

## Comments to the Update of the Strategic Plan by NL/DK/LUX – April 2019

In addition to comments made in January and in anticipation of the results of the Forward Looking Review, we would like to inform you of our views on the update of the Strategic Plan.

The goal of the GCF is still valid and needs to be seen in the light of the most recent 1.5 degrees IPCC report. GCF needs to support developing economies in their transition to a low-carbon and climate resilient economy and to continue pursuing both goals of climate change mitigation and adaptation, through innovative approaches.

In our view, the value added of the GCF in the overall climate finance landscape needs to be clearly stated in the strategic plan. GCF is not the solution to all climate problems and resources are limited. It is imperative that the GCF defines its value added clearly and that this is reflected in the selection of funding proposals.

GCF is now a more mature organization. The implications in our view should be: a shift from quantity to quality in projects, impact driven approach, stronger focus on results management, better access to resources and being an efficient organization are important items to be addressed in the updated strategic plan.

The Strategic Plan could focus on making GCF an organization that sets standards for others; setting the bar high through its policies, project selection criteria and effective as well as efficient project cycle management. This applies to all policies, including an updated gender policy and environmental and social safeguards.

We would like to following to be reflected in the Updated Strategic Plan:

- Enhancing accessibility and predictability for organizations via changing accreditation framework. One-time accreditation for one-time projects: fit for purpose, project-specific assessment approach. Improve predictability via programmatic approach; harmonization with other climate funds.
- Improve efficiency of the decision-making process to increase efficiency and effectiveness (and achieve better results) on both funding proposals as policies (decisions on voting system, in-between decisions, making better use of panels and groups etc).
- Funding proposals: transparent selection process on the basis of impact, needs of the recipient country and added value of the GCF. Stronger role of independent assessment committee, either iTAP or another body.
- Country ownership: ownership should be a process in countries with stakeholders to define the best projects on the basis of the NDC's and the Accredited Entities should take up their role in this process.
- Maximize private sector engagement where possible, by amongst others, reconsidering access modalities, improving decision making and utilization of more diverse instruments (guarantees, equity).
- Assessing, measuring and accounting for impact is important to show results. A single, integrated results management framework with clear core indicators to ensure credible and measurable reporting of results and impacts including effectiveness in promoting innovation, scale and transformation.
- Lastly, implementation is important; a concrete action plan should accompany the strategic plan.