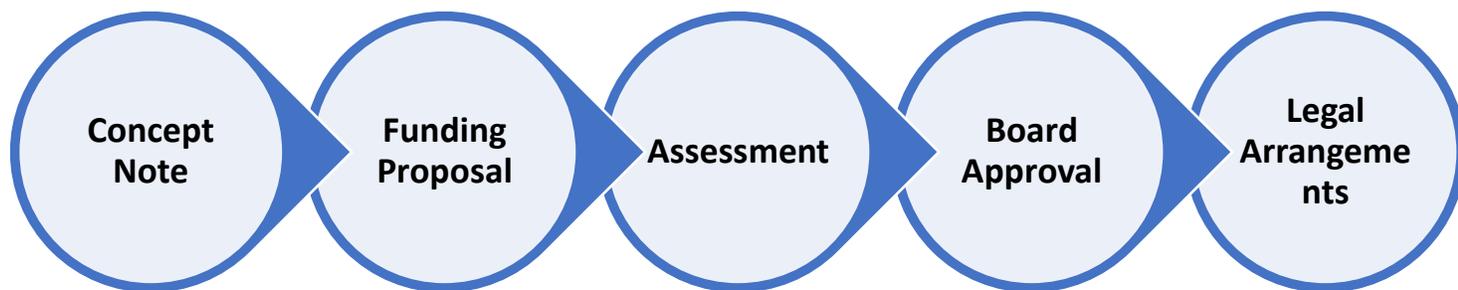




## **GCF FUNDING PROCESS**

The GCF Funding Process takes five main steps – Concept Note, Funding Proposal, Assessment, Board Approval and Legal Arrangements.



### **Concept Note.**

This is a document which provides basic information about a project or programme. It allows the bank a chance to seek feedback from the GCF Secretariat about whether their proposal matches the Fund's objectives and mandate. The Accredited Entity must inform the NDA or focal point about its submission of a concept note to GCF.

GCF Secretariat feedback about submitted concept notes does not represent a commitment to provide financial resources to support the project.

### **Submit Funding Proposal to GCF Secretariat**

Accredited Entities are required to submit funding proposals to GCF. These Funding Proposals are subject to a review process, starting with an initial assessment of the submitted proposal and the technical specifications alongside the documents that need to accompany it. At this stage, the GCF Secretariat may contact the Bank to discuss the proposal and seek to strengthen the application in advance of further, more detailed review.

Funding proposals must include an Impact Assessment to ensure the project meets GCF's project standards. This requires extensive consultation with those who would be affected by the project. The proposal must also include a no-objection letter signed by the NDA of the relevant developing country associated with the funding proposal.



## **GCF Secretariat assessment**

Following the initial completeness check, the GCF Secretariat undertakes a more detailed assessment of the project proposal, including assessing how it matches GCF investment criteria. Once the proposal has passed this initial review stage, the GCF Secretariat will pass on its assessment, along with the submitted proposal and supporting documents, to the Independent Technical Advisory Panel (ITAP).

## **GCF Board decision**

The GCF Secretariat submits a funding proposal package to the GCF Board. This consists of the funding proposal, documents which are required to support the proposal, a no objection letter signed by the NDA, and the GCF Secretariat and ITAP assessments. The Bank may be requested to provide additional clarification about their funding proposal - based on the GCF Secretariat and ITAP assessments.

The GCF Board considers the proposal, and can choose one of three possible decisions:

- Approve funding
- Approve funding with the conditions and recommendations that modifications are made to the funding proposal
- Reject the funding proposal

## **Legal arrangements**

Following GCF Board approval of a funding proposal, the GCF Secretariat negotiates with the Accredited Entity in order to sign a Funded Activity Agreement. The Funded Activity Agreement lays the groundwork for the implementation phase of the project or programme.