

## Annex IV: Update on the activities of the IEU over the past four months (March – June 2017)

1. This section provides an update on IEU's key activities and achievements over the past four months. It includes a progress report on its four work streams, namely evaluation, advisory and capacity support, learning and engagement.<sup>2</sup> Overall the IEU has accomplished all its promised key activities and objectives for this period.
2. Establishing the IEU: The following has been accomplished over this four-month period.
  - (a) **Staffing and evaluation:** At B.16, four consultancies were foreseen for the IEU. At the time of this writing, key consultants who will work closely with the head of the IEU to support her on critical deliverables, have been selected but offers have not been made primarily because processes have been held up. These include two long term consultants including an advisor for the Independent Evaluation Policy, an advisor for the IEU strategy, and a short-term consultant. Terms of references for an IEU communications and uptake consultant have been distributed widely and shortlisting is underway. As promised, one team assistant has been hired and joined the IEU on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June. The IEU also has finalized an external advisory group consisting of leaders in the evaluation space, who will provide advice on technical topics to the head of the IEU and will ensure that the IEU is at the frontier of practice and policy.
  - (b) **Engagement:** The IEU engaged extensively internally and externally. Externally, the head of IEU met with heads of independent evaluation offices of the WB, IDB, UNDP, GEF as well as the relevant offices of the WB (DIME), Climate Investment Fund (CIF), the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), NORAD, Children's Investment Foundation Fund (CIFF), the Behavioural Insights Unit (BIU), the Global Data Pulse Lab and Incheon National University. Partnership agreements are being drawn up with these organizations so that IEU may leverage learning and sharing across a diverse set of actors in this field. Internally, the IEU has been in discussions with CPD, DMA, PMU and PSF to discuss evaluation needs and capacities. The IEU has also been given observer status at the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG). Its application for membership of the Evaluation Cooperation Group (ECG) is under consideration.
  - (c) **Building and strengthening evaluation capacity:** The IEU conducted several consultations with GCF staff as well as accredited entities, using the opportunity provided by secretariat planned events. It also conducted a survey of direct access entities representatives and GCF regional advisers. The main learning of consultations and the workshops led by the Head of the IEU have been that levels of knowledge amongst GCF stakeholders of basic concepts around evaluation that can also help to strengthen project quality, such as theories of change, process evaluation and systematic reviews and evidence maps is very low. To address this the IEU has also conducted two learning workshops and done several presentations on the vision and methods required for informing credible, rigorous evidence for low-carbon, climate resilient pathways.

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<sup>2</sup> Please refer to the IEU organigram presented at B.16.