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**CONCEPT NOTE TO ESTABLISH STAKEHOLDERS ADVISORY NETWORK (SAN)**

## Concept Note

### To establish Stakeholders Advisory Network (SAN)

This is a brief description about the idea of establishing Stakeholders Advisory Network (SAN). The draft is prepared to serve as a basis for discussion and provides a quick and brief clarification about the establishment of the NETWORK. Detailed and well elaborated rules and procedures and action plans will be prepared at the later stage of the NETWORK.

#### I. INTRODUCTION:

The Climate Investment Funds (CIF) represent an innovative partnership among national governments, multilateral development banks, international development organizations and agencies, civil society organizations (CSOs), indigenous peoples, and the private sector. To achieve its climate and development objectives, the CIF relies on the active collaboration and constructive involvement of all these stakeholders. The CIF has included observers drawn from non-state actors (CSOs, private sector and Indigenous Peoples) in its governing bodies. The CIF observers have been assisting the Trust Fund Committees in broadening their perspectives, supporting transparency and accountability, and ensuring more targeted and effective action in participating countries.

The Independent Evaluation of the CIF found that compared to other funds, observers at the CIF have greater voice, better engagement and constructive relationship with TFC members, MDBs and CIF AU. However, the evaluation pointed out the need for improving engagement with the observers' large constituencies. The CIF has also recognized the opportunities for improving engagement with the broader stakeholders, observer constituencies and local stakeholders. In response to these opportunities for improvements and building on the CIF experience in engaging the stakeholders at all levels, the CIF is establishing Stakeholders Advisory Network (SAN) to advance the engagement of the broader non-state stakeholders in the CIF at the country, regional and global level.

**II. VISION:**

A dynamic partnership that fosters inclusiveness, interdependence, and cooperation at all levels of climate finance and investment to meet the needs of those most vulnerable to climate change.

**III. Mission:**

To strengthen the partnership of non-state actors with climate finance entities to advance the agenda of climate smart development through collaboration, research, advocacy, networking and partnerships.

**IV. OBJECTIVES:**

In general, SAN aims to promote the effective governance of the Climate Investment Funds including inclusivity, transparency, accountability, deployment of climate finance and implementation of climate investments through partnership and collaboration among non-state actors at the country, regional and global level.

**V. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

- To help create mechanisms that enhances the participation and engagement of non-state actors in decision-making process.
- To strengthen the development and implementation of climate investment plans.
- To facilitates exchanging experience and information among non-state actors and improvement of knowledge
- To build a constituency through awareness raising, dialogues, information exchange and knowledge products on climate smart development issues;

- To mobilize appropriate resources in support of the network's interaction with the broader stakeholders, its initiatives and activities to ensure organizational and project sustainability.

## **VI. GOVERNANCE:**

- SAN is overseen by a Central Coordination Point (CCP) made up of five representatives with two from the CSOs (one from developing and another one from developed countries), two Private Sector (one from developing and another one from developed countries) and (1) from Indigenous Peoples.
- The Central Coordination Point (CCP) as the overall governing body of SAN oversees the Network and its activities. It also coordinates the work of SAN and facilitates communication, participation and event organization.
- Members of the CCP are elected by their respective constituencies for three years' service term.
- CCP is headed by a chair-person who will be elected by the CCP members. The period of office of the chair-person is three years from the time of election.
- CCP could have constituency groups (CSOs, Private Sector and Indigenous Peoples) Task Force as needed.
- CCP meets in person once in a year or when required in conjunction with one of the Climate Finance events such as the Climate Investment Funds Trust Fund Committee meetings.
- The Climate Investment Funds Administrative Unit (CIF-AU) will support the work of SAN through modest resources and technical support for the first three years.

## **VII. MEMBERSHIP:**

The forerunner members of SAN will be all non-state actors who served as CIF observers including first round, second round and current observers. The diversity of the CIF observers will make SAN diverse in membership and geographic coverage to capture a diverse and comprehensive range of global and specific stakeholder perspectives and specialized expertise. The membership admission, however, will be opened to the broader non-state actors through time. The time to expand membership to the broader stakeholders, and the detail criteria and procedures for membership of the Network will be prepared by the CIF observers together with the CIF Administrative Unit.

The main criteria for membership selection could include:

- CSOs members shall be not-for-profit and non-profit and shall be registered or recognized in their country of origin. Eligible CSOs include think tanks, advocacy groups, service providers, community-based organizations and research centers.
- Private Sector members shall come from business umbrella organizations or associations.
- Indigenous Peoples representatives shall have accreditation from United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
- Members shall have verifiable knowledge and understanding of the purpose, functions, and operational modalities of global climate finance entities.
- Members must have membership in, or subscribe to information from, at least one networking organization (i.e., an alliance organization) that is engaged on issues relevant to climate finance or climate investment at local, national or international level.
- Members shall have the ability and willingness to the work with SAN, participate in and influence the Climate Finance decision making processes, stay engaged, and prepare for meetings, dialogues and debates.

## **VIII. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Coordinate the broader stakeholders' perspectives in order to provide value to decision-makers and other stakeholders in Climate Investment Funds.
- Support the work of active observers to Climate Investment Funds governing bodies by gathering input from the broader stakeholders, disseminating information, and sharing experience.
- Providing support to stakeholders at the country level for effective implementation of climate programs and projects.
- Disseminate information broadly to members' constituency through different channels;
- Contribute to the development and implementation of Climate Investment Funds policies and programs.
- Provide external and expert insights to the governance of Climate Investment Funds at all levels and throughout the development and implementation of investment plans at the country level.
- Prepare events and participate as appropriate in activities organized by SAN.

## **IX. ACTIVITIES**

The main activities of SAN could include knowledge creation, partnership, networking, capacity building and information and experience sharing, provision of resources includes research and information materials, advocacy strengthening, coalition building, monitoring, evaluation, and engagement.

The CIF observers in collaboration with CIF-AU will develop a virtual platform that could facilitate dialogue and networking among SAN members to build sustainable partnerships and to better incorporate the efforts being made by non-state actors into the work of Climate Investment Funds. The virtual platform will help SAN members to discuss, communicate with, share and collaborate on initiatives and activities.

An action plan that will detail the short, medium and long term activities of SAN will be developed after the launching of the Network by the Central Coordination Point.