
The Stakeholder Advisory Network Q & A's



What is the Stakeholder Advisory Network?

The Climate Investment Funds (CIF) is committed to improving engagement with stakeholders at all levels in climate finance. Along with other climate finance stakeholders, the CIF established the Stakeholder Advisory Network (SAN) on Climate Finance to advance the engagement of broader non-state stakeholders in the CIF and other climate finance institutes at the country, regional and global levels.

Why is there a need for a Stakeholder Advisory Network on Climate Finance?

Non-state stakeholders serve as observers in the CIF and other climate finance institutes such as Green Climate Fund (GCF) for limited number of years. However, since the institutional and governance requirements of CIF to appoint new civil society, Indigenous peoples, and private sector observers every three years, this leads to a lapse in institutional memory and expertise. Those who have amassed expertise and experience will be required to leave every three years. As such, the SAN is a platform to bring past, present and future climate finance actors together, share information, knowledge and expertise and bridge the knowledge and expertise gap.

What does the SAN aim to do?

The SAN aims to strengthen the partnership of non-state actors with climate finance entities and governments to advance the agenda of climate smart development through collaboration, research, advocacy, networking and partnerships. That includes enhancing the participation and engagement of non-state actors in decision-making; strengthening the development and implementation of climate investment plans; facilitating knowledge and information exchange among non-state actors; building a constituency through awareness raising, dialogues, information exchange and knowledge products on climate smart development issues; and mobilizing resources in support of the Network's interaction and activities with stakeholders to ensure organizational and project sustainability.

Who are the Members of the SAN?

SAN members are all non-state actors who have served as CIF observers including first and second round as well as current observers. Non-state actors who are serving or have served as GCF observers are also eligible for SAN membership. The inclusion of CIF observers ensures that SAN membership is diverse, including in its geographic coverage, to capture a cross-section and comprehensive range of global and specific stakeholder perspectives and specialized expertise. Over time, however, membership will be opened to the broader non-state actors.

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What are the Main Criteria for SAN Membership?

The main criteria for membership selection includes CSOs, non-profits including think tanks, advocacy groups, service providers, community-based organizations and research centers; private sector members from business umbrella organizations or associations; and Indigenous peoples representatives. Members should have knowledge and understanding of the purpose, functions, and operational modalities of global climate finance entities, they 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, and they must have the ability and willingness to work with SAN, participate in and influence climate finance decision making processes, stay engaged, and prepare for meetings, dialogues and debates.

What is the Governance Structure of the SAN?

The SAN will be overseen by a Central Coordination Committee (CCC) of five representatives—two from CSOs (one each from developing and developed country), two from the private sector (one each from developing and developed country), and one Indigenous representative. The governing body's role is to oversee the Network and its activities. It also coordinates the work of the SAN and facilitates communication, participation and event organization. Committee members serve a three year term. The committee is headed by a chairperson who will be elected by committee members to serve for three years from the time of election. The CCC could have constituency groups (CSOs, private sector and Indigenous peoples) and Task Forces as needed. It 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 serve as a secretariat and support the work of SAN through modest resources and technical support for the first three years.