

Dear GCF,

Regarding the input to the Strategic Plan of the Green Climate Fund please find the suggestions from the Mexican Fund for the Conservation of Nature (Fondo Mexicano para la Conservación de la Naturaleza):

1. Regarding the Programming Directions for the GCF replenishment we recommend to review the GEF experience with respect to country allocations. In our 23-year experience with GEF funding, country allocations have had the following problems:

(a) they discourage merit-based competition at the international level;

(b) governments assume that the funds are theirs and provide little access to non governmental agencies or private entities;

(c) instead of encouraging partnerships within a country the funding cap creates division;

Exceptions exist, but they require important capacity building for the focal points to carry out transparent selection process and to link different institutions to create effective alliances that they can endorse. Maybe allocations by region (not country) could be explored in certain topics where funding is lacking.

2. Web seminars to introduce new National Designated Authorities and Direct Access Entities on the procedures and opportunities at GCF would be most helpful to accelerate the elaboration of high quality proposals.

3. Regarding the “Design of new strategic RfPs based on the analysis of need, impact and uptake potential” it is important to build synergies with the GEF Impact Programs, since they also cover the topics of sustainable cities, agricultural productivity and forests.

4. It is important to support more diversified use of instruments and GCF-structured products, but it is not enough. In our experience there is growing interest in impact investments, however there is not enough offer of enterprises that can attract this investment. An important reason is the lack of capacity to organize such enterprises. A good example is cattle ranching and agriculture in tropical areas, where most producers are small (2 to 5 ha) and have no capacity to form groups that can then access loans and specific markets. GCF can support the capacity building to form organization of small producers and link them then with the growing appetite in urban centers for impact investment.

5. GCF role in leading multi-donor initiatives is a good idea. Its unique process of accreditation can lower costs for other donors, while an effort to unify formats and procedures would go a long way.

6. GCF mentions its interest in promoting climate risk disclosure, especially via regulatory, accounting and rating agencies. Credible international measures, such as the present disclosure on ingredients, that consumers could easily access via mobile apps on the products they purchase, would be a great investment.

7. Regarding adjustments to the project cycle, maybe approvals for micro projects can be delegated to an internal body that can make decisions between Board meetings.

We hope this input is useful. Please do not hesitate to request additional information or clarification of the above mentioned issues.

Best regards,



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