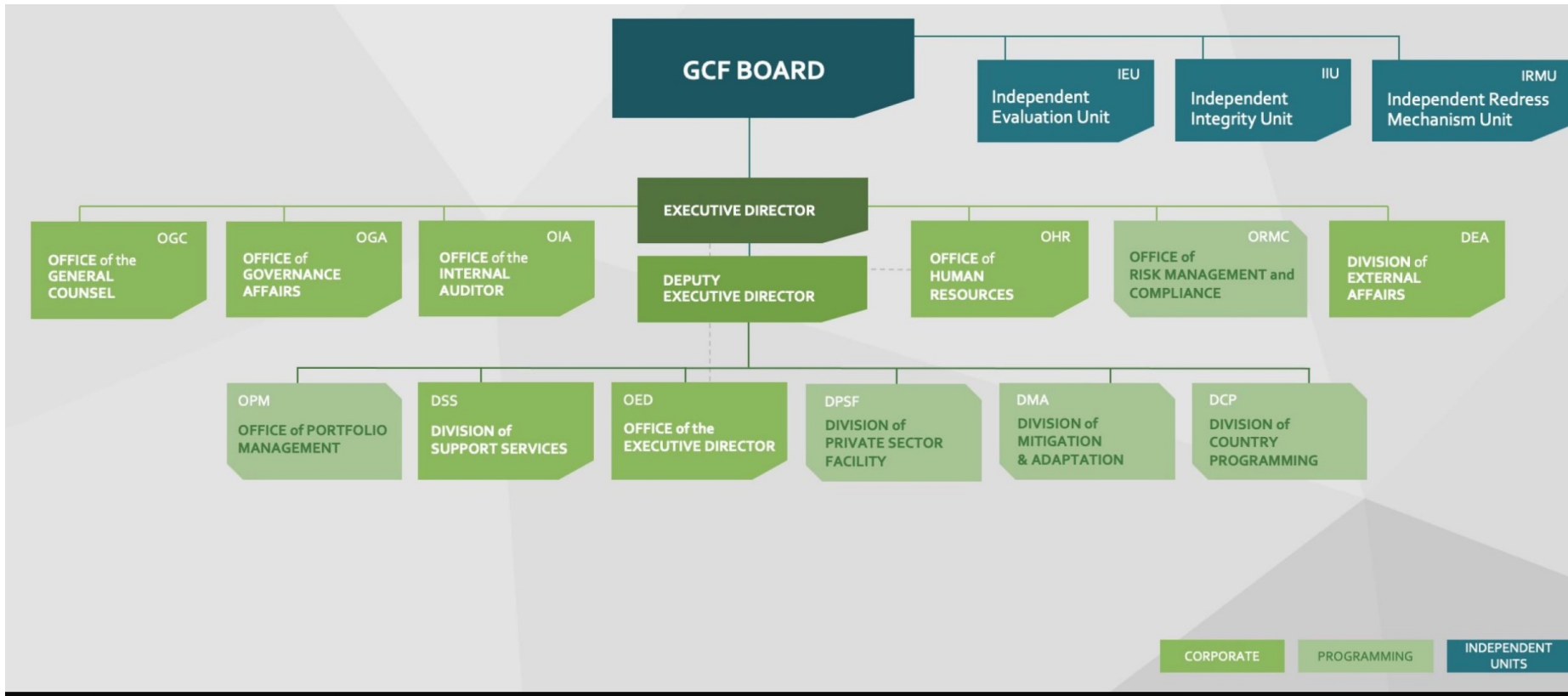
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I. The GCF Board

Governance and oversight of the Fund's management

- (a) Oversee the operation of all relevant components of the Fund;
- (b) Approve operational modalities, access modalities and funding structures;
- (c) Approve specific operational policies and guidelines, including for programming, project cycle, administration, and financial management;
- (d) Approve funding in line with the Fund's principles, criteria, modalities, policies and programmes;
- (k) Appoint the Executive Director of the secretariat;
- (l) Appoint the head of the evaluation unit and the heads of all accountability units; ...

Independent and guided by the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the UNFCCC

Composition:


- 24=12+12
 - Parties will include representatives of relevant United Nations regional groupings and representatives from small island developing States (SIDS) and least developed countries (LDCs)
- Alternate member per Board Member
 - entitled to participate in the meetings of the Board only through the principal member
 - without the right to vote, unless they are serving as the member
- <https://www.greenclimate.fund/boardroom>



Selection:


- Members of the Board and alternates selected by their respective constituency or regional group within a constituency.
- Will have the necessary experience and skills, notably in the areas of climate change and development finance, with due consideration given to gender balance.

Terms:

- 3 years and be eligible to serve additional terms as determined by their constituency
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Chairmanship: 2=1:1

- 2 co-chairs elected by the Board members from within their membership
 - 1:1 - one from a developed country Party and one from a developing country Party
 - one year
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Decision making:

- by consensus
- procedures for adopting decisions in the event that all efforts at reaching consensus have been exhausted

Quorum: 2/3

Meetings:

- 3 BMs/year
 - Reports annually to the UNFCCC
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Co-Chairs



CO-CHAIR

Jean-Christophe DONNELLIER

Position Inspector General
Affiliation French Treasury (France)
Representation Developed country parties

Alternate Stéphane CIENIEWSKI
Position Senior Adviser on Environment and Climate
Affiliation Directorate General of the Treasury (France)

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CO-CHAIR

José DE LUNA MARTÍNEZ

Position Deputy Undersecretary for Public Credit and International Affairs
Affiliation Ministry of Finance and Public Credit (Mexico)
Representation Developing country parties from the Latin American and the Caribbean states, Developing country parties from the Latin American and the Caribbean states

Alternate Lorena PALOMO
Position Senior Economic Adviser for Trade Policy and Sustainable Development
Affiliation Ministry of Finance (Chile)

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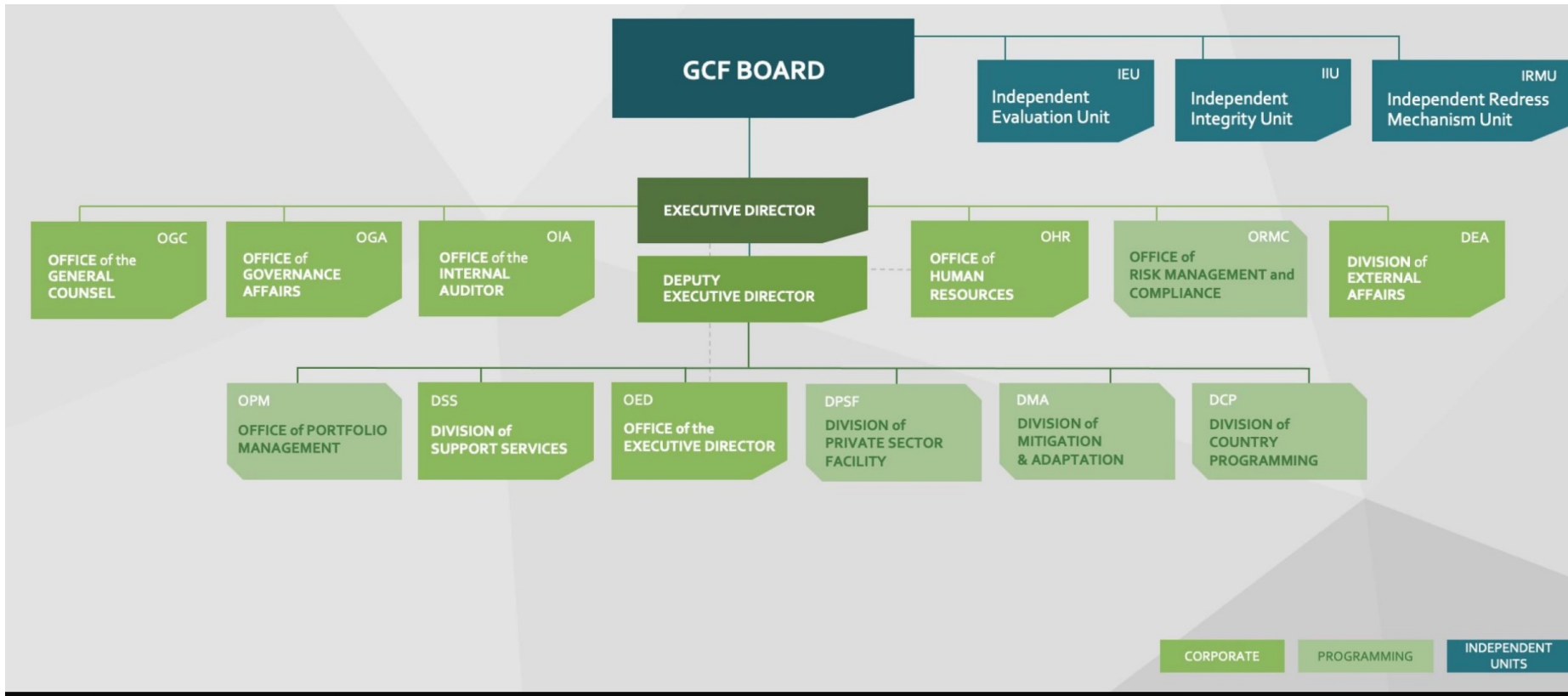
Governance

24 = 12 + 12 Board members

2 = 1 + 1 Co Chairs

3 BMs per year and reports annually to the UNFCCC

GCF Secretariat and Independent Units



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II. GCF Secretariat

- An independent secretariat based in Songdo, South Korea
- Responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Fund, providing administrative, legal and financial expertise:
 - (a) Organize and execute all administrative duties;
 - (b) Report information on the Fund's activities;
 - (c) Liaise with members, implementing entities, and cooperating bilateral and multilateral institutions and agencies;
 - (d) Prepare performance reports on the implementation of activities under the Fund;
 - (e) Develop the work programme and annual administrative budget of the secretariat and trustee and submit them for approval by the Board;
 - (f) Operationalize the project and programme cycle processes;
 - (g) Prepare financial agreements related to the specific financing instrument to be concluded with an implementing entity;
 - (j) Carry out monitoring and evaluation functions;...

- 220 staff members; 50/50 balance between men and women, 61 nationalities, and many more languages spoken



**Yannick Glemarec,
Executive
Director**

Yannick Glemarec is the Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund. He was appointed by the GCF Board at its 22nd meeting and took office on 3 April 2019.

Yannick has 30 years of international experience in climate change, development and finance, and their interrelationships. He served as UN Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director for Policy and Programme in UN Women from 2015 to 2018, overseeing services provided by close to 2,000 UN Women staff in over 80 countries worldwide. Before joining UN Women, he was Executive Coordinator of the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office in New York from 2017 to the beginning of 2015. He was responsible for the



**Javier Manzanares,
Deputy Executive
Director**

Javier Manzanares is the Deputy Executive Director at GCF. Prior to his current role, he was Director and Representative of UNOPS in the MERCOSUR region, based in Argentina. He was formerly Division Manager of Investment and Development Banking at the Central American Bank for Economic Integration. Javier also worked as the Executive VP for two privately held banks of Grupo Fierro. His career in banking and finance began with Banco Santander/BSCH in the United States, Hong Kong and Japan. Javier is the Chairman of the Board at IASE, The International Association for Sustainable Economy, he holds a dual MBA from Northwestern University / Kellogg (USA), an EMBA from Hong Kong University of Sciences & Technology (China) and is currently a Ph.D. candidate at INHA University in South Korea.



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The
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GCF Indigenous Peoples Policy:

80. A Senior Indigenous Peoples Specialist will be appointed to the Secretariat and will be the indigenous peoples focal point with operational responsibility to manage the implementation of this Policy.

The Indigenous Peoples and Social Safeguards Specialist

- Lead in the **development of operational procedures, processes, guidance, toolkits, and references for mainstreaming indigenous peoples concerns** within the Fund's operations, policy work, and initiatives **to ensure compliance with relevant policies and frameworks including prospectively the Fund-wide indigenous peoples policy, the environmental and social safeguards (ESS) standards, and environmental and social management system (ESMS)**
- The role shall **contribute to the due diligence work** of the Fund related to social safeguards including the development of standards, procedures, guidance, and toolkits.
- The role shall also **provide support the implementation of policies related to environmental and social management** and contribute to the Fund's efforts on knowledge management and capacity development.

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III.

Accountability Mechanisms: Independent Units

Mechanisms to ensure **accountability, manage risk, and to evaluate the performance of activities**, in order to ensure the application of safeguards as well as internationally accepted standards.

- An Independent Evaluation Unit will assess the results of the Fund funded activities and its effectiveness and efficiency.
- An Independent Integrity Unit will investigate allegations of fraud
- An Independent redress mechanism will receive complaints relating to the operations of the Fund and will evaluate and make recommendations.

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Independent Evaluation Unit

<https://ieu.greenclimate.fund/>

- Assesses the results of GCF-funded activities and its effectiveness and efficiency.
- Conducts independent evaluations of GCF's activities to guarantee its accountability and synthesises learnings from high quality and rigorous evaluations to support GCF's effectiveness and efficiency.
- Operates independently of the GCF Secretariat.
- Head appointed by and reports directly to the Board.

Andreas Reumann, Head of the IEU a.i.

Andreas is the Head of the Independent Evaluation Unit ad interim. His extensive experience includes designing impact monitoring systems for large R4D projects, developing alternative evaluation methods and, prior to IEU, strengthening the Center for International Forestry Research's M&E capacity. He holds a BA in European Economic Studies and an MSc in Economics from the University of Copenhagen.



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Independent Integrity Unit

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- Ensures all GCF staff, in addition to external stakeholders, implementing entities and intermediaries relating to GCF adhere to the highest standards of integrity.
- The IIU **investigates allegations of fraud, corruption, misconduct and other prohibited practices.** These include coercive and collusive practices, abuse, conflict of interest and retaliation against whistleblowers.
- Reports directly to the GCF Board and the Ethics and Audit Committee, which is made up of GCF Board members.

HEAD OF UNIT



IBRAHIM PAM, HEAD

Ibrahim Pam is Head of GCF's Independent Integrity Unit. He previously worked as an Analyst and Investigator in the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court (ICC), and then as Chief Investigator in the Integrity and Anti-Corruption Department of the African Development Bank (AfDB). As delegate, Ibrahim participated in the drafting of the African Union Convention on Combating and Preventing Corruption, as well as of the UN Convention against Corruption. He also assisted in developing the General Principles for Review of Investigative Offices of the Conference of International Investigators (CII). Most recently, he was Resident Investigator at the UN Office of Internal Oversight Services for the UN Mission in South Sudan. Ibrahim holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Jos and a Master in Criminal Justice Policy from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

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Independent redress mechanism

<https://irm.greenclimate.fund/>

- **Responds to complaints by people who feel they have been adversely affected by GCF projects or programmes** failing to implement GCF operational policies and procedures. This includes allegations of a failure to follow adequate environmental and social safeguards.

Lalanath de Silva, Head of the IRM

Dr Lalanath de Silva is the Head of GCF's Independent Redress Mechanism. He has extensive experience in legal affairs, with more than 30 years of service as a practicing lawyer. In Sri Lanka, he supported the Ministry of Environment as a legal consultant, and was a member of his country's Law Commission.

Lalanath previously worked at the Environmental Claims Unit of the UN Compensation Commission in Geneva,

and served as Director of the Environmental Democracy Practice at the World Resources Institute (WRI) in Washington DC. As a member of the Compliance Review Panel of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), he led the review of multiple compliance cases. Lalanath has a PhD from the University of Sydney, a Master of Laws from the University of Washington, and graduated from the Sri Lanka Law College as an Attorney-at-Law.

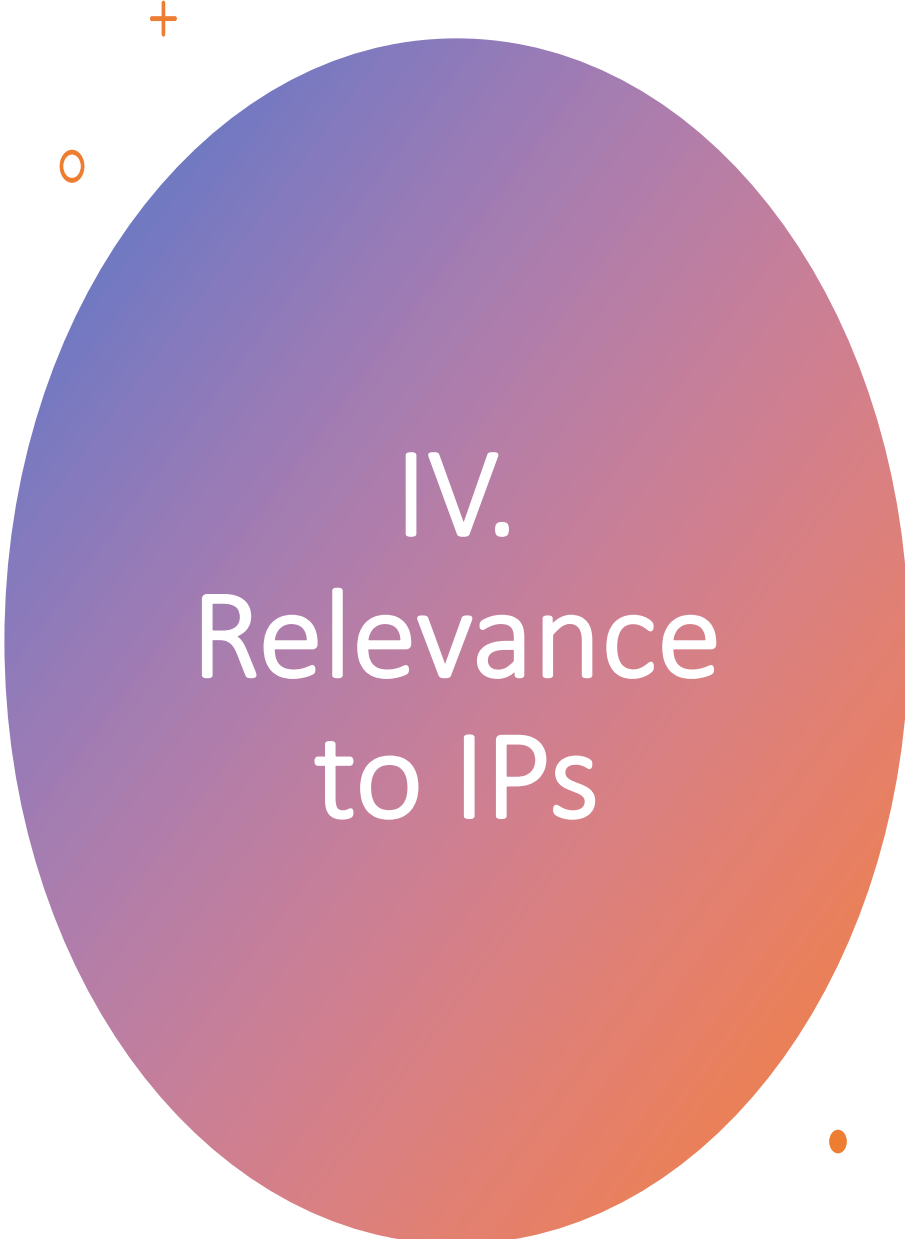


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IV. Relevance to IPs

- IPs do not have a seat in the Board meetings or raise issues. This can be done via the CSO constituency (Active Observers) or in-between sessions (e.g., breaks, etc.; often informally) by approaching Board members/alternates. Or at country-level, through their National Designated Authorities.
- Independent units
 - IPs can provide inputs on assessment of results
 - Access to mechanism to seek compensation or redress in case of harm or violation of GCF safeguards

Dakkel ay iyaman! Thank you!

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