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**FY18 PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION  
OF THE CIF GENDER ACTION PLAN – PHASE 2**

**PROPOSED DECISION**

The Joint meeting of the CTF and the SCF Trust Fund Committees has reviewed and approves the document Joint CTF-SCF.19/7, *FY18 Progress Report on Implementation of the CIF Gender Action Plan - Phase 2*.

The Joint meeting welcomes continued implementation of the CIF Gender Action - Phase 2 and the overall CIF Gender Policy.

## Executive Summary

### Introduction

1. The purpose of this FY18 Progress Report is to provide an update to the Joint Meeting of the CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees on activities undertaken to advance gender equality outcomes in the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) under the *CIF Gender Action Plan -Phase 2* (CTF-SCF/TFC.16/Rev.1) and specifically to report on activity progress during FY18.
2. The Joint CTF-SCF Trust Fund Committee approved the *CIF Gender Action Plan Phase 2*<sup>1</sup> for FY17-20 in December 2016 to build upon the gender gains realized under Phase 1, and to expand the focus on policy, operational support, and learning outcomes. The Plan emphasizes on a larger gender-transformational goal: “*Women’s improved asset position, voice, and livelihoods status through access to benefits from CIF-funded investments*”.<sup>2</sup> To this end, the Plan addresses five key program elements, namely: (a) policy development; (b) program support; (c) analytical work; (d) monitoring and reporting; and (e) knowledge and learning.

### Approach and Program Overview

3. The CIF Gender Action Plan Phase 2 features a deliberate shift from gender mainstreaming processes alone, to outcomes framed under the more ambitious gender-transformational goal outlined above. The Plan rests on three pillars: (i) CIF-wide and program governance; (ii) local and national institutions; and (iii) green growth and sustainable livelihoods. The Plan includes a strengthened framework for monitoring results and impact. Implementation of the CIF Gender Action Plan – Phase 2 began in December 2016.
4. The following sections present the main CIF Gender program activities, undertaken by the CIF Administrative Unit and the MDBs through the Gender Working Group, for delivery in FY18, as well as activities planned for FY19.

### Achievements in FY18

5. **Policy Development:** The CIF is committed to robust gender mainstreaming in support of gender equality outcomes across its programming and operations in climate mitigation and adaptation. A key achievement in FY18 was the approval in January 2018 of the CIF Gender Policy<sup>3</sup> by the Joint CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees, following revisions made in response to TFC member comments and dialogue with internal and external stakeholders. The approved

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<sup>1</sup> CIF Gender Action Plan Phase 2 (2016). Available at: [https://www-cif.climateinvestmentfunds.org/sites/default/files/ctf\\_scf\\_decision\\_by\\_mail\\_cif\\_gender\\_action\\_plan\\_phase\\_2\\_final\\_revised.pdf](https://www-cif.climateinvestmentfunds.org/sites/default/files/ctf_scf_decision_by_mail_cif_gender_action_plan_phase_2_final_revised.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> CIF Gender Action Plan Phase 2 (2016). Available at: [https://www-cif.climateinvestmentfunds.org/sites/default/files/ctf\\_scf\\_decision\\_by\\_mail\\_cif\\_gender\\_action\\_plan\\_phase\\_2\\_final\\_revised.pdf](https://www-cif.climateinvestmentfunds.org/sites/default/files/ctf_scf_decision_by_mail_cif_gender_action_plan_phase_2_final_revised.pdf) f. p. 6

<sup>3</sup> See *CIF Gender Policy* at [https://www.climateinvestmentfunds.org/sites/cif\\_enc/files/knowledge-documents/joint\\_ctf-scf\\_17\\_4\\_rev.1\\_cif\\_gender\\_policy\\_rev1\\_2\\_final.pdf](https://www.climateinvestmentfunds.org/sites/cif_enc/files/knowledge-documents/joint_ctf-scf_17_4_rev.1_cif_gender_policy_rev1_2_final.pdf)

CIF Gender Policy serves as the governance framework for gender integration in the CIF and its procedures, program design and implementation, and staffing and budgeting. The policy introduces the category of gender representatives within the CIF observer structure, among other innovations. The CIF Stakeholder Engagement and Gender teams are collaborating to support the process of identifying gender representatives in line with the new Policy.

6. *Recruitment of a Gender Specialist in CIF AU:* FY18 saw the shortlisting discussions for recruitment of the Gender Specialist position in CIF AU, with selection interviews to take place in early FY19.
7. **Program Support.** Direct technical support to CIF projects was provided in FY18, upon request from countries and MDBs. At the request of EBRD, CIF Gender staff joined a mission to Tajikistan in October 2017 to strengthen specific program support activities of the PPCR Tajikistan program, implemented by Government of Tajikistan with the support of EBRD. The mission included visits to project sites, meeting beneficiaries and local financial institutions' staff from CLIMADAPT to understand implementation lessons learned. Separately, gender review comments were provided for a number of new PPCR investment plans to improve gender integration within these and gender program guidelines shared to facilitate gender-responsive design. Finally, CIF Gender staff provided technical review support to ADB's PPCR Cambodia program which is collaborating with Cambodia's Ministry of Women Affairs to further integrate a gender and climate approach in their national planning and is producing three stand-alone knowledge products that document this process.
8. **Knowledge and Learning:** Knowledge management and learning work proceeded during the year. The CIF Gender team, together with PROFOR, FCPF, and World Bank FIP, organized a day-long series of sessions on gender and sustainable forest management as part of the Joint Learning Day of the Forest Investment Program (FIP) – Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) meetings in Lao PDR in September 2017.<sup>4</sup> Speakers included representatives from IUCN and CIFOR, as well as country representatives from Lao PDR, Mexico, Mozambique, Nepal, and Peru among others, speaking about their experience in gender integration at policy and program levels. Additionally, the Gender and Sustainable Forest Management technical note prepared by CIF Gender staff was launched: it provides practical information on mainstreaming gender across forest project cycles.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> See agenda at [http://www.climateinvestmentfunds.org/sites/default/files/fip-fcpf\\_knowledge\\_day\\_gender\\_sessions\\_agenda.pdf](http://www.climateinvestmentfunds.org/sites/default/files/fip-fcpf_knowledge_day_gender_sessions_agenda.pdf) and session materials [http://www.climateinvestmentfunds.org/sites/default/files/presentations\\_inclusive\\_and\\_sustainable\\_forest\\_management.pdf](http://www.climateinvestmentfunds.org/sites/default/files/presentations_inclusive_and_sustainable_forest_management.pdf) and [http://www.climateinvestmentfunds.org/sites/default/files/presentations\\_strategic\\_alignment\\_and\\_policy\\_engagement\\_what\\_works\\_to\\_make\\_it\\_more\\_inclusive.pdf](http://www.climateinvestmentfunds.org/sites/default/files/presentations_strategic_alignment_and_policy_engagement_what_works_to_make_it_more_inclusive.pdf).

<sup>5</sup> See publication here: [https://www.climateinvestmentfunds.org/sites/default/files/knowledge-documents/gender\\_and\\_sustainable\\_forest\\_management.pdf](https://www.climateinvestmentfunds.org/sites/default/files/knowledge-documents/gender_and_sustainable_forest_management.pdf)

9. In October 2017, CIF Gender staff presented on gender integration approaches during the Evaluation and Learning (E&L) Stakeholder Workshop on the Gender and Private Sector Adaptation study of EBRD where the study concept was validated by participants from government, CSO, and private sector regarding study design. The final workshop of the mission was an event on “Building Climate Resilience in Tajikistan’s Energy Sector”, which included analytical work on links to household energy security. CIF Gender staff presented in two separate sessions in the workshop around Gender and Climate Change, and on Gender Integration in Large-Scale Energy and Water Infrastructure.
10. In May 2018, a gender session was organized at the PPCR Pilot Countries Meeting held at ADB headquarters in Manila, Philippines in May 2018 focused on gender and institutional development, with reference to programming in adaptive social protection and disaster risk reduction, in the case countries of Zambia, Niger, Cambodia, and Samoa. ADB’s Chief of Gender Equity also reflected on lessons from PPCR portfolio implementation, noting the increasing shift in ADB’s PPCR portfolio around achievements in women’s voice and economic empowerment, and crediting collaboration with CIF for the strong performance outcomes on gender, compared to other portfolios held by the institution.
11. The CIF Gender team in FY18 supported a number of gender studies under the CIF Evaluation and Learning initiative, in both a review and technical support function – e.g., for Tajikistan gender and private sector study; Mexico gender norm change in DGM study; and upcoming study by WEDO on the role of local women’s organizations in CIF investment Plan implementation, in addition to gender inputs on the transformational change study, and the study on leadership in climate action.
12. *Gender analytical work by MDBs under CIF:* The CIF Gender Action Plan Phase 2 and the earlier institution of specific country programming budget provisions for gender have encouraged development of a growing gender and climate analytical agenda among MDBs. Specific gender analytical work by MDBs grew during FY18. In addition to the EBRD study in Tajikistan noted above and ADB’s work with Cambodia, this included design of new analytical pieces by: i) World Bank on gender and sustainable forest management; ii) AfDB on gender impact assessments of CTF investment in Morocco and FIP investment in Ghana; and iii) IDB of a study combined with technical support to Nicaragua’s energy agency ENATREL on gender and energy access in its SREP programming. All studies are planned for FY19 delivery.
13. **Monitoring and Reporting.** CIF Gender monitoring efforts continued and were increased during the period under review. Specifically, FY18 saw the strengthening of gender monitoring databases and data collection systems for CIF Gender Action Plan Phase 2 indicators. These build on project data collected by M&R teams from MDBs, particularly for FIP and PPCR (see Annex 1). Some data on CTF and SREP still require further support in data collection efforts.

Further, projects often lacked initial sex-disaggregated targets which meant that such data had not been collected systematically since inception (see Annex 1). Separately, the CIF Gender team also supported the M&R team in its reform of monitoring toolkits to include more gender-specific indicators and monitoring, most notably in the case of SREP. Finally, an extensive effort on CIF gender portfolio review from inception to December 2017 was also begun in FY18 with report delivery expected in FY19.

14. **External Outreach and Collaboration.** FY18 presented a number of opportunities for CIF Gender to disseminate work undertaken through the CIF Gender Action Plan – Phase 2. ADB invited CIF AU to present at its Regional Seminar on “*Gender Equality in Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management: Weathering an Uncertain Future*” in Seoul, Republic of Korea in July 2017, in a presentation on “Integrating Gender into Climate Finance: Example of the Climate Investment Funds”.
15. In October 2017, the CIF AU Senior Gender Specialist participated as keynote speaker at EBRD’s invitation, together with the UK Ambassador and other regional representatives, in a CLIMADAPT adaptation finance award ceremony, with awards presented to 16 farmer-entrepreneurs and their loan officers (more than 30 awardees in all) from among the 2,250 participants of the first phase of the adaptation lending program CLIMADAPT.
16. In March 2018, CIF Gender staff attended Parliamentary Day at United Nations headquarters in New York, to participate as an invited panelist in a session organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and UN Women, titled ‘*Mitigating the Impact of Climate Change on Rural Women and Girls*’, to share examples from CIF’s gender impact in rural space. The event was organized as part of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). During the same mission, CIF AU’s Sr. Gender Specialist spoke at another CSW 62 side event organized by the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations and the Mary Robinson Foundation - Climate Justice, on ‘*Enabling Grassroots and Indigenous Women’s Participation in Gender-Responsive Climate Action*’. The event afforded CIF the opportunity to share the experience of FIP’s Dedicated Grant Mechanism (DGM) which features good outcomes on women’s and indigenous communities’ access to grant funding for local sustainable forest management initiatives.
17. Relations were also maintained and expanded with key external partners (e.g., with GCF, engaging in extensive dialogue with the consultant preparing their Gender Policy; with Adaptation Fund regarding their internal gender capacity-building efforts; and with Conservation International staff to enhance gender reporting under the global component of the DGM). In addition, preparatory discussions were held with representatives from CIFOR towards an expanded partnership on gender and forests in FY19.

18. **Communications.** Communications efforts on the CIF Gender program were strengthened during FY18. The CIF Gender team updated and prepared content for the “Mainstreaming Gender” portion of the new CIF website. The CIF Gender team contributed to the *CIF Voices* blog and published a post on Gender and Forest in Mexico, highlighting gender mainstreaming efforts conducted by the Forest Investment Program in Mexico, as well as content on the new CIF Gender Policy.

#### **FY19 Proposed Activities**

19. **Gender Integration Program in FY19.** The gender work program for the coming fiscal year will focus on continuing to advance the objectives of (i) mainstreaming gender in CIF policies and programs and (ii) deepening knowledge, learning, and technical support on gender in the CIF. Overall, CIF Gender Action Phase 2 implementation is fully underway. Since the start of Phase 2 in January 2017, significant achievement of planned activities has been made including preparation and approval of the CIF Gender Policy; expansion of gender M&R efforts; and growth in the CIF Gender analytical and learning agenda undertaken by CIF AU and the MDBs. Technical support has also been offered in response to demand from MDBs, however lags in hiring of the Gender Specialist have meant that direct technical support has had to have been apportioned more carefully than is ideal. With recruitment of this position in FY19, it is expected that technical support to MDBs and countries can be more fully optimized.
20. In FY19, gender activities will continue to center around implementation of the CIF Gender Action Plan, Phase 2 and enhanced roll-out of the CIF Gender Policy with MDBs and CIF countries. Areas of focus in FY19 will be the convening of a global CIF gender and climate conference (see description below) to share lessons and knowledge on best practice in this policy and practice sphere. Second, a regional learning event with pilot countries on gender and sustainable forest management (in collaboration with CIFOR) will be organized with a focus on project-level implementation and policy entry points in national settings, including potential for positive gender outcomes through forest-based value chain upgrading. Third, capacity building efforts with MDBs and pilot countries, as well as observers will be organized in the context of the CIF Gender Policy and also to identify leading edge opportunities for women's climate leadership at multiple scales.
21. Other CIF Gender activities in FY19 will include development of knowledge management pieces on gender and adaptive social protection as entry points to thinking about gender and risk at household and community levels, as well as a technical note on gender and agri-business. Further, collaborative efforts with E&L study teams working on gender-related studies will continue in FY19, including: i) gender and forests (with World Bank Environment and Behavior Change unit staff); ii) institutional transformation through inclusion of women's groups (with WEDO, CIF observer); iii) gender in adaptation finance and hydropower delivery (with EBRD CIF and Gender teams), and iv) gender and transformational change (ITAD and ICF firm consultants).

22. As noted earlier, country programming efforts also continue, including analytical work on gender and forests (IDB and also World Bank), and on CIF-specific assessments of gender integration in FIP and CTF programming (AfDB). Finally, the CIF Gender Portfolio Review will be concluded in FY19 and will highlight trends over time in gender-responsiveness of programming, as well as good practice elements in design at investment plan and project levels. Monitoring and reporting systems for reporting on CIF Gender indicators will continue to be strengthened, in collaboration with the CIF M&R team and MDBs. Regular reporting on gender 'quality at entry' of new IPs and projects will continue for reporting in CIF program semi-annual reports.
23. **CIF Gender and Climate Conference:** In the context of its 10-year anniversary, CIF AU, together with MDBs and other co-hosts to be identified, are organizing a global conference on gender-responsive climate mitigation and adaptation. The conference is being organized to: i. share gender lessons from CIF investment programming on climate action in developing countries, and ii. identify the latest knowledge and research in policy and practice on gender and climate across diverse settings and scales. This two-day global conference is expected to attract a wide range of participants, including developing country policymakers and public sector agency staff, private sector representatives, academics, members of civil society organizations, donors, and staff of multilateral institutions, including the World Bank Group, regional development banks, and UN agencies.
24. The conference will be structured around select macro themes discussed in plenary such as gender and institutional change in the climate context; gender, climate and poverty, along with more focused sector investigations on the gender-climate nexus discussed in side sessions. CIF examples will be designed to reflect on design and implementation questions around sector innovations, institutional mechanisms, policy effects, and observed impacts in economic, social, and environmental realms. High-level speakers will be invited to deliver remarks at an opening session. Day 2 would include a plenary on action planning for women's climate leadership at multiple scales. There will be sector-specific sessions organized against matrix themes of Markets, Governance, and Livelihoods, as well as one stream on evaluation and learning innovations in gender and climate. Other sector-specific themes will cover such areas as gender and mitigation at scale; gender and adaptive social protection; gender and energy access; Inclusive finance for resilience; gender, climate and urban planning, including transport investments; gender and rural landscapes; and gender, climate and health.