

CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

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**CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS
PARTNERSHIP FORUM 2010
PRELIMINARY DESIGN PROPOSAL**

Proposed Decision of Joint Meeting of CTF-SCF Trust Fund Committees

The meeting discussed the design proposal for the next CIF Partnership Forum presented in document CTF-SCF/TFC.2/3. The meeting agrees that the Partnership Forum should be organized in March 2010 and welcomes the offer of the Asian Development Bank to host the forum. The meeting welcomes the design outlined in the document and requests the CIF Administrative Unit and the MDB Committee to:

- (a) develop the design proposal further for approval by the joint Committees based on the discussions of the meeting and further consultations with UNEP and the civil society representatives on the CIF committees; and
- (b) prepare a more detailed budget for the Partnership Forum for approval by the joint Committees, recognizing that preparatory work for the forum should proceed on the basis of the initial budget presented in the CIF Budget for FY09.

Introduction

1. As governments and institutions undertook to design the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) in 2007-2008, it was recognized that if the CIF are to contribute to an effective global solution to climate change, it would be crucial for their lessons and experiences to be shared in an inclusive, transparent and strategic manner.
2. With that purpose in mind, it was agreed to incorporate into the CIF process a Partnership Forum (Forum) to serve as a regular venue in which all stakeholders could share CIF-related ideas and experiences and engage in “dialogue on the CIF’s strategic directions, results and impacts.”¹
3. The Forum is designed as an annual gathering of the spectrum of all stakeholders engaged in the CIF. The stakeholders who convene together at the Forum include representatives of donor and eligible recipient countries, Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs), UN and UN agencies, Global Environment Facility (GEF), UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Adaptation Fund, bilateral development agencies, NGOs, Indigenous Peoples, private sector entities, and scientific and technical experts.
4. In October 2008, in the early days of the CIF, there was an initial Partnership Forum held at World Bank headquarters in Washington D.C. to begin the Forum process, as the outlines of the CIF itself were being formed and refined. This first Forum served as an early opportunity to explore how best to promote dialogue and open exchanges on various aspects of the CIF. While it served as an important venue to begin an open dialogue, given its timing so early in the process it lacked the capacity for in-depth review and deepening understanding of on-the-ground challenges and opportunities. Nevertheless, the first Forum set the stage for regular convening of the Forum as a central CIF venue.
5. This paper presents broad outlines of a proposal for design of the next Partnership Forum, proposed to be held in 2010. Following discussion and an exchange of ideas by the CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees at their meeting in May 2009, a fully detailed plan will be developed, including costs, detailed agenda, timing, and participation, and presented for approval to the Trust Fund Committees.

¹ See documents “Governance Framework for the Clean Technology Fund” and “Governance Framework for the Strategic Climate Fund”, November 2008.

Partnership Forum 2010: Inaugurating a New Approach

6. As the first Forum to take place since the CIF has become operational, the 2010 Forum presents a vital opportunity to inaugurate a new approach to the dialogue, incorporating a more complex array of learning, sharing and exchange than was possible in the first Forum. In particular, the Forum 2010 could provide a venue for stakeholders to review progress and challenges in the CIF, share new learning and understanding about climate action, explore new findings in climate science and technology, showcase actions on the ground in CIF- and climate-related solutions, identify critical challenges and concerns faced by stakeholders, deepen existing and build new partnerships, and serve as a key global venue for building an ongoing dialogue on climate solutions in support of UNFCCC and other official processes. Suggested key elements of this approach are outlined below.

Forum Objectives

7. Building on the basic premise of the Forum as a venue for dialogue about the CIF's strategic directions, results and impacts, it is proposed that the 2010 Forum address the following five objectives:

- a) Move the global partnerships around which the CIF is built to a *new level of shared understanding with stakeholders assured of a voice* in the CIF context;
- b) Deepen *knowledge of policy, science and technology opportunities* which work to address climate change;
- c) Deepen *knowledge of financial mechanisms* to support climate change in the context of development and help impel global green market transformation;
- d) Build new practical *bilateral and multilateral partnerships* for implementation;
- e) *Celebrate* the diversity and unique contributions of all CIF stakeholders.

Forum Timing

8. It is proposed that the second Partnership Forum be scheduled for March 2010 in Manila, Philippines, in the headquarters of the Asian Development Bank.

9. The location and timing are proposed taking into account the following considerations:

- a) To rotate hosting of the Partnership Forum among the MDB partners, which will not only underscore the importance of this partnership but will also allow for sharing experiences in different regions;
- b) To avoid conflict with the busy 2009 schedule of climate-related meetings leading up to the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties meeting to be convened in Copenhagen in December 2009; and

- c) To coincide with the first set of CIF Trust Fund Committee and Sub-Committee meetings in 2010.
10. Specifically, it is suggested that:
- a) CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committee and Subcommittee meetings would take place for one week in mid-March;
 - b) The weekend following those meetings would include several events which could be attended by Committee members and Forum participants if they so chose:
 - i. a *Saturday* field visit to showcase a climate project (not necessarily CIF-related);
 - ii. a *Sunday* learning event bringing together all CTF and PPCR countries with action underway on the ground: learning from this event would be brought forward into the Partnership Forum itself;
 - iii. a *Sunday* private sector forum to build interest and understanding among private sector stakeholders and to inform all CIF stakeholders of the kinds of initiatives and opportunities available through private sector participation;
 - c) The Partnership Forum itself would open on *Sunday* evening with a celebratory event and would continue for a two and a half day session on the following *Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday* morning.

Forum Leadership

11. It is suggested that the two and a half day Forum be co-chaired by:
- a) A government representative selected by the CIF governing bodies, the choice to be rotated annually among the CTF and the SCF Trust Fund Committees and the SCF Sub-Committee; and
 - b) A representative of another stakeholder group (NGO, private sector, Indigenous Peoples), to be rotated annually among all relevant stakeholder groups, as selected by the representatives of these groups who attend the Trust Fund Committee meetings².
12. The two co-chairs would open the Forum in an opening plenary session, would lead participants in a strategic dialogue in a variety of settings throughout the two and a half days, and would provide a non-negotiated summary statement in a closing plenary at the end of the event.
13. Panel and roundtable sessions during the event would be chaired and/or facilitated by representatives of the MDBs. In addition, in line with the CIF Governance Framework documents,³ it is proposed that UNEP would be invited to provide coordination and leadership on ensuring full inclusion of scientific and technical knowledge and innovation in the various appropriate venues and to take leadership in organization of a

² As agreed in document CTF/TFC.2/6, SCF/TFC.2/5, "Guidelines for Inviting Representatives of Civil Society to observe meetings of the CIF Trust Fund Committees," para 11, January 16, 2009.

³ See Governance Framework for the Strategic Climate Fund, November 2008, para.10.

learning symposium as one of the event's key elements. This preliminary proposal is under consideration by UNEP and would need to be elaborated jointly with UNEP as planning for the Partnership Forum goes forward.

14. It is also suggested that a keynote speaker would be selected by the stakeholder groups (selection of which would also be rotated annually), who would present in the Forum's opening session to set the stage for the dialogue.

Forum Outcomes

15. As the Forum is not a negotiating session, there is no formal negotiated outcome. Instead, suggested outcomes would be:

- a) A summary statement presented by the co-chairs at the close of the Forum highlighting the elements of the event, to be widely circulated for information following the Forum;
- b) Launch at the Forum of a new portal on the CIF web site which would provide an ongoing space for dialogue, exchange of views, new partnerships, and knowledge building; and
- c) A web-based database capturing knowledge provided by stakeholders in the form of data, publications, documents and statements.

Elements of the Forum Based on the Five Objectives

16. To meet the five proposed objectives, it is suggested that CIF Partnership Forum 2010 include five elements:

- a) Strategic multi-stakeholder dialogue;
- b) Learning and innovation exchange;
- c) Demonstration of impact, challenges and opportunities;
- d) New partnerships and enhanced stakeholder engagement; and
- e) Celebration of diversity and partnership.

These five elements are outlined below.

Strategic multi-stakeholder dialogue

17. A dialogue would be held to engage in an open exchange on the development of the CIF over the past year, including its strategic directions and movement toward intended results and impacts. This would take place in:

- a) Opening and closing plenary sessions;
- b) A plenary-level Voice of Stakeholders event with presentations by major stakeholder groups on their particular concerns and challenges.

Learning and innovation

18. A venue would be offered for identifying and exploring learning to emerge in the CIF process and setting the stage for application of new learning and knowledge. In addition to offering a broad base of knowledge and innovation, it is suggested that each Forum focus in particular on one stakeholder group to showcase their contributions to building the knowledge base for climate action: this showcase could rotate among stakeholder groups. The focus on learning and innovation would take place in three venues:

- a) A Stakeholder Showcase based around a knowledge and innovation fair: in line with the private sector forum proposed for Sunday, it is suggested that the private sector contribution be showcased in the 2010 Forum;
- b) A learning symposium to explore emerging scientific and technical knowledge, drawing on expertise organized and provided by UNEP⁴;
- c) A field trip offered in the margins of the Forum to provide additional opportunities for learning and exploration.

Demonstration of impact, challenges and opportunities

19. Opportunities would be provided to hear from CIF project practitioners about early on-the-ground actions at the country level, exploring both challenges and emerging successes, exploring possibilities for leveraging and scaling up impacts already underway, and seeking venues for capturing future impacts as they emerge in the process. This would draw from the Sunday learning event and would take place principally through four panels/roundtables:

- a) One panel with representatives of countries in which PPCR pilots were underway;
- b) One panel with representatives of countries with CTF investment plans in process or underway;
- c) One roundtable focusing on FIP issues and challenges;
- d) One roundtable focusing on SREP issues and challenges.

New partnerships and enhanced stakeholder engagement

20. A venue would be provided in which stakeholders can explore new opportunities for engaging with each other at an operational level the implementation of future projects in parallel or complementary to the CIF. This would take place principally through:

- a) A gathering place which would be open throughout the Forum for bilateral meetings between various stakeholders, supported by a facilitator and scheduler;
- b) Launch and beginning population of a web portal for sharing new ideas among stakeholders.

⁴ This proposal is being considered by UNEP and will require further consultation.

Celebration of diversity and partnership

21. A principal venue for this would be the opening event on Sunday evening of celebration, music and social exchange.

Proposed Agenda and Program

22. It is proposed that the Forum would take place on March 21-24,⁵ immediately following a week-long series of CIF Committee meetings which would be scheduled for March 15-19, 2010 in Manila. As shown in the proposed Forum program in *Annex 1*, suggested elements include:

SATURDAY, March 20

23. Saturday would be used as an opportunity to hold local site visits to climate action sites in which both Committee and Forum participants could take part.

SUNDAY, March 21

24. Sunday would be used to hold a learning event with representatives of CTF and PPCR pilot countries, showcasing action on the ground and highlighting challenges and potential solutions. In parallel, there would be a private sector forum. Learning from both of these events would be brought forward into the Forum itself.

25. The Forum would open that evening, in a celebratory event including performances, music and dance. Suggested elements could include a possible Indigenous Peoples celebration, and music provided by a climate change advocacy group such as *Rhythms del Mundo*.

MONDAY, March 22

26. In the morning, an opening plenary would be led by the two co-chairs. A keynote speaker would provide a presentation to set the landscape and context for the Forum dialogue. After opening statements, participants would have an opportunity for a round of statements in a plenary dialogue followed by a Voice of Stakeholders event, in which stakeholder groups could state their views, accomplishments, concerns and challenges.

27. In parallel to the plenary:

- a) A partnership gathering place would be opened on Monday morning and made available with support for booking bilateral sessions throughout the Forum.

⁵ These dates are indicative: final dates to be confirmed after consultation with CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees and the ADB, and examination of other potentially competing events

- b) A Stakeholder Showcase knowledge and innovation fair would be opened at mid-day by the co-chairs in an area near the plenary hall, structured in a series of booths and ongoing throughout the Forum.
28. In the afternoon, two roundtables would be held, each chaired by an MDB. One would focus on developments and issues in the FIP, and the second would be held on developments and issues in the SREP. Both roundtables would be open to all participants.

TUESDAY, March 22

29. On Tuesday morning, a short morning plenary would be held, and would break out into two panels on demonstration of impact, challenges and opportunities on the ground, building on findings garnered in the Sunday learning event. The first panel would consist of representatives of countries undertaking CTF investment plans; the second would be a panel of representatives of countries with PPCR pilots.
30. At the end of the afternoon, concurrent meetings of regional groups of recipient countries and donors to each fund or SCF program will be organized to provide an opportunity for consultations and self selection of the Members of the CIF Committees.
31. There would also be an opportunity to launch the web portal, which would be created as an ongoing learning and knowledge sharing tool.

WEDNESDAY, March 23

32. On Wednesday morning, there would be an opportunity for a high-level symposium, proposed to be organized by UNEP⁶ in consultation with the MDBs, which would bring some critical aspect of new scientific and technological learning to the fore with a contribution from a keynote speaker, followed by an exchange among stakeholders.
33. Finally, there would be a closing plenary session in which the co-chairs would provide a summary of the Forum's events.

Staffing and Budget

Staffing

34. The CIF Administrative Unit would be responsible for organizing the Partnership Forum, working in close consultation with the MDB Committee. The CIF Administrative Unit will work closely with ADB to ensure that the Forum is well organized and staffed. Experience from other large meetings would indicate the need for the following staffing:

⁶ This proposal is being considered by UNEP and will require further consultation.

- a) Information technology and audio/visual staff
- b) Administrative support staff
- c) Facilitator and support for partnership gathering place
- d) Exhibit organizer
- e) Support for transportation and hotel arrangements
- f) Catering and food arrangements

Budget

35. A preliminary budget is included in the paper being submitted to the joint CTF-SCF Trust Fund Committee meeting to be held in May 2009. A revised budget for the Forum will be submitted to the CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees for approval together with a reviewed paper on the Partnership Forum. The revised paper will be prepared after the May 2009 Trust Fund Committee meetings so as to take into account the review of these preliminary proposals by the Trust Fund Committees.

CIF Partnership Forum 2010
March 21-24, 2010, Manila, Philippines⁷

Proposed Program

Time	Event
Saturday, March 20	
All day	Site visit(s) to showcase climate action
Sunday, March 21	
10:00-5:00pm	Learning event with CTF and PPCR countries
10:00-1:00pm	Private sector forum
6:00pm	Forum opening evening celebration and concert
Monday, March 22	
8:00-9:30am	Breakfast to open partnership gathering place
10:00-1:00pm	Opening plenary with keynote, Voice of Stakeholders dialogue
1:00-2:45pm	Lunch opening of Stakeholder Showcase knowledge and innovation fair
3:00-4:30pm	Roundtable on SREP issues and challenges
4:30-6:00pm	Roundtable on FIP issues and challenges
Tuesday, March 23	
10:00-10:30am	Short morning plenary and launch of web portal
10:30-12:45pm	Panel on climate action on the ground: PPCR countries
1:00-2:45pm	Lunch
3:00-5:15pm	Panel on climate action on the ground: CTF investment plans
5:15-6:30pm	Series of meetings to allow for selection of CIF Committee Members
Wednesday, March 24	
10:00-12:00pm	Learning symposium
12:00-1:00pm	Closing plenary with presentation of co-chair summary

⁷ Dates are indicative. Final dates to be confirmed after consultation with governing bodies and examination of other potentially competing events.