

Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP)

Executive Minutes

Joint Steering and Donor Committee Meeting

December 1,2,8 2021

Virtual

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WELCOME, INTRODUCTION, AND CONTEXT

1. A meeting of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) Steering Committee (SC) and the GAFSP Private Sector Window Donor Committee (DC) was convened virtually on December 1, 2 and 8, 2021, to decide on the allocations of GAFSP funding for the Sixth Call for Proposals¹ under the Grant Based Financing Track, which comprised of new Country-led and Producer Organization (PO)-led modalities, as well as to discuss other strategic matters related to GAFSP.
2. The SC Chair, Dirk Schattschneider (BMZ, Germany) welcomed new SC members, including the new GAFSP Program Manager, Kathryn Hollifield. During his opening remarks, the Chair highlighted GAFSP's ongoing efforts in response to COVID-19 pandemic, underlying that GAFSP was well suited to adapt to local conditions and flexible to respond to on the ground needs when the pandemic hit.
3. The Chair also gave an overview of the SC meeting objectives, which include making decisions on the Sixth Call for Proposals, launching the Producer Organization-led modality for the first time, discussing how to improve and strengthen GAFSP's Call for Proposals process, and discussing how to more systematically integrate climate into GAFSP operations. The Chair shared with the SC members the overwhelming response that the Sixth Call had received, signaling that more investments are needed.
4. Looking ahead to early 2022, the Chair urged SC members to focus on and prepare for another SC meeting in early 2022, which will focus on two core topics: 1) discussion of ongoing resource mobilization efforts; and 2) finalization of GAFSP 2.0, including refinements of the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan, completion of the GAFSP documents and the launch of the new Business Investment Financing Track.
5. At the beginning of third day deliberations, on December 8, the German SC Representative, Nora Boehm, announced that Steering Committee Chair, Dirk Schattschneider (BMZ, Germany), sends his apologies for not being in position to continue his role as chair, as he had been reassigned to a different Ministry effective immediately upon assumption of office of a new government following recently concluded elections in Germany. Steering Committee Co-Chair, Iris Krebber, assumed responsibility for chairing the December 8 discussions.
6. A list of meeting participants is provided in Annex 1. The draft agenda, circulated in advance of the meeting, was adopted and is provided in Annex 2.

UPDATE FROM THE TRUSTEE

7. The Trustee provided an update on funding availability, confirming a net funding available in the amount of US\$152.7 million for allocation to projects for SC funding decisions under the Sixth Call for Proposals. In addition, under existing Contribution Agreements with Australia and Germany, an installment equivalent to US\$34.9 million is anticipated to be paid by June 30, 2022. A further installment equivalent to US\$106.9 million will be paid by December 2025,² under existing Contribution Agreements with Australia, Germany, and Norway.

OVERVIEW OF SIXTH CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR GRANT FINANCING: COUNTRY AND PO-LED

¹ The Sixth Call for Proposals, launched in May 2021 and closed on September 8th, 2021. The Call is address medium-to long-term needs in response to COVID-19 and is strategically timed to fund COVID-19 recovery, and support countries to strengthen the performance, resilience, and sustainability of their agriculture sector and food systems in a changing climate.

² Note that final USD amounts will be subject to prevailing exchange rates at the time that contributions are paid in.

8. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair introduced the Country and PO-led modalities, presented the TAC composition, approach and methodology, observations and challenges, the inclusion of “special aspects” in the Sixth Call and answered questions from the virtual audience. Overall, 40 proposals for country-led projects, and 41 proposals for PO-led projects were submitted, with a total of approximately US\$1 billion in funding requests.
9. The TAC-C Chair explained the composition and profile of the TAC-C and TAC-PO and presented the approach and methodology followed to assess proposals received. The presentation also described some of the challenges observed during the process such as the tight timeline to review, reduced size of the TACs compared to previous years, complex proposal templates and inclusion of a high number of “special aspects” or themes (i.e., medium to long-term COVID response, private sector engagement, resilience and build back better, gender and the empowerment of women and girls, climate resilience, nutrition outcomes), and the high number of proposals received (GAFSP received nearly double the amount of proposal submissions for each modality versus previous calls with only one modality). The TAC-C Chair indicated that conducting a concurrent call was challenging, noting that it was unrealistic for proposals to be developed jointly given that both proposals may not be funded. The TAC-C Chair expressed support for separate calls or a two-stage process with a concept note stage for country-led and producer organization-led proposals in the future and suggested that a more limited number of “special aspects” be required only for country-led proposals.

SIXTH CALL FOR PROPOSALS: RESULTS OF TAC REVIEW FOR PRODUCER ORGANIZATION-LED MODALITY, DISCUSSION OF PROPOSALS, AND SELECTION OF GRANT AWARDS

10. During the presentation, the TAC-PO Chair presented their technical review findings and recommendations for SC consideration while highlighting the trends in submissions, observations and challenges, and the “special aspects” of the Call. Some of the challenges observed during the review process focused on quality assurance and quality at submission, complex proposal design and lack of attention to PO priority needs for capacity building and institutional development, project budgets (e.g., line items lacking explanatory notes and insufficient clarity on overhead costs, , and difficulty balancing PO and Supervising Entity (SE) roles.
11. The TAC-PO Chair shared that during the Sixth Call, total funding requests amounted to US\$115 million for the indicative available amount of US\$25 million. The TAC endorsed 12 proposals for a total of US\$29.85 million as per table 1 below.
12. The SC discussed the proposals recommended for funding by the TAC-PO, focusing primarily on the expected level of capacity of POs, capacity building, due diligence, proposal quality assurance by SEs, and how the robust/strong suggestions made by the TAC-PO (as stated in their report) are followed up later in the process. The need to include climate resilience aspects in the notification letters was also discussed.
13. **Decisions:** In total, the SC unanimously approved the 12 PO-led proposals to be financed (listed in Table 1) with the approved grant amount totaling **US\$29.85 million**.³

Table 1 – List of PO Projects approved by the SC

³ On December 1, the Steering Committee unanimously approved the top 10 ranked proposals for funding, under the indicative budget envelope (US\$24.85 million). On December 2, the proposals ranked #11 and #12 were also unanimously approved by the Steering Committee once it was confirmed that they could be accommodated within the overall funding envelope available (\$152.7M), as per paragraph 6 above.

#	Country	Producer Organization	Project Name	SE	Funding (US\$)
1	Bangladesh	Sara Bangla Krishak Society (SBKS)	Accelerating Economic and Social Inclusion of Smallholder Farmers in Climatic Hotspots through Strong Producers' Organizations	FAO	3,260,000
2	Burundi	Confédération des Associations des Producteurs Agricoles pour le Développement (CAPAD)	Supporting Small-scale Family Farmers who are Members of CAPAD Cooperatives in Burundi to be Resilient to the Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic	IFAD	2,340,000
3	Cambodia	Cambodian Agriculture Cooperative Corporation Plc. (CACC)	Building Back Better: Organic Agriculture for Smallholder Farmers in Northern Cambodia	WFP	1,790,000
4	Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)	Confédération Paysanne du Congo (COPACO-PRP)	Support Project for the Promotion of Agricultural Entrepreneurship and Food Security for Local Producers' Organizations in the DRC	IFAD	1,650,000
5	Haiti	Réseaux des Organisations de Producteurs et Productrices de la Grand'Anse (ROPAGA)	Promotion of Resilient Agroforestry in Grand'Anse: Scaling up and Professionalizing Small-Scale Initiatives to Build Back Better	WFP	3,000,000
6	Honduras	Alternative Community Economy Network (COMAL)	Strengthening Capacities for Climate Resilience and Economic Empowerment of Rural, Smallholder Producers in the Dry Corridor	FAO	2,130,000
7	Maldives	Addu Meedhoo Cooperative Society (AMCS)	Strengthening Agribusiness Producer Organizations in the Maldives through Enterprise Ecosystem Development and Deployment of Digital Solutions	FAO	2,640,000
8	Nicaragua	National Union of Farmers and Ranchers (UNAG)	Resilient, Inclusive, and Transformative Recovery of Small Farmers, Women, Youth and Indigenous People in the Dry Corridor of Nicaragua	FAO	3,210,000
9	Niger	Fédération des Unions de Groupements Paysans du Niger (FUGPN-Mooriben)	Strengthening Farmers' Organizations to Develop Sustainable Livelihoods	FAO	2,710,000
10	Senegal	National Council for Concertation and Rural Cooperation (CNCR)	Support to the Improvement of Rural Family Poultry Farming in Departments of Mbour, Fatick and Kaolack	IFAD	2,290,000
11	Tanzania	Mtandaowa Vikundivya Wakulima Tanzania (MVIWATA)	Improvement of Food Systems Supply Services in Rural Tanzania in Adaptation to COVID-19 Project,	AfDB	2,500,000
12	Uganda	Soroti Sweet Potato Producers and Processors Association (SOSPPA)	Strengthening Productive Capacity and Resilience of Smallholder Sweet Potato Producer Organizations in Uganda	WB	2,330,000
				TOTAL	29,850,000

SIXTH CALL FOR PROPOSALS: RESULTS OF TAC REVIEW FOR COUNTRY-LED MODALITY, DISCUSSION OF PROPOSALS, AND SELECTION OF GRANT AWARDS

14. The TAC-Country Chair presented the results of the Country-led modality and discussed the proposals, which was then followed by a discussion and selection of grant proposals by the SC. The presentation focused on overall trends in Country-led submissions, findings on “special aspects” of the Call, observations and challenges, and country ranking and funding recommendations. Overall, 40 project proposals were received, which is an unusually high number compared to the typical 19-21 proposals in previous Calls. Some of the challenges observed included quality assurance issues, and incomplete information in proposals. The TAC-C Chair shared that during the Sixth Call, the total funding requests amounted to US\$887.76 million for an available amount of US\$125 million.
15. The SC undertook a substantive discussion about the proposals recommended for funding by the TAC and agreed which country submissions would receive grant allocations in this 6th Call for Proposals including on the maximum amount to be awarded for each successful submission, and responsible SE(s) partners for each grant.
16. **Decisions:** (i) The SC unanimously approved financing for the top ranked eight proposals, consistent with the indicative allocation of \$125M (see Table 2 below).
17. For South Sudan, the SC agreed to conduct an additional review of the project earlier than the envisioned mid-term review, which is currently expected after two and half years, to potentially re-orient activities or change implementation arrangements resulting from change in the local context. Similarly, it was also recommended that the relevant SE team continuously review project geography.
18. Finally, the SC agreed that notification letters should include language to support to “building back better”, climate resilience, and sustainability of the projects, in addition to gender and women’s empowerment components. Furthermore, the notification letters will include language stressing the importance of CSOs participation and engagement throughout the project cycle.

Table 2 – List of Country -Led Projects approved by the SC

#	Country	Project Name	SE	Funding (US\$)	Prior GAFSP funds received (Y/N)
1	Bangladesh	Diversified Resilient Agriculture for Improved Food and Nutrition Security (DRAIFNS)	IFAD and FAO	20,000,000	Y
2	Bhutan	Building Resilient Commercial Smallholder Agriculture	IFAD and WFP	12,000,000	Y
3	Kyrgyz Republic	Strengthening Producer Organizations in Kyrgyz Republic	WB and FAO	5,000,000	Y
4	Lao PDR	Agriculture for Nutrition –Phase 2 (AFN II)	IFAD and WFP	17,000,000	Y
5	Nepal	Vegetables in Hilly Areas Project	ADB and WFP	12,000,000	Y
6	Senegal	Post-COVID Food and Nutrition Security Enhancement Project (PRESAN/PC)	AfDB	20,000,000	Y
7	Solomon Islands and the Republic of Vanuatu	Agricultural Investment for Markets and Nutrition in Solomon Islands and the Republic of Vanuatu	IFAD and FAO	15,000,000	N (for the Republic of Vanuatu)
8	South Sudan	Rural Enterprises for Agricultural Development (READ)	IFAD	20,000,000	N
TOTAL				121,000,000	

19. **Decisions:** (ii) Additionally, based on TAC-C recommendation, the SC agreed to provide additional funds to Lao PDR and Bhutan in the amounts of US\$3 million and US\$1 million, respectively, to complete the total requested amount in these two proposals, contingent on the receipt of additional funds from GAFSP contributors by June 30, 2022. This would bring the grant financing to Lao PDR to US\$20 million, and to Bhutan to US\$13 million. The overall grant financing to Country-led projects would then increase from US\$121 million to US\$125 million.
20. The SC also provisionally approved four additional projects (listed in the table below) for financing, conditional on additional funds becoming available from donors to GAFSP by December 31, 2022. It was noted that the SC would need to formally approve the funding for the following country project proposals, upon consultation from the Program legal department, via email.

Table 3 – List of Country -Led Projects provisionally approved by the SC

#	Country	Project Name	SE	Funding (US\$)
1	Cambodia	Inclusive Livestock Value Chains and One Health Project (ILVCOHP)	WB	20,000,000
2	Honduras	Strengthening innovation, resilience and sustainability of agri-food systems in the face of climate impacts and COVID-19 in North Central Honduras (INNOVA-SAN)	IFAD	18,000,000
3	Mauritania	Promotion of gender-sensitive agricultural value chains and women's entrepreneurship in support of the program to support agricultural transformation in Mauritania (PCVASGEF-PATAM)	AfDB	17,000,000
4	Somalia	Somalia Integrated and Resilient Agricultural Productivity Project (SIRAP)	IFAD	16,000,000
Total				71,000,000

TAC Lessons Learned from the Sixth Call for Proposals

21. The TAC-C and TAC-PO Chairs shared lessons learned and recommendations from their role in the 6th Call, focusing on the TAC's process and GAFSP's scale up of the PO-led modality. They noted the high demand for GAFSP support from eligible countries, noting that the demand is expected to continue. Good projects in both tracks added value and focused on climate resilience, women and girls, nutrition, and strengthening POs.
22. The presentation also focused on strategic issues such as quality of proposal submissions, SEs role in this process, and recommendations to SEs on how to overcome various challenges. These recommendations included introducing a 2-stage processing approach; reducing the number of proposals by limiting one PO-led proposal per country; improving Guidelines and Template; improving TAC mobilization and related internal processes; increasing quality assurance from SEs; increasing the timeframe for TAC review of submissions; avoiding concurrent calls; and reducing the number of "special aspects" or priority areas per Call.
23. The SC endorsed the recommendations of the TAC, noting that the TAC lessons are clear and follow-up actions have the potential to transform the way high impact food & agriculture investments are done. They asked the CU to further explore the recommendations with SEs and other constituents in coming months, with a view to taking concrete action to implement them. The SC membership recognized the need for a clear role and cutting-edge capacity and support throughout the project life cycle (from proposal preparation through project design, implementation and outcome reporting), through the SEs.

24. **Actions:** The SC requested that the CU organize a dedicated session to discuss further the TAC recommendations in 2022 Quarter 1 (if possible) and agree on next steps.

Update from the CSOs

25. A CSO representative made a joint presentation on behalf of three CSO members of the SC, focusing particularly on CSO activities, adaptation to COVID-19 and an update on the progress of Missing Middle Initiative (MMI) projects. CSOs conducted consultations with farmers on their needs, including access to credit, seeds, markets, and capacity building; social safety net mechanisms; trade policies; aspects of sustainability and inclusivity; as well as economic impacts on informal workers.

26. The presentation also focused on innovative solutions from the MMI projects, including the introduction of virtual call centers in Bangladesh to support connections between producers and consumers during the pandemic. Other areas of focus included CSO actions to support GAFSP advocacy efforts, MMI and the GAFSP 2.0, engagement with POs on the ground, and the way forward, including CSOs focus to strengthen the relevance of the PO-led track as a key pathway to fight hunger and malnutrition. The SC discussion focused on lessons learned from COVID-19 and MMI projects. The SC members discussed the mechanisms for better coordination between CSOs and SEs, and articulation of PO and SE roles.

Climate Concept Note

27. The CU presented various options and activities across the GAFSP's program and project life cycle, for the SC's consideration, to better highlight the program's current climate activities and achievements and to amplify GAFSP's ambition on climate. The SC agreed with the concept note's overall approach, recognizing the need to maintain GAFSP's focus on agriculture, food and nutrition security, in a manner that ensures that GAFSP remains country/locally led.

28. Actions:

- The SC requested that a Climate Working Group (CWG) be created to move GAFSP's climate agenda forward, including through consultations in January/February of 2022, towards the preparation of a concrete proposal for SC consideration by April 2022.
- SC members were asked to formally submit their interest in participating the working group. SC members were also asked to send their organization's climate policy document to CU.

Portfolio Update

29. The CU provided an overview of the key strategic challenges and opportunities facing the GAFSP public sector portfolio; a summary of key results and cross-cutting themes; and offered a list of actions to strengthen portfolio health. The GAFSP public sector portfolio has US\$1.37 billion in grants with 68 projects in 39 countries, including 5 MMI projects. By geographic distribution, 60% of funds support projects in Africa. Cumulatively, US\$980 million have been disbursed, which accounts for 72% of allocated funds. The CU announced that the GAFSP portal/executive dashboard will be launched in January 2022.

30. The IFC Private Sector Window Secretariat presented a few portfolio highlights, including the updates of the private sector portfolio projects amid COVID-19 pressures. Cumulative approvals to date include US\$436 million for 81 investment projects and US\$40 million for 88 advisory services (AS) projects. With the ongoing global pandemic, these projects weathered the economic challenges well, as most businesses were able to adapt within 6 to 12 months. Over the period of FY13-21, for every dollar that GAFSP has invested into projects, it has leveraged 1.9x funding on average from

International Finance Corporation (IFC) and 6.6x in total financing (project size). The Private sector projects have reached 1.6 million farmers and provided direct employment to more than 24,000 people.

31. **Actions:** CU to convene a meeting to discuss portfolio with SE members in early 2022.

NEXT STEPS AND CLOSURE

32. The SC Co-Chair proposed March 2022 for the next SC meeting, with particular focus on the finalization of climate approach, resource mobilization, GAFSP restructuring/GAFSP 2.0, the next Call for Proposals, and the process for nominating and electing a new GAFSP Chair.

33. The meeting concluded with thanks from the Chair to all participants, organizers, and contributors.

Annex 1

List of Meeting Participants (alphabetical order, by stakeholder group)

	Last Name	First Name	Organization
Chairs			
1	Schattschneider	Dirk	SC Chair, Germany
2	Krebber	Iris	Donor Committee Chair, GAFSP Co-Chair, United Kingdom
Donors			
3	Bahalim	Ammad	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)
4	Boehm	Nora	Germany
5	Chow	Jennifer	United States of America, United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
	Golan	Miriam Elisabeth	Advisor to Executive Director, World Bank
6	Guia	Elias	Spain, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
7	Higon	Maria	Spain, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
8	Lynn	Fiona	Australia
9	Pradhan	Niru	United States of America, Department of the Treasury
10	Save	Radio	United Kingdom
11	Siedel	Annette	Germany
12	Stormoen	Even	Norway, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
13	Strychacz	Nicholas	United States of America, Department of the Treasury
14	Taniguchi	Masahide	Japan
15	Thiel	Christian	Advisor to Executive Director, World Bank
16	Turner	Emilie	Canada
17	Van Gilst	Daniel Frans	Norway, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation
18	Watkins	Neil	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)
Regional Representatives			
19	Abdul Ghaffar	Jeehan	Middle East
20	Adoum	Djime	Africa
21	Bojang	Lamin	Africa
22	Ehui	Mamou	Africa
23	Imashov	Chorobek	Eastern Europe and Central Asia
24	Keizire	Boaz	Africa
25	Martinez	Salome	LAC
26	Mouangkham	Angkhansada	Asia
27	Nepal	Shreekrishna	Asia
28	Pokharel	Champak	Asia
Supervising Entities			
29	Basu	Enika	IFAD
30	Boahen	Philip	AfDB

31	Brett	Christopher	WB
32	Brown	Donal	IFAD
33	Horst	Alexandra	WB
34	Katagami	Michiko	ADB
35	Lampietti	Julian	WB
36	Renart	Jordi	WFP
37	Simons	Sarah	WB
38	Toe	Chris	WFP
39	Veillerette	Benoist	FAO
Civil Society Organizations			
40	Akoha	Rostaing	ROPPA
41	Baguilat	Irish	Action Aid USA
42	Coulibaly	Ibrahima	ROPPA
43	Guerra	Alberta	ActionAid USA
44	Hertzler	Doug	ActionAid USA
45	Ouedraogo	Ousseini	ROPPA
46	Penunia Banzuela	Esther	AFA
47	Sall	Nadjirou	ROPPA
GAFSP Coordination Unit			
48	Alamzai	Amanullah	Coordination Unit
49	Calixto	Silvana	Coordination Unit
50	Chawani	Thokozani	Coordination Unit
51	Diaz	Gizella	Coordination Unit
52	Ekanayake	Indira Janaki	Coordination Unit
53	Hollifield	Kathryn	Program Manager
54	Hoberg	Yurie	Coordination Unit
55	Magarotto	Cecilia	Coordination Unit
56	Markozashvili	Darina	Coordination Unit
57	Mehdi	Tammy	Coordination Unit
58	Murphy-Mcgreevey	Clare	Coordination Unit
59	Ramachandran	Venkat	Coordination Unit
60	Sakhuja	Davinder	Coordination Unit
61	Salman	Diana	Coordination Unit
62	Tortella	Virginia	Coordination Unit
63	Younes	Ahmed	Coordination Unit
64	Yang	Shijie	Coordination Unit
GAFSP Private Sector Window Secretariat – IFC			
65	Chaudhary	Bheeshm	PrSW Secretariat
66	Chen	Yanni	Senior Results Management Specialist
67	Gosnell	Yulia	Consultant
68	Milena Tavera	Sandra	Associate Operations Officer

69	Razdan	Pamposh	Senior Operations Officer
70	Shah	Niraj	Head, Private Sector Window Secretariat
71	Vila	Laura	Senior Investment Officer
72	Zhang	Meng	Program Assistant
Trustee			
73	Fuentes Lanza	Jorge Alberta	Trustee
74	Jacqueline Sta. Maria	Iris	Trustee
75	Mengesha	Lewam	Senior Finance Assistant
76	Pardo	Maria Lourdes	Senior Counsel
77	Williamson	Angela	Trustee
TAC Representatives			
78	Da Silvan	Carlos	TAC-C
79	Evers	Guy	TAC-PO
80	Khan	Daud	TAC-PO
81	McLean	Diana	TAC-C

Annex 2



DRAFT AGENDA

Steering Committee Meeting - December 1-2 & 8, 2021 - Virtual

4.00am Seattle / 7:00am Washington DC / 12:00pm Abidjan / 12:00pm London / 1:00pm Berlin, Rome /
3:00pm Nairobi / 8:00pm Manila / 11:00pm Canberra

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 (DAY 1)	
7:00-7:10 am	<p>1. Welcome, introduction of new participants, and adoption of agenda</p> <p>Remarks by Steering Committee Co-Chairs – Dirk Schattschneider, Steering Committee Chair, and Iris Krebber, Donor Committee Chair</p> <p><u>Documentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Draft Agenda
7:10-7:40 am	<p>2. Update from the Trustee</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> Provide an update on the financial status and funds available for allocation under the Grant-Based Financing Track.</p> <p><u>Presentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Financial Status of the Fund (Trustee) <p><u>Documentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ GAFSP Trustee Financial Report <p><u>Discussion point:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Funds available for allocation to project proposals from the Sixth Call for Proposals
7:40-8:15 am	<p>3. Overview of Sixth Call for Proposals for Grant Financing: Country and PO-led</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> Introduction of the country and producer organization (PO)-led modalities, particularly around Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) composition, approach and process followed, and overview of TAC methodology/review guidelines.</p> <p><u>Presentation: (20 min)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Presentation by TAC Chairs – Diana McLean, TAC-C Chair, and Guy Evers, TAC-PO Chair <p><u>Questions & Answers (15 min)</u></p>
8:15-9:15 am	<p>4. Sixth Call for Proposals: Results of TAC review for Producer Organization-led modality and discussion of Proposals</p>

	<p><u>Objective:</u> Presentation of the TAC-PO review findings and recommendations on proposals for financing.</p> <p><u>Presentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation by Guy Evers, TAC-PO Chair, and Daud Khan, TAC-PO Deputy Chair <p><u>Documentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TAC-PO Report ○ PO-led Proposals
9:15-9:30 am	Comfort Break
9:30-10:30 am	<p>5. Discussion of Producer Organization-led Modality Proposals and Selection of Grant Awards</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> Decide on proposals to be financed and amounts to be awarded to each selected proposal.</p> <p><u>Documentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TAC-PO Report ○ PO-led Proposals <p><u>Decision points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TAC-PO recommendations on submitted proposals ○ Indicative decisions on proposals to be financed

Thursday, December 2, 2021 (DAY 2)	
7:00-7:30 am	5. (PART 2) Continue discussion of PO-led proposals, finalize selection of grant awards
7:30-8:30 am	<p>6. Results of TAC review for Country-led modality and discussion of Proposals</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> Presentation of the TAC-Country review process, the Committee’s findings and recommendations on proposals for financing.</p> <p><u>Presentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation by Diana McLean, TAC-Country Chair, and Carlos da Silva, TAC-Country Deputy Chair <p><u>Documentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TAC-Country Report ○ Country-led Proposals <p><u>Discussion points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TAC-Country recommendations on submitted proposals ○ Indicative decisions on proposals to be financed
8:30-8:45 am	Comfort break

8:45-10:00 am	<p>7. Discussion of Country-led Modality Proposals and Selection of Grant Awards</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> Decide on proposals to be financed and amounts to be awarded to each selected proposal.</p> <p><u>Documentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TAC-Country Report ○ Country-led Proposals <p><u>Decision points:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Proposals to be financed b. Amount to be awarded for each proposal
10:00-10:30 am	<p>8. Wrap up of the Sixth Call for Proposals</p>

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 (DAY 3)	
6:45-7:00 am	<p>Connect 15 minutes prior to meeting to test sound and video connections.</p>
7:00-7:05 am	<p>Update on actions taken since Day 1 & 2 Steering Committee Meeting sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 6th Call Decision Note distributed to SC on December 6 – Notification letters sent to all GAFSP Sixth Call for Proposals applicants on December 7, 2021
7:05-8:05 am	<p>9. TAC Lessons Learned from the Sixth Call for Proposals</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> Share lessons learned and recommendations from the most recent TAC review process of the two modalities under the Grant-Based Financing Track</p> <p><u>Presentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lessons and recommendations from the TAC-C and TAC-PO process (Diana McLean, TAC-Country, and Guy Evers, TAC-PO Chairs) <p><u>Documentation:</u> TAC Feedback Report on the Call for Proposals Process</p> <p><u>Discussion Points:</u></p> <p>Lessons, recommendations and next steps on the TAC process</p>
8:05-8:50 am	<p>10. Update from the CSOs</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> Report on CSOs activities, particularly adaptation to COVID-19 and an update on the progress of Missing Middle Initiative (MMI) projects</p> <p><u>Presentation:</u> CSO activities to date (CSOs)</p> <p><u>Discussion point:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lessons learned from COVID-19 and MMI projects
8:50-9:00 am	<p>Comfort Break</p>

9:00-10:10 am	<p>11. Climate Concept Note</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> Discuss GAFSP’s approach to more systematically integrate climate into GAFSP operations, raise the ambition, and discuss next steps</p> <p><u>Presentation:</u> Coordination Unit</p> <p><u>Documentation:</u> GAFSP Climate Concept Note</p> <p><u>Discussion points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SC members (by constituency) to provide views on level of ambition: same ambition for every area (Strategic Focus, project design, M&E, portfolio management, communications)? and every GAFSP track/window (public sector, countries, POs, private sector, business investment financing track)? New projects only, or also portfolio? (See also page 8) ○ Welcome SE’s views on recommendation that: “SE’s Mobilize processes, tools, and expertise of the SEs to enhance climate change agenda.” <p><u>Decision points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Steering Committee to decide on whether CU will continue to explore “raising the ambition on climate” in the GAFP program. ○ If yes, does SC agree with concept note next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create Working Group from SC Membership to move forward SC advice/guidance - December 2021 - Conduct Consultations - January-February 2022 - Prepare Concrete Proposal for SC Consideration by April 2022
10:10-10:30 am	<p>12. Portfolio Update – Key Issues</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> Provide an overview of key strategic challenges and opportunities facing the public and private sector portfolios.</p> <p><u>Presentation:</u> Presentation by CU and IFC Private Sector Window Secretariat</p> <p><u>Documentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2020 GAFSP Portfolio Review Report ○ Portfolio review slide deck (an extended version) ○ 2021 Knowledge Forum Summary Note
10:30-10:45 am	<p>13. Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next Steering Committee meeting in February 2022 (tbd) ○ Prioritization of themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalization of climate approach - Resource mobilization - GAFSP Restructuring - Next Call for Proposals