



Community of Practice of
Direct Access Entities

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MEETING REPORT



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Background

This report documents the Third Annual Meeting (AM) of the Community of Practice of Direct Access Entities (CPDAE), which was held in Yerevan, Armenia from 20-23 February 2024 (postponed from September 2023).

The Community of Practice of Direct Access Entities (CPDAE) is a global network made up of the accredited [National Implementing Entities \(NIEs\)](#) of the Adaptation Fund (AF), which pioneered Direct Access, and the accredited [Direct Access](#) Entities (DAEs) of the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

Its aim is to provide an avenue for knowledge exchange, learning and experience sharing, collaboration and peer support within the community of NIEs and DAEs in order to increase the effectiveness of entities in accessing resources and implementing adaptation as well as mitigation projects and programs through direct access. This is expected to further enhance national capacities and country ownership for the adaptation and mitigation of adverse climate change effects.

The idea of establishing a community of practice of Direct Access entities originated from the entities themselves with support initially from the AF. Over time, the community evolved into an initiative established independently by accredited NIEs of the AF, and later included also GCF accredited DAEs. The CPDAE is wholly led and driven by members of the community.

The CPDAE held its first face-to-face meeting in Durban, South Africa, from 5-7 June 2019. The meeting resulted in developing an action plan for the Community, based on capacity gaps identified by the members and their expectations going forward. The meeting also evolved the establishment of a Committee and draft Charter for the CPDAE.

Following the inaugural meeting in Durban, a Readiness proposal was developed with Peru as the Lead NDA and supported by 15 NDAs through their countries' annual GCF Readiness allocation. The Readiness was approved by the GCF in December 2021, commenced in January 2022, and is about to conclude in April 2024 with CPDAE membership having grown from 22 entities to 35.

The 2022 Annual Meeting (AM) of the CPDAE, held in Cairo, Egypt in November 2022 ahead of COP 27, revalidated post-COVID demand for and commitment to the CPDAE. The Community got together to work on its vision, objectives, goals, and governance arrangements; to design key elements of a strategic framework and implementation roadmap; and to agree on plans and priorities for 2023. A link to the report of the 2022 AM is included in the AM meeting documents in Annex III below.

At the 2022 AM, the Republic of Armenia offered to host the next AM, which was confirmed in early 2023 and dates were set for September 2023. Due to security concerns at that time, the meeting was postponed to February 2024.

Since the 2022 AM, the CPDAE has finalized the revision of its Charter of Governance and Committee Guidelines, developed a Strategic Framework and Implementation Roadmap, and translated all into the three official languages of the CPDAE (English, French, Spanish).

The CPDAE Annual Meeting 2023 is part of the Readiness activities supported by the Adaptation Fund (AF), the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), serving as a Delivery Partner for the implementation of the GCF Readiness support.

Meeting objectives

The 2023 AM was intended as an action-oriented boost to cooperation and collaborative accomplishments within the CPDAE, with the following objectives:

- Establish consensus on the ongoing development of CPDAE structures, processes and products;
- Agree on next steps for priorities and action, including “Working Groups”, online collaboration, language-group co-facilitation, further institutionalization, sustainability and funding security;
- Elect a new CPDAE Committee and initiate the onboarding and handover process.

Executive Summary

Intended as an **action-oriented boost to the CPDAE as an expanding community of proactively involved members**, the 2023 Annual Meeting (AM) was graciously supported by Armenia with an elaborate social, cultural, and learning program. It commenced with a **commitment of all members to dedicate more time and attention to collaborating through the CPDAE**, and ended with the formation of **three working groups to advance action in agreed priority areas**:

- CPDAE dialogue and advocacy with the Funds
- Cooperation, knowledge exchange and peer-learning
- CPDAE sustainability and the development of a new Readiness proposal

The AM included agreement on a draft **Joint Resolution for submission to the Funds**, with the Working Group (WG) on dialogue and advocacy with the Funds available to support the Committee in finalizing that and taking it forward. AM **sessions with the Funds** and ample opportunity for **bilateral exchange** and cooperation were widely appreciated. The Committee Chair presented **CPDAE results to date, lessons learnt, and upcoming priorities**, GIZ as the implementing partner provided an update on activities under the Readiness project about to conclude, and the AM recognized the urgency to finalize those and secure funding of the next phase of the CPDAE. **Readiness deliverables** were advanced, notably the Project Prioritization Tool and the “Roster of Experts”, a CPDAE database of expertise that includes a wide range of consultants and will be expanded to include contacts of peer references for the consultants listed, and record of expertise within the CPDAE to facilitate peer exchange.

Ongoing challenges with **communications and member engagement** between meetings, as well as options to address those, were discussed throughout. Key issues include the outstanding development of a **CPDAE website** and its sustainable management by the community, both for external communication purposes, as well as to improve the **sharing of documents and other materials for more effective knowledge exchange and peer learning** within the community.

The **CPDAE Language Groups** collaborated in table discussions as well as dedicated working sessions on their respective priorities for collaborative CPDAE action, which they then shared for compilation and alignment across language groups. With working groups formed, WG leads assigned, and summaries of key AM outputs to be taken forward by the WGs agreed, the 2023 Annual Meeting of the CPDAE concluded with the **election of a new CPDAE Committee**. The Language Groups deliberated their representation on the Committee and elected two Committee members per Language Group for a two-year term of service. The newly elected Committee proceeded to re-elect both the Committee Chair and the Vice Chair for a second term:

- Ms. Claudia Godfrey, Peruvian Trust Fund for National Parks and Protected Areas, Peru (**Committee Chair**, SP, re-elected)

- Mr. Pablo Devis, Fondo Acción, Colombia (SP newly elected)
- Ms. Aïssata B. Sall, Centre de Suivi Écologique, Senegal (**Vice-Chair**, FR, re-elected)
- Mr. Kouadio Kouacou Fidèle, Interprofessional Fund for Agricultural Research and Advice, Ivory Coast (FR, newly elected)
- Ms. Shelia McDonald-Miller, Planning Institute of Jamaica, Jamaica (EN, re-elected)
- Ms. Milena Kiramijyan, Environmental Project Implementation Unit (EPIU) State Agency of the Ministry of Environment, Armenia (EN, newly elected)

Onboarding of the new Committee members has commenced following the submission of Letters of Endorsement by all members of the newly elected Committee by 8 March and as per the CPDAE Committee Guidelines.

Key decisions

1) CPDAE Members recommit to increasing the time they dedicate to advancing knowledge sharing and peer learning within the CPDAE, to improve responsiveness on CPDAE matters, and to support the Committee more pro-actively.

- Members recommit to making one hour per week per person available for CPDAE tasks
- Focal points increase capacity for CPDAE action within their entities, e.g. by adding operational support functions

2) The CPDAE Annual Meeting agrees on priorities for collaborative action, forms three Working Groups (WGs) to advance them, and identifies a lead focal point for each WG

Dialogue and advocacy with the Funds	Member engagement, knowledge exchange, peer learning	CPDAE sustainability and development of the next Readiness proposal
Lead: Virginia Scardamaglia, AVINA, Argentina	Lead: Sundar Bahadur Khadka, AEPC, Nepal	Lead: Graciela Reyes Retana, FMCN, Mexico
Working Group members: Keslyn Gilbert-Stoney Abdoul Razak Baraze Rosa Montañez Claudia Godfrey Shelia McDonald- Miller Aïssata B. Sall	Working Group members: Lina Chalise Keslyn Gilbert-Stoney Domingo Modeste Marius K. Suyapa Edith Ucles Salinas Kouadio Kouacou Fidèle Shelia McDonald- Miller	Working Group members: Margarita Gasparyan Abdou Aziz Diedhiou Rosa Montañez Kouadio Kouacou Fidèle Aïssata B. Sall Claudia Godfrey

3) The AM recognized the urgency to finalize outstanding Readiness deliverables by April 2024

- Finalize the **CPDAE Expert(ise) Database**: Add columns for sharable expertise within the CPDAE, and for peer references on previous experience with consultants included in the database
- Integrate AM feedback and finalize the **Project Prioritization Tool**
- Put the **(re-)accreditation tool** on hold while changes are underway at the Funds regarding the facilitation of the (re-)accreditation process, alignment between the Funds is work in progress, and dialogue with the Funds on availability and useability of their own guidance and support is ongoing

- **Make all final tools and other products and materials readily available** for CPDAE member use and establish processes to manage access, sharing, updates, etc.
- Finalize Committee review of the **Implementation Roadmap and M&E Framework**

4) The 2023 Annual Meeting of the CPDAE agrees to formulate a Joint Resolution for submission to the Funds. A draft text for Committee review was agreed and is included in the proceedings below.

5) The Annual Meeting elects the CPDAE's Second Committee

- a) Each of the three CPDAE Language Groups (English, French, Spanish) re-elected one of the founding Committee members and added one newly elected Committee member.
 - b) The Committee Chair and Vice Chair were both confirmed for a second term by the newly elected Committee.
- Committee Chair: Claudia Godfrey (Spanish Language Group)
 - Committee Vice Chair: Aïssata Sall (French Language Group)
 - Committee Members:
 - Shelia McDonald-Miller (English Language Group)
 - Milena Kiramijyan (English Language Group)
 - Fidèle Kouadio Kouacou (French Language Group)
 - Pablo Devis Posado (Spanish Language Group)

6) The next Annual Meeting will be held in 2025

- It is envisaged that the meeting will be held in the second half/third quarter of 2025, but before COP
- Preliminary offers to host the next AM were received from: Mexico, Niger, and Uganda

Proceedings

DAY ONE

Opening session

The 2023 Annual Meeting of the CPDAE was officially opened in Yerevan, Armenia on Tuesday 20 February 2024 by Ms. Claudia Godfrey, Chair of the CPDAE Committee and Mr. Aram Meymaryan, Deputy Minister of Environment of the Republic of Armenia.

Deputy Minister Meymaryan extended a warm welcome to the CPDAE Committee and Members, expressed his appreciation for such an important event being held in Armenia, and emphasized Armenia's strong support for the CPDAE and its objectives (a link to the full text is included in Annex III below).



Following the official opening of the meeting, the objectives, plan and agenda for the meeting were introduced by the AM facilitator, Leena Wockeck – noting that due to unforeseen flight cancellations of the consultant who developed a Project Prioritization Tool and a Roster of Experts for the CPDAE, the agenda would need to remain flexible, and presenting various options to accommodate last minute changes while ensuring event objectives would be met.

Following a check-in on the objectives for the AM, participating CPDAE members introduced themselves and gave updates on their respective accreditation, project development, approval and implementation stages and experiences.

After a check-in on member commitments from the 2022 AM to increase engagement in the CPDAE and invest at least one hour per week, per person, it was noted that this had not yet been widely implemented, and the collective resolve for more proactive member engagement going forward was reiterated.

- Members recommit to increasing dedicated time to advance the objectives of the CPDAE members, with regards to knowledge exchange and peer learning, improved responsiveness, and more proactive support to the Committee.
- Members noted that priority areas for enhanced member action will be further defined over the course of the AM and agree to put their names to specific priorities by the end of the meeting.

Report from the CPDAE Committee and the PMU to the Annual Meeting

Recognizing that the Annual Meeting is the highest decision-making body of the CPDAE and ensuring that all CPDAE Members are onboarded/caught up on CPDAE activities achievements, the Committee

Chair presented the CPDAE story so far, highlighting key milestones and results, and providing a brief outlook on the upcoming end of the current Readiness and the need to work together to ensure the sustainability of the CPDAE. Links to the PPT of the Chair's presentation can be found in Annex III below.

The Project Management Unit (PMU) for the ongoing Readiness at the implementing partner, GIZ, represented by Jella Haag, gave an update on Readiness activities delivered, as well as outstanding action items to be completed before the current Readiness is concluded in April 2024. A link to the PPT of the presentation can be found in Annex III below:

The presentations were followed by a brief Q&A session, including points of clarification, follow-up questions, as well as initial collection of/ discussions on key priorities for action in 2024 to be worked on in the working sessions on day two and planning sessions of the new Committee following elections on day three.

The efforts of the founding Committee to get the CPDAE to where it is today were explicitly acknowledged and celebrated. Achievements with regards to community building and the first Readiness were recognized, implementation milestones and challenges discussed, and the urgent need to secure funding for the next phase of the CPDAE recognized as a priority action item.

Discussions also included a reiteration of the shared goal of CPDAE members to reduce the burden on direct access entities to maneuver cumbersome processes that can take years and are perceived to lack transparency and consistency/predictability. They also included references to associated reputation risks for the entities, and the reiteration of the urgent need to allow them to focus on implementation and impact for their respective constituencies as the climate crisis intensifies.

CPDAE Dialogue with the Funds

During the 2022 AM, the CPDAE objectives, previously focusing on three key areas, namely:

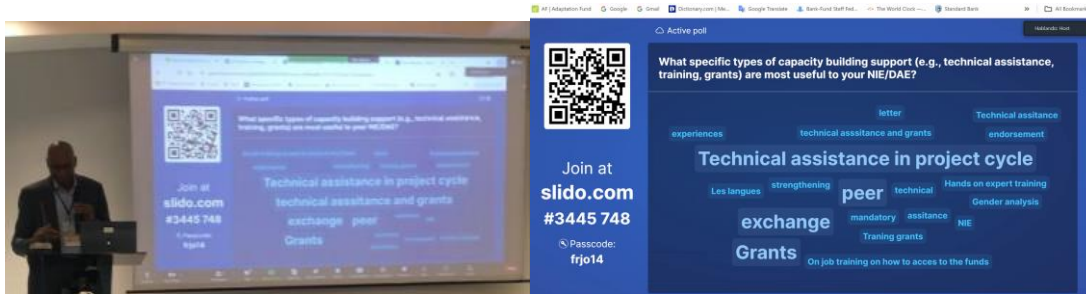
- **Building Capacity:** Develop in-house capacities to enable successful re-accreditation/accreditation upgrade and submission of transformational projects.
- **Communication:** Strengthen the community through communication and experience exchange mechanisms between the members of the CPDAE.
- **Cooperation:** Support South-South cooperation between the members and with their in-country partners for implementing climate finance projects.

Would be expanded by a fourth point, namely:

- **Dialogue with and advocate at AF and GCF:** Engage in a continuous dialogue with GCF and AF to improve efficiency of direct access to climate finance through direct access entities.

The CPDAE Committee invited the representatives present from the Funds as observers to the AM, Mr. Farayi Madziwa of the AF, and Mr. Jose Alfred Cantos of the GCF for some opening remarks and to update the Annual Meeting on enhanced support for DAEs as well as NIEs to get projects approved faster, including opportunities to advance key issues during the AM – as a community, as well as in bilateral exchanges throughout the AM and beyond (while ensuring that important information from bilateral exchanges is in turned shared with the community).

Taking the floor first, the AF engaged the AM in a poll to capture key needs and concerns of the entities, ensured ongoing efforts to resolve them, and invited all entities to engage in bilateral discussion on key concerns during the AM and beyond.



This was followed by a presentation from the GCF on opportunities and plans for providing additional support to direct access entities in the context of the GCF’s strategic plan and declared ambition to address (re-)accreditation/ accreditation upgrade concerns, reduce project approval times and significantly increase the number of approved projects under implementation through direct access modalities.



The plenary session with the Funds was followed by breakout sessions with the AF and GCF respectively. While NIEs continued discussions with Mr. Farayi Madziwa of the AF, Mr. AJ Untalan of the GCF conducted a workshop on the GCF’s PPF mandate, opportunities to effectively enhance capacity for successful project preparation, and ways to achieve the common goal of significant increasing the number of projects implemented by DAEs.

Language groups in action: Boosting member driven collaboration and enabling collaborative accomplishments

The afternoon of the first day of the 2023 AM commenced with a check-in on the agenda: Following confirmation that Juerg Klarer, the consultant working on the CPDAE Project Prioritization Tool and Expert Database would not be able to attend in person on the second day either (force majeure due to strikes at relevant airports, resulting flight cancellations and non-availability of alternatives that would get him there on time), the original order of the agenda was reconfirmed, with the sessions on the Project Prioritization Tool and Roster of Experts to be held virtually.

Subsequently, the language groups convened for table discussions on CPDAE successes to be celebrated, ongoing institutional development, and the sustainability of the Community. In preparation for the group working sessions of the second day, the language groups started collecting:

- a) Priorities for collaborative CPDAE action, and
- b) Priorities to collectively address with the Funds.

Individual members started thinking about their own priorities and focus areas for more proactive involvement in the CPDAE between meetings, and to **identify areas for prioritization during the one hour per person per week that members recommitted to investing in the community.**

CPDAE Project Prioritization Tool

Virtual presentation by Juerg Klarer, Aequilibrium, followed by Q&A.

The consultant presented the Prioritization Tool for GCF and AF project and Concept Note (CN) ideas. It is designed to support GCF's DAEs and AF's NIEs in prioritizing GCF or AF Concept Notes (CN) or project ideas with a view of choosing those ideas for further CN development, which have highest chances to get approved by the GCF or the AF.

The tool allows users to set assessment criteria for project ideas and then define a system of weighing the relative importance of these criteria, followed by rating the project ideas against the criteria, arriving at a total score for each project idea. Pass/fail criteria can also be defined. Up to 40 criteria can be defined.

The tool also features examples of 10 assessment criteria each for prioritizing project ideas in the following areas:

- Key GCF requirements
- AE and Stakeholder requirements
- Expected performance against the GCF investment criteria
- Criteria for energy access & power generation projects
- Criteria for low emission transport projects
- Criteria for projects in the result area energy efficiency in buildings, cities, industries and appliances
- Criteria for projects in the areas: forestry and land use
- Criteria for projects in the areas: mitigation and adaptation in agriculture and/or fisheries
- Criteria for projects in the areas: health and/or food & water security
- Criteria for projects in the areas: adaptation and climate proofing of Infrastructure and built environment
- Criteria for projects in the area adaptation in ecosystems and ecosystem services
- Key AF eligibility requirements
- AF resource availability and implementation requirements.

Once the tool is filled with criteria, project idea names and assessment values, the tool produces detailed numeric and graphic scores and results of the assessment, showing which project ideas score highest overall and in predefined groups of criteria. The tool is programmed to allow for scoring 5 project ideas. If more than 5 ideas need to be scored, two or more versions of the excel file with the given assessment grid can be used.



Overall, the tool was very well received, and a number of clarification and application questions were addressed. Appreciation of the tool's clarity, practicality, and accessibility with basic excel skills was expressed. The usefulness of the tool to help entities decide, which of the many project ideas that are brought to them to take forward was recognized, as was its value as a reference to justify prioritization decisions to colleagues, management, and especially to the partners proposing project ideas.

The pros and cons of having such a tool in another format, e.g. a bespoke application of some sort over the current excel format was discussed, Juerg however noted that this would drive up production costs a lot and result in a static app that may not be easily adaptable, for example if GCF and/or AF requirements change. For people with limited excel experience the semi-automated nature of the tool should allow getting to results by filling in the yellow-colored cells only.

It was also proposed to include ROI. Juerg answered that ROI can be included quite easily as a criterion, for example in the category "AE requirements", if a user would like to do that. Since neither GCF nor AF apply ROI as high-level investment criteria it is however not included in the examples. ROI may also be very difficult to assess or estimate at the project idea stage.

A further point raised was that especially for banks risk considerations and criteria would be of high importance. Juerg answered that it is possible to include one, several or a group of criteria related to risks, although risk assessment may be difficult at the project idea stage.

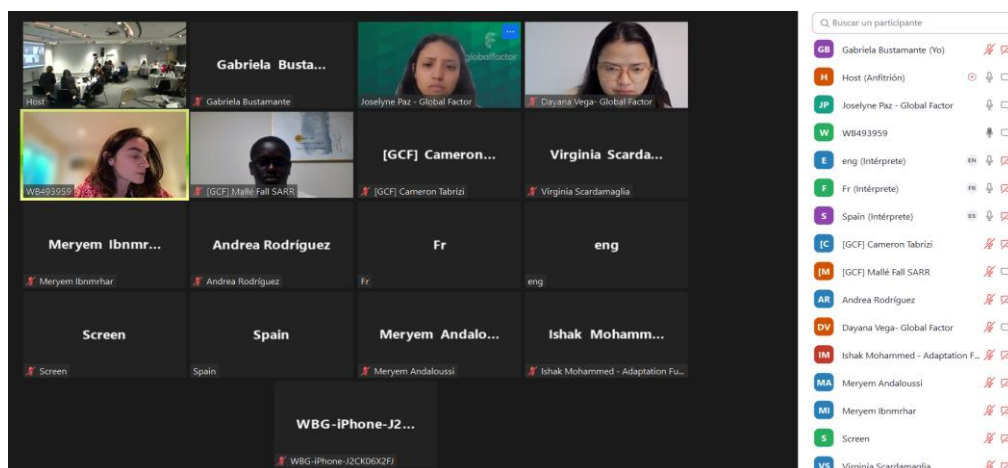
It was also mentioned that it would be great if **space could be provided for written comments from the assessor** in step 5. Juerg agreed and stated that **this feature would be added to the next, final version of the tool.**

While not a tool to be signed off by/ officially aligned with the Funds, the Funds representatives also expressed positive views and confirmed their availability for feedback and inputs to ensure ongoing alignment. It was however also noted that even in its current form the tool would require ownership and ongoing management to ensure its sustainability as criteria for project prioritization evolve both within the entities themselves and as defined by the Funds. Key point for further AM consideration and community action: How to keep the tool up to date/ relevant.

Q&A session with the Funds: (Re)accreditation/accreditation upgrade processes

With virtual participation from the accreditation teams of both the AF and the GCF

Following a brief introduction from Global Factor, who have been working on a self-assessment tool for re-accreditation / accreditation upgrade processes of the GCF and AF, the aim was to get inputs from the accreditation teams from both Funds. Discussions included available and evolving guidance from the Funds themselves, alignment between the Funds, ongoing and expected changes in the underlying processes, gaps in the guidance and support available, and how those can best be closed.



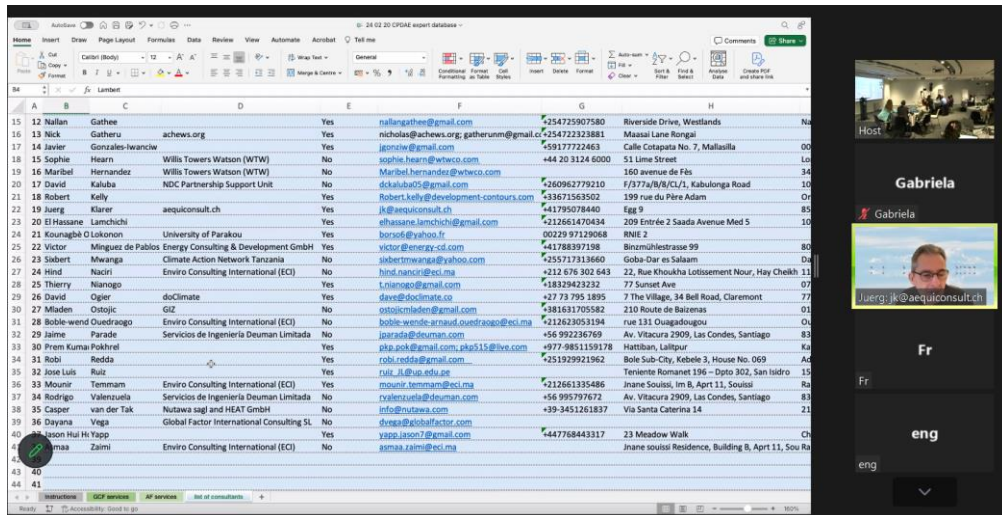
The AM reiterated frustrations with the time and effort it takes to get through the processes, the limited alignment between the Funds, the opportunity costs of tying up significant resources at the entities for such processes while that is urgently needed for implementing projects on the ground and achieving urgently needed mitigation and adaptation impacts on the ground. Challenges with the requirements themselves as well as the guidance and support provided where raised, including accessibility, useability, consistency, and transparency. A clear demand for increased simplicity of processes at all levels was expressed.

- The AM expressed the need to continue this conversation with both Funds and proposed follow up meetings – both in person and virtually.
- It was noted that changes are underway at the Funds regarding the facilitation of the (re)accreditation process, alignment between the Funds is work in progress, and the dialogue with the Funds on the availability and useability of their own guidance and support is ongoing. It was agreed that an additional CPDAE tool may result in more confusion rather added value in the immediate term (with the option of picking this up at a later stage and in a second Readiness project), which is why the CPDAE self-assessment tool was put on hold for now.

DAY TWO

CPDAE Roster of Experts

The morning of the second day commenced with a hybrid session in which Juerg Klarer presented the CPDAE Roster of Experts/ Expert(ise) Database. He walked the AM through the database and some basics of the methodologies applied to inform it.



He also identified some initial points for discussion with the group on how the database could be further developed and regularly updated:

	Keep Excel file approach	Switch to an online version of the database
Coordination	Who coordinates the work?	
Oversight	Who oversees the work?	
Updates	Who does the annual update of the existing info?	
Increase the database	Annual effort to add experts (how?)	
Accuracy of information	How to improve the accuracy of information?	
Central location	Who owns the master copy?	A CPDAE website is needed
Security	Password protection?	Restricted access?
Sensitive info	Annual expert consent?	Annual expert consent?
Expert rating system	Desirable? How to achieve?	Desirable? How to achieve?
Company database	Elaborate a company database next to the expert database?	

Feedback from the AM included suggestions to add the following:

- A column/place and process to capture expertise within the CPDAE – which entities/individuals have developed what in-house/individual expertise that they can share, e.g. economic analysis, greenhouse gas calculation, everything that contributes to making processes long and cumbersome and that can be shortened and simplified by learning from each other.
- A column for CPDAE members to indicate which of the experts in the database they have worked with and can provide references for.

Other feedback and questions raised by the AM included:

- Options for more dynamic ways of reaching out to the community with specific asks for expertise sharing and/or recommendations for consultants.
- Process for removing experts based on negative experiences.

- How to achieve regional balance, not least as a way to drive down costs and address the challenge of high upfront investment for developing CN and FP.
- Include more regional/local experts especially for the African context and start by collecting from among the CPDAE membership – decide who does what to get it done.
- How to keep expanding the roster and who will do it.
- How to manage, continuously improve, keep relevant, reliable, fair, where to store it, and could that come with any legal implications?
- How to manage equality of opportunity when dealing with public contracts if we use this database.

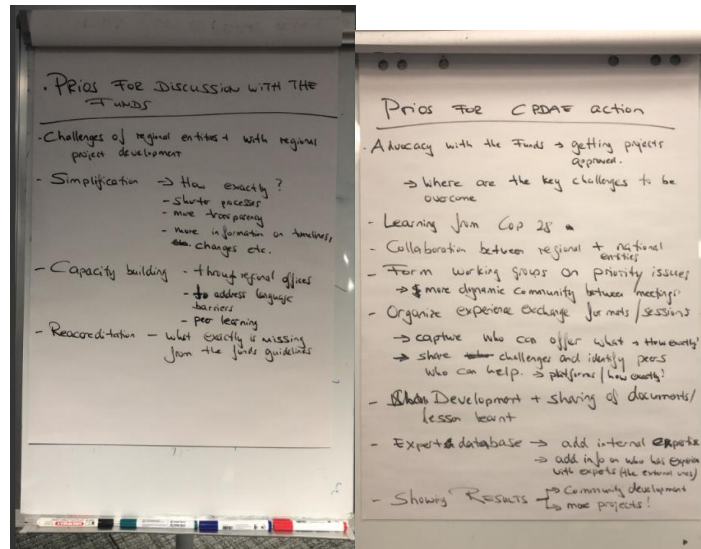
CPDAE in action: Language groups work on boosting member driven collaboration and enabling collaborative accomplishments

For the second part of the morning, the AM returned to deliberations on enhancing collaborative accomplishments, agreeing on priorities for implementation action on peer learning and knowledge sharing, engagement with the Funds, and on CPDAE sustainability and the next round of funding.

The session started with an input from the CPDAE Chair on CPDAE structures and processes to set the scene for further discussion on roles, responsibilities and collaboration in action.



Subsequently the AM went back to the results of the initial Language Group discussions of the first day and each group shared a brief recap of key points discussed:



Issues raised ranged from challenges of regional as well as national entities to fund key activities for project development and the need of funding caps to be raised, to opportunities for improved engagement with and more direct access to the Funds via regional offices. Points collected included:

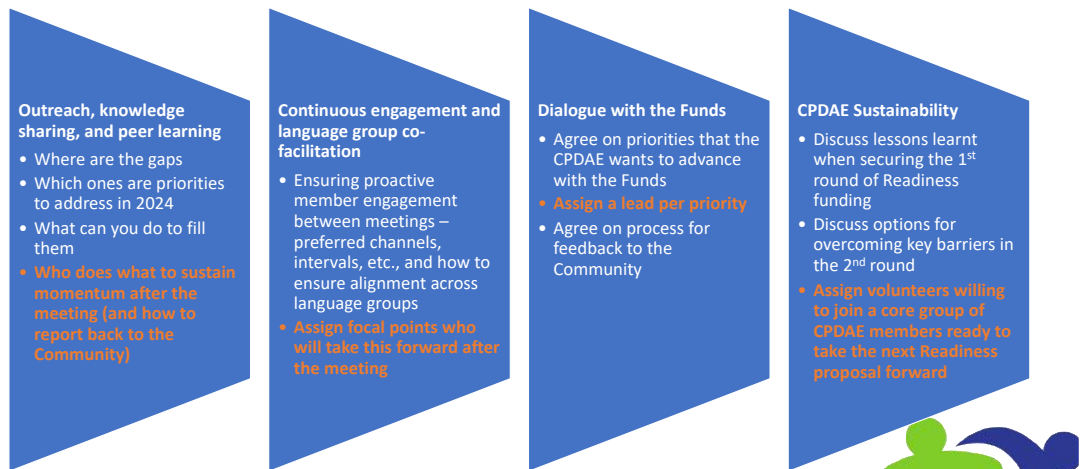
- Expanding/formalizing exchange and bilateral discussions between entities and Funds (e.g. on simplified procedures, alignment between the Funds, updated guidelines or regulations, and including feedback and dialogue sessions as well as (peer) information sessions in various formats – including bespoke formats as well as harnessing opportunities at other meetings and events).
- Accelerated and effective action to significantly reduce accreditation and project approval times.
- Growing the Community and ensuring all entities working on AF and GCF direct access projects can benefit it – working with the Funds to make information available to new DAEs/NIEs as well as those implementing one-off projects.
- Further activating the Community for increased engagement between meetings.
- Sustainability of the CPDAE and urgent action required to secure the round of funding.
- Practical steps to improve document sharing and a range of other peer exchange platforms, processes, and formats.
- Showing results and demonstrating CPDAE impact - including institutional results, core deliverables and progress against objectives to be highlighted in the next Readiness proposal, and especially on (re-)accreditation, projects approved and implemented.



Based on discussions and agreements so far, the following structure was proposed to guide further group work on defining priorities and next steps for collaborative action, including the formation of working groups/ assigning names to agreed priority tasks:



The Community in action: Boosting member driven collaboration and enabling collaborative accomplishments



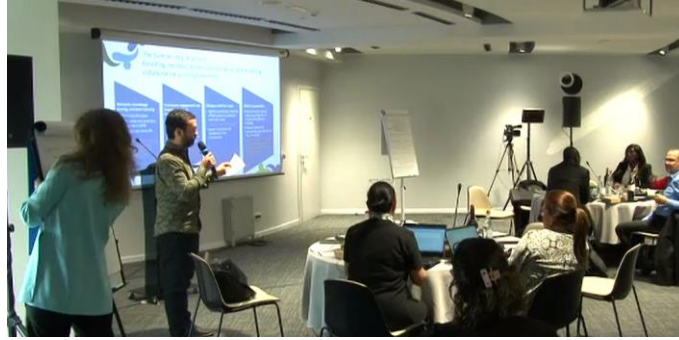
Where we are, where we want to be, and how to get there: Consolidation of Language Group results

After lunch, members returned to the main room and shared results from the group working sessions:

- Key points from the Francophone group included drafting position documents on key issues to take up with the Funds, ongoing issues with access to materials in French (and other non-English languages), support for regional representation of the Funds, and improved processes and funding for collaboration between regional and national entities.



- The Spanish language group emphasized the need for immediate action, starting with member commitments for more proactive involvement to support the Committee in the implementation of CPDAE activities, and dedicated working groups to take things forward.



- The English language group emphasized capacity building and the better use of resources available to maximize impact of projects, the need for further simplification of processes, for standardized feedback from the Funds, and for the CPDAE to have a role in advocacy.



In summary, key points raised included:

On CPDAE sustainability:

- Propositions for the future sustainability of the CPDAE range from demands for consistent financing to be made available by the funds on an ongoing basis and allowing community resources to focus on implementation over fundraising, to arguments for financial independence of the community, options for ongoing self-funding, and concrete offers to contribute resources, e.g. funding for the development of the next Readiness.
- Discussions on funding options for the next Readiness:
 - Proposal for members to draw on the new GCF funding envelope of 1 million over 4 years for DAES.
 - Options to access country Readiness and AF resources for NIEs (while learning from the challenges of the last round to get NDA signatures etc.).
 - Consensus that external support is required to support the drafting process for the new Readiness, that a consultant needs to be hired “to hold the pen”, while all members commit to being available for inputs and to support the Committee in securing funding for the next phase as soon as possible and with a minimum gap after the current Readiness runs out in April.
 - General consensus on the value of an international delivery partner with additional resources.

On dialogue and advocacy with the Funds:

- Joint advocacy for more transparency and simpler processes at the Funds

- Proposal for a Joint Declaration for submission to the Funds (draft text included in the day three proceedings below)
- Ensuring language access/equity is a necessity and requires adequate resources, the Funds should expand their documentation in French (and other non-English languages), as well as improving their support (and funding) for language access more generally
- More funding is required for exchange and alignment (for example between regional and national entities). Increased coordination and cooperation are key to efficiency, synergies and accelerating the development of more and better projects, and this requires the provision of more adequate resources
- Project preparation funding generally remains a challenge, funding caps are too low relative to expectations, repetition in documents could be avoided (e.g. CN and FP), feedback/comments is still not standardized/reliable, grants exclude operational costs, dedicated staff within the entities can't be funded, and more funds need to go into implementation where it is so urgently needed as the climate crisis intensifies
- As does (re-)accreditation, which continues to take too much time and tie up too many resources for too long within the entities. Specific potential remedies mentioned include increased harmonization between the Funds and simplified processes wherever possible
- Advocating for CPDAE representation and strategic interventions at the Funds' Boards (e.g. exploring possibility of seeking observer status in GCF Board).
- Drafting of position papers on specific issues/ dedicated appeals to address with the Funds (potentially led by individual entities willing to take specific issues forward in close coordination with the Working Group on advocacy with the Funds and the Committee)
- The CPDAE supports plans by the funds for regional representation, which is hoped will help address response times and develop more effective and consistent working relationships

On strengthening the CPDAE, making it more dynamic, and increasing exchange among and proactive engagement of its members:

- Reiterating member commitments to enabling collaborative accomplishments and improving responsiveness to ongoing CPDAE activities:
 - Agreement to put names to specific topics and tasks and recommit at least one hour per week per person for CPDAE action and activities.
 - Increasing capacity within the entities to respond to CPDAE asks and activities, e.g. by adding operative staff capacity to support the focal points in increasing responsiveness.
- Working together to deliver and demonstrate the strength, value, and impact of the Community (including capturing and disseminating results).
- Reiterating the need for more regional exchanges – get together once a year in addition to the AM for practical exchanges and collaboration on specific project development/implementation/etc. challenges.
- Exploring more opportunities for peer exchange – at other events and meetings where DAEs/NIEs meet as well as bilaterally between members where there is a match for exchange programs etc.
- Reiteration of the decision to focus more on making expertise within the community more known/ accessible to others.
 - Including experience and expertise within the CPDAE into the CPDAE Expert(ise) Database.
 - Updating and making accessible/usable the database of member entities, their respective accreditations, pipeline of projects, approved projects, etc. (follow up on the collection of data initiated at the 2022 AM, update, circulate, manage).
 - Systematize available documents (ToR, lessons learnt, proposals) and make available as an important community resource.

- Addressing ongoing resource allocation challenge that restrict the extension of in-house capacity while continuing to direct substantial resources to expensive consultants, who may or may not deliver results, add value, or effectively ensure knowledge transfer.

Following the collection and documentation of key points addressed in the Language Groups, the session was closed by agreeing on three key areas for action. It was agreed that summaries would be drafted for AM revision and sign-off in morning session of the third day, and members committed to be ready to put their names to specific topics by then.

PRIORITIES FOR COLLABORATIVE ACTION:

1. **Forming a working group to advance CPDAE advocacy with the Funds**
2. **Forming a working group to advance priorities for knowledge exchange and CPDAE peer-learning**
3. **Forming a working group to develop a new Readiness proposal and secure funding for the next phase of the CPDAE**

The AM also collected a shortlist of **3 countries offering to host the next CPDAE Annual Meeting**, expected to be held in the second half of 2025 and before COP 30:

- Mexico
- Niger
- Uganda

Entities from the potential host countries agreed to follow up with an official confirmation of their bid to the Committee as part of their AM follow-up.

CPDAE governance in action: Committee elections

Closing the second day of the AM, and in preparation of the third day, the Committee Chair provided an overview of CPDAE governance arrangements regarding the roles, responsibilities, and (re)election of the CPDAE Committee. Following the inaugural elections in Durban in 2019, the Committee elections in Yerevan would be the first election to form a new Committee and this session served as a check-in on relevant rules and procedures, the precedence from Durban, and to ensure there were no questions from the AM that needed to be addressed ahead of the elections the next day.



DAY THREE

Priorities for collaborative accomplishments: AM decisions and member commitments

Day three commenced with a return to the group work results for AM decisions on priorities and next steps. Summary slides were presented for each of the three priority areas for collaborative action, and members provided some feedback and guidance for revision, which is incorporated below.

With the aim of enabling collaborative accomplishments through the CPDAE that accelerate re-accreditation processes and support members in increasing the number of projects approved for delivery by direct access entities, the 2023 Annual Meeting of the CPDAE agreed on the following priorities and action items for a) engagement with the Funds, b) enhancing collaborative action, and c) ensuring the financial sustainability of the CPDAE:



Priorities for collaborative action: Forming a Working Group on CPDAE advocacy with the Funds

Annual Meeting outputs to be taken forward by the Working Group (WG):

- Advance the Joint Declaration of the 2023 AM for submission to the Funds, in close coordination with the Committee
- Advance engagement of the Funds on (re-) accreditation issues
- Organize (regional) in-person meetings on CPDAE advocacy at the Board level and ongoing coordination with both Funds in 2024, and establish formal channels of communication between the CPDAE, the Heads of both Secretariats, and each of the Boards
- Identify communication channels between CPDAE and the Funds to provide feedback on processes, formats and others, based on CPDAE experience in implementing projects funded by them.
- Support the initiative to establish regional offices of the Funds, taking into consideration the opportunity it may offer to develop a closer relation between CPDAE members and the Funds (on reaccreditation processes, proposals, project implementation, reporting, monitoring, etc.)
- Develop a strategy for improved alignment and cooperation between regional and national entities to maximize synergies and jointly advocate for sufficient funding for increased coordination and collaborative stakeholder engagement
- Advocate for the AF cap to be increased.
- Draft position documents for review by the CPDAE Committee and submission to the Funds:
 - On increasing project development funding to better match Funds' expectations with the costs of actions required to meet them
 - On further harmonization between the Funds – while exploring opportunities for CPDAE inputs into the ongoing deliberations on harmonization between the Funds



Priorities for collaborative action: Forming a Working Group to enhance peer learning and member engagement

Annual Meeting outputs to be taken forward by the Working Group (WG):

- Systematizing documents, activating and managing the platform to share them – including continuously updated contact list and information on accreditation status and plans, projects under development/implementation, etc. (as started in Cairo)
- Organize better to make the most of Readiness grants (e.g. sharing experience with add-ons)
- Complementing the Expert Database with own expertise within the Community and information on who has experience with the respective consultants and can provide references. *GIZ will coordinate with the consultant to add the space. Tbc: Process for adding info and managing the database going forward*
- Adding capacity for CPDAE action within the entities, e.g. expanding the teams with operational staff time to help with responsiveness
- Organizing (and funding) more (bilateral, regional, topical) peer exchange formats. *For inclusion in the next Readiness, as well as harnessing no-cost options when DAEs/NIEs meet at other events, explore virtual formats, etc.*
- Support the drafting process for the next Readiness (in coordination with the WG Readiness/CPDAE Sustainability) to maximize opportunities for including knowledge sharing spaces and activities in the next Readiness
- Exploring options to engage with non-accredited entities developing/implementing GCF projects (under PSAA). *In line with expectations for more proactive efforts by the Funds to make newly accredited entities and other relevant stakeholders aware of the CPDAE and its value, entities applying for projects under the PSAA should be made aware of the CPDAE and its potential as a resource for support to the respective entities*





Priorities for collaborative action: Developing a new Readiness proposal and securing funding for the next phase of the CPDAE

Annual Meeting outputs to be taken forward by the working group:

- Get funding to hire a consultant to help with the proposal drafting process - *Offer for funding to hire a consultant from within the community by BOAD; options for AF funding to be explored.*
- Ensure member commitment to support the drafting process with inputs, feedback, etc.
 - Virtually and/or including options for in-person workshops
 - Working with the WG on member engagement and peer learning to ensure member involvement in the proposal development process, as well as a focus on peer exchange in the proposal itself
 - Proposal for all entities to start working on this by defining exactly what kind of support they would like to see in the next Readiness
- Include a technical coordinator role in the Readiness proposal to increase operational capacity for CPDAE action in support of the Committee
- Agree on DAE allocation of a percentage of the new 1 million over 4 years funding to the next Readiness implementation
- Address the financial sustainability/independence of the CPDAE more generally and develop a CPDAE funding position and strategy. Balance preferences for sustained support from the Funds that allows direct access entities to focus on impact and action over fundraising while reflecting the recognized value added by the CPDAE with calls for financial independence and options for sustainable self-funding of the community.

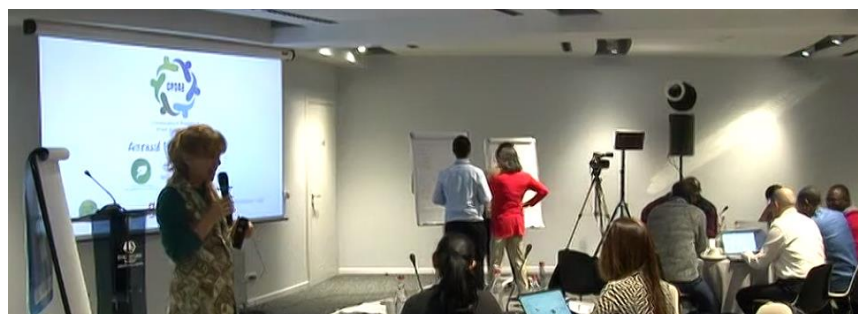


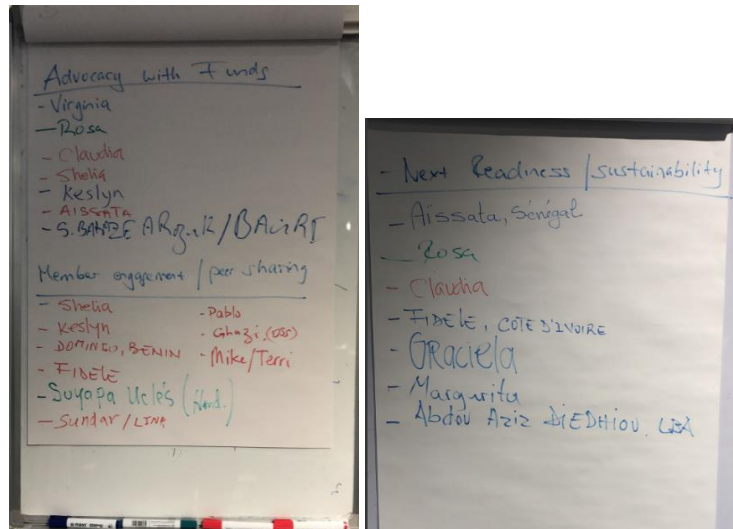
With no objections raised by the AM, and while agreeing on a number of edits to be made and comments to be added, the next agenda item was for members to put names to the each of the WGs, make commitments to collectively take forward AM results and sustain momentum between meetings.

Having championed virtual participation throughout the AM despite adverse time zone conditions, Virginia Scardamaglia from Fundación AVINA took the virtual floor from afar in Argentina and volunteered to be the lead focal point for the Working Group on Advocacy with the Funds.



The session was closed with members present following this lead and adding their names to one of the priority areas for Community action. Each focus area attracted a number of committed members, who in turn agreed on a lead focal point for each area. Lead focal points are members not currently on the Committee and their role includes dedicated coordination and alignment of the respective priority area for community action with the CPDAE Committee.





Priority for action: Advocacy with the Funds	Priority for action: Member engagement and peer learning	Priority for action: CPDAE sustainability/ development of next Readiness
Lead: Virginia Scardamaglia, AVINA, Argentina	Lead: Sundar Bahadur Khadka, AEPC, Nepal	Lead: Graciela Reyes Retana, FMCN, Mexico
Working Group members: Rosa Montañez Claudia Godfrey Shelia McDonald- Miller Keslyn Gilbert-Stoney Aïssata B. Sall Abdoul Razak Baraze	Working Group members: Shelia McDonald- Miller Keslyn Gilbert-Stoney Domingo Modeste Marius K. Kouadio Kouacou Fidèle Suyapa Edith Ucles Salinas Sundar Bahadur Khadka Lina Chalise	Working group members: Aïssata B. Sall Rosa Montañez Claudia Godfrey Kouadio Kouacou Fidèle Graciela Reyes Retana Margarita Gasparyan Abdou Aziz Diedhiou

CPDAE Joint Resolution

The 2023 Annual Meeting of the CPDAE agreed to formulate a Joint Resolution for submission to the Funds and to guide further engagement and advocacy with the Funds.

The draft text was shared with the AM. Support for the resolution was expressed and no major changes or objections were raised, resulting in the following **draft text for Committee review**:

The 2023 Annual Meeting of the Community of Practice of Direct Access Entities (CPDAE) jointly resolves:

To invite the Funds' secretariats to position the CPDAE, its achievements and success stories with their key stakeholders, and to ensure newly accredited entities are aware of the Community, what it has to offer, and how they can join.

To invite the Funds to recognize the member-led approach of the CPDAE to knowledge sharing and peer-learning as a key accomplishment towards increasing collaboration, enabling coordination, and mobilizing additional resources that increase climate change investments at country level.

To encourage the Funds to utilize the collective knowledge of the CPDAE and the feedback they receive through the CPDAE, collectively and individually, to expand funding opportunities that effectively advance direct access.

To encourage the Funds to establish formal communication channels between the CPDAE and the Funds for feedback on processes, formats, and resources, and to incorporate in their decision making the collective CPDAE experience with implementing the projects that they fund.

To encourage the Funds to establish a nexus between the CPDAE, the heads of the Secretariats of both Funds, and their Boards, through which the CPDAE's position on policies and decisions related to its members' mandates can be directly communicated.

To raise the awareness of the Funds regarding the sustainability challenges of the CPDAE to fulfill its objectives, to address barriers going forward, and to advocate for annual funding towards the continuity of the CPDAE.

To support the initiative of establishing regional AF and GCF offices, taking into consideration the opportunities it may offer to develop more effective working relationship between the CPDAE members and the Funds.

Committee elections

Following a brief final check-in on the process and procedures for Committee elections in plenary to address any final questions and ensure consistency of approach across the Language Groups, CPDAE members convened in the Language Groups to elect their new Committee.

All three Language Groups agreed on a similar approach to ensure continuity, enable a smooth handover, and sustain momentum while recharging the Committee with new representatives as well. Each Language Group re-elected an existing Committee member and newly elected their second representative. The following CPDAE members were elected to represent the CPDAE over the next two years in its second Committee:



English Language Group:

- Ms. Shelia McDonald-Miller, Planning institute of Jamaica, Jamaica (reelected)
- Ms. Milena Kiramijyan, Environmental Project Implementation Unit (EPIU) State Agency of the Ministry of Environment, Armenia (newly elected)

French Language Group:

- Ms. Aïssata B. Sall, Centre de Suivi Écologique, Senegal (reelected)

- Mr. Kouadio Kouacou Fidèle, Interprofessional Fund for Agricultural Research and Advice, Ivory Coast (newly elected)

Spanish Language Group:

- Ms. Claudia Godfrey, Peruvian Trust Fund for National Parks and Protected Areas, Peru (reelected)
- Mr. Pablo Devis, Fondo Acción, Colombia (newly elected)

After reconvening in plenary, the Language Groups presented their respective election results, thanked the outgoing Committee members, and celebrated the elected members of the new Committee. The new Committee convened to elect its Chair and Vice-chair, whereby Claudia Godfrey and Aïssata Sall were reelected as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively.

Update 8 March 2023: All elected members of the second Committee of the CPDAE have formalized their Committee membership for a 2-year term of service by submitting signed Letters of Endorsement. The onboarding process for new Committee members is underway.

The old and new Committee Chair officially closed the 2023 AM of the CPDAE by 13:30. She called all participating entities into a circle, commending the good work done during the AM, and calling on all members to sustain momentum following the meeting to jointly advance the community, achieve its overall objectives, and deliver on specific activities. A group photo was taken, and the meeting was adjourned, with participants to reconvene the next day for a field trip (see agenda in Annex II below).



Conclusions

Once again, the 2023 Annual Meeting established that the CPDAE is highly valued as a community of leaders and peers with a vision to enable and empower its members to get GCF and AF projects approved and implemented through direct access. Ambitions for its growth were emphasized and strategic options

for its sustainability discussed. The ongoing urgency for DAEs and NIEs to jointly advocate for their needs as preferred implementers of climate finance was confirmed, and the need for sustainable sources of funding and well managed platforms and processes for communications, knowledge sharing, and peer learning were reiterated.

The AM served to strengthen the community, boost momentum, share experiences and lessons learnt, make plans for collaborative action and joint advocacy, strengthen relationships, and affirm members' commitments to enhanced cooperation through the CPDAE. Priorities were agreed, three Working Groups were formed to advance them, and a new Committee was elected to lead the CPDAE through the next two years.

With the ongoing Readiness project ending in April, final deliverables were advanced and follow-up funding for the CPDAE addressed as an urgent priority. In the short-term, this will require funding for a consultant to support the development of a new Readiness proposal. In the medium term, CPDAE sustainability and the funding options to secure it remain a topic for further discussion. Strategic options raised by the AM ranged from advocating for dedicated funding from the Funds, to specific options for member entities to self-finance the CPDAE.

The outstanding need for a CPDAE website, and for sustained capacity to effectively and reliably manage it, were recognized. Noting that a process is lacking to update the existing CPDAE page on the AF website, and reiterating the need for improved CPDAE communications as well as internal information sharing - from member profiles and information on peer experiences within the community, to CPDAE tools and other reference materials - relevant points were included in the priorities to be taken forward by the WGs.

The 2023 Annual Meeting of the CPDAE concluded recognizing how far the CPDAE has come, applauding the Founding Committee for its leadership in getting there, and committing to proactively supporting the newly elected Committee in leading the CPDAE into its next phase. It affirmed the CPDAE's ambition for collaborative accomplishments, and the commitment of its Committee and Membership to sustain momentum, take AM decisions forward, advance agreed priorities through the WGs, take relevant action within their entities, and dedicate sufficient time to CPDAE matters.

ANNEXES

I. Final Agenda

Monday 19 February 2024: Arrival Day

Informal welcome dinner

Tuesday 20 February: Annual Meeting Day 1

Time	Session
9:00 – 9:30	Opening by the CPDAE Committee (Claudia Godfrey, Chair; Aïssata B. Sall, Vice-Chair) Welcome by the Host Country (Ministry of Environment, Armenia)
9:30 – 10:00	Objectives, plan and agenda for the 2023 Annual Meeting (Facilitator) Introductions and check-in on expectations (Facilitator) <u>Format:</u> Facilitated plenary session with a first round of Member inputs
10:00 – 10:45	CPDAE catch-up <u>Format:</u> Presentations by the Committee and PMU, followed by Q&A and facilitated discussion in plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CPDAE story so far – recap and onboarding to ensure all CPDAE Members are on the same page (Committee) • Readiness activities and upcoming priorities (PMU) • Recap of successes, challenges, and lessons learnt • CPDAE sustainability: Post-readiness planning • Q&A (Facilitated discussion with all Committee Members and open floor)
10:45 – 11:00	Short Break
11:00 – 12:00	CPDAE Dialogue with the Funds (plenary) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to AF and GCF for opening inputs (Committee) • GCF-2 and enhanced support for DAEs: Opportunities and plans for engagement through the CPDAE (Jose Alfred Cantos, GCF) • Working with NIEs through the CPDAE: AF input (Farayi Madziwa, AF)
12:00 – 12:45	Parallel Sessions: GCF/AF breakout sessions with DAEs/NIEs respectively <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCF: PPF mandate, modalities and resources – enhancing capacity for successful project preparation, including SAP and EDAs, case examples, practical guidance and Q&A • AF: tbc
12:45 – 13:55	Lunch <i>Potential lunch meetings with entities that are both DAEs and NIEs and therefore missed a parallel session relevant for them (tbc)</i>
14:00 – 14:45	Plenary check-in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from parallel sessions with the Funds • Where we are, where we want to be, and how to enhance collaborative action in the CPDAE
14:45 – 16:00	CPDAE Project Prioritisation Tool (Juerg Klarer, Aequilibrium, consultancy team) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Project Prioritization Tool • Testing the tool: Demonstration case • Q&A
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break

Time	Session
16:30 – 17:15	Q&A Session: (Re)accreditation/accreditation upgrade processes – challenges, needs, and how these gaps can be filled (Virtual panel from Global Factor and experts from the GCF and AF)
17:15 – 17:30	Closing Day One <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief recap, check-in, and outlook Introduction of evening off-site peer exchange tasks in preparation for group work on Day 2
17:45	Cultural program followed by official welcome dinner (see off-site activities as shared by EPIU)

Wednesday 21 February: Annual Meeting Day 2

Time	Session
9:00 – 9:15	Opening Day 2 by Committee Chair/Vice Chair, followed by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated check-in on the first day and expectations and plans for the second day (Facilitator)
9:15 – 10:00	CPDAE Roster of Experts (Juerg Klarer, Aequilibrium, consultancy team) Introduction of the draft Roster of Expert, followed by Q&A and discussion, including options for management and maintenance of the Roster of Experts
10:00 – 10:45	CPDAE in action: Roles, responsibilities and collaboration processes Preparation session for group work to boost collaboration and enable collaborative accomplishments in 2024 and beyond: Agreeing on approach(es), identifying priorities, forming groups, assigning tasks – while making sure language group representation and needs are met and virtual participants are included <u>Format:</u> Opening input by Committee Chair, followed by facilitated workshop session
10:45 - 11:00	Coffee break and transition to group work
11:00 – 12:30	Boosting collaboration and enabling collaborative accomplishments within the CPDAE – GROUP WORK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language groups work on priority topics for collaborative action Groups self-assign rapporteurs (while working on identifying and assigning more permanent focal points for relevant CPDAE roles and responsibilities)
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch (Group work can continue over lunch as needed)
14:00 – 15:00	Where we are, where we want to be, and how to get there <u>Format:</u> Facilitated working session in plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group work rapporteurs report back Joint capturing or progress and results so far: Review of decisions made, gap analysis, identification and prioritisation of outstanding action items Roles, responsibilities, and collaboration processes: What’s next to sustain momentum after the Annual Meeting for 2024 Check-in on CPDAE Sustainability: What’s next after the ongoing Readiness
15:00 – 15:15	CPDAE governance in action: Committee elections <u>Format:</u> CPDAE Committee Chair/Vice Chair inputs followed by Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precedence of the first Committee elections and guidelines as per the CPDAE governance documents Clarification of any outstanding questions, concerns, decisions, etc. ahead of the elections on Day 3 Check in on language group co-facilitation and alignment across language groups Check-in on nominations for the next CPDAE Committee
15:15 – 15:30	Outlook Day 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalizing agreed priorities and putting names to action items

Time	Session
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee elections • Formal Closing of the 2023 Annual Meeting (Committee Chair/Vice-Chair)
15:30	Afternoon coffee/ refreshments
16:30	Cultural programme followed by off-site dinner

Thursday 22 February: Committee Elections

Time	Session
9:00 – 10:30	<p>Opening and plan for Day 3 Finalising AM outputs and agreed priorities and action items for engagement with the Funds and for enhancing collaborative action within the CPDAE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forming a Working Group for CPDAE advocacy with the Funds and agreeing on key priorities for action in 2024 • Enhancing CPDAE peer learning – agreeing on priorities and identifying focal points to advance engagement and peer learning • CPDAE sustainability: Developing a new Readiness proposal for the CPDAE and securing funding for the implementation of the next phase of the CPDAE – assigning focal points to take forward <p>Review of key points for inclusion in a Joint Declaration of the CPDAE for submission to the Funds</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:00	Committee elections in the Language Groups
12:00 – 12:30	New Committee convenes for its first meeting, elects a Chair and Vice-Chair, and plans its first in-person meeting
12:30– 13:30	<p>Joint closing session (Founding Committee and newly elected Committee)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap: Outcomes and results from the 2023 Annual Meeting • CPDAE collaborative action plan for 2024 and beyond: Capacity building, communication, cooperation, and dialogue with AF and GCF • Group photo <p>Official adjourning of the meeting (Committee Chair)</p>
13:30	Lunch
	Free afternoon and evening

Friday 23 February: EXCURSION

Daytrip to the **Tavush Region** of Armenia to acquaint CPDAE Annual Meeting participants with:

- On-the-ground results of the AF-funded grant project “**Strengthening land-based adaptation capacity in communities adjacent to protected areas in Armenia**”;
- How Climate Change Issues and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with its 17 SDGs are incorporated in the education in Armenia;
- Good practices of Community Engagement via Farmer Field schools;
- Exceptional monuments of Armenian cultural heritage, such as Kecharis Monastery in Tsaghkadzor and city.

II. Participants list

Country	Entity	Name
Armenia	EPIU	Ms. Margarita Gasparyan
Benin	FNEC	Mr. Modeste Marius Kossi DOMINGO
Bhutan	BTFEC	Mr. Ugyen Tshering
Colombia	Fondo Acción	Mr. Pablo Devis Posada
Honduras	CASM	Ms. Suyapa Edith Ucles Salinas
Ivory Coast	FIRCA	Mr. Fidèle Kouacou KOUADIO
Jamaica	JSIF	Ms. Keslyn Gilbert-Stoney
Jamaica	PIOJ	Ms. Shelia Mcdonald-Miller
Mexico	FMCN	Ms. Graciela Reyes Retana
Mexico	NAFIN	Mr. Iván Cornejo
Nepal	AEPC	Mr. Sundar Bahadur Khadka
Nepal	NTNC	Ms. Lina Chalise
Niger	BAGRI	Mr. Saidou Baraze Abdoul Razak
Panama	Fundación NATURA	Ms. Rosa Montañez
Peru	Profonanpe	Ms. Claudia Godfrey
Senegal	CSE	Ms. Aïssata Boubou Sall
Senegal	LBA	Mr. Abdou Aziz DIEDHIOU
South Africa	SANBI	Mr. Michael Jennings
South Africa	SANBI	Ms. Terrian Thavar
Tanzania	CRDB	Ms. Ramla Aziz Msuya
Tanzania	NEMC	Ms. Befrina Igulu
Togo	BOAD	Mr. Ibrahim TRAORE
Tunisia	OSS	Mr. Ghazi GADER
Uganda	MoWe	Mr. James Kaweesi
Zimbabwe	EMA	Mr. Tawanda Chinogwenya

III. Links:

Presentations

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https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Elovg7ZtGM6EeXpdWMV_Y_-fUR7u83Be?usp=sharing

Welcome remarks from the Deputy Minister of the Environment of the Republic of Armenia

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bahSCdkBV1D2g_t8lI0dIGFC3vQWGeZk/view?usp=sharing

(Draft) tools and other reference materials

A.M. 2022 Report:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/12xrB_4FVcHpsOOqcqVBT4Ah4sYMmTfUF/view?usp=sharing

CPDAE Members directory:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14VV2V5pd4genZq2FKVdFgvDIAWwXrcYvFRMcUNzc1sk/edit?usp=sharing>

CPDAE governance documents final:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1oWaLncvfVR1kNYSAUtBGVg9OMJZmA8w5?usp=sharing>

CPDAE Prioritization Tool

Google drive link to be added once finalized

CPDAE Roster of Experts

Google drive link to be added once finalized