

GRAM partnership: criteria for partners and members

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The GRAM partnership

1. A Grievance Redress and Accountability Mechanism (GRAM) is a routinized, State-based or non-State-based, non-judicial process through which grievances concerning adverse impacts of a project or other business or development activity can be raised and remedy can be sought.
2. The GRAM partnership is a voluntary unincorporated association consisting of institutional partners who are grievance redress and accountability mechanisms (GRAMs), civil society organizations, academic institutions or programmes and international and regional agencies. They have formed the GRAM partnership to provide a learning and knowledge platform for GRAMs and to build a community of practice on GRAMs.
3. The GRAM partnership will be supported by a GRAM partnership Secretariat. The Secretariat will be hosted by at least one GRAM partner that volunteers to provide the needed services at its own cost and is accepted by the GRAM partners. The current Secretariat is hosted by the GCF's IRM.

Partners

4. The GRAM partners provide leadership to the partnership, meet together, adopt annual work plans, facilitate funding for the activities of the GRAM partnership (when possible) and facilitate the general governance of the GRAM partnership.
5. A new institutional partner can be proposed by any existing GRAM partner, and can be added to the partnership with the agreement of existing partners. Agreement can be reached via email on a no-objection basis.
6. Institutions can be partners of the GRAM partnership if they have been involved in the development or administration of, or otherwise have particular expertise on, GRAMs.
7. Any GRAM partner may leave the partnership at any time.

Members

8. Individuals can apply to be members of the GRAM partnership if they are:
 - a. current staff of a GRAM or former staff of a GRAM actively working on GRAM-related issues, or
 - b. current staff of the management of a parent institution of a GRAM actively involved in supporting the GRAM,
 - c. or individuals actively working on GRAM-related issues.

9. Members do not have to pay membership fees. The GRAM partnership can invite members to participate in its activities. Members can also propose activities and programmes to the GRAM partnership. Members are entitled and expected to attend and participate in GRAM partnership activities.

10. Members must annually affirm their desire to continue as members through an electronic survey sent to them. Failing to do so will automatically terminate membership, without prejudice to the right of that individual to re-apply for membership.