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Dear Sir,

**RE: INPUT TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE GREEN CLIMATE FUND**

Reference is made to the above captioned subject and your letter reference **DCP/OED/2019/137.146**.

I hasten to mention that we were honoured as the Zambian Government through the National Designated Authority to be invited to submit input for consideration as the Green Climate Fund (GCF) updates its initial Strategic Plan.

In line with your request that we submit ideas and recommendations on setting the Fund's overall strategic directions and priorities of action and being guided by the Guiding Areas for Input, we make the following submissions:

1. Strengthening country ownership and integrating efforts to meet country specific needs, requirements, and circumstances;

**Submission:** *Efforts by GCF to undertake market analysis and stakeholder survey are commendable, however, more needs to be done in the following areas:*

- i. *Analysing country specific challenges in Climate Change finance mobilisation; and,*
- ii. *Identify common barriers for engagement that countries experience.*

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2. Enhancing accessibility and inclusiveness on the frontlines of country and partner engagement;

**Submission:** *The process of accreditation for NIEs require to be streamlined and simplified further in order to encourage, as well as, increase direct accessibility especially by developing countries. This will be in line with the tenets of Climate Change Financing which espouse the very essence of GCF. In addition, the process should continue promoting strategies which enhance the experience and capacity of entities aspiring to be National Implementing Entities (NIEs) to include apprenticeship with Accredited Entities (AE's).*

3. Supporting capacity development of national institutions for climate change adaptation and mitigation project pipeline development and successful implementation of funded activities;

**Submission:** *The need for support in developing countries for mitigating and adapting to the adverse effects of Climate Change is great, however, the downside to accessing the available support is the limited capacity in certain areas. Critical among them is the capacity to develop Project Proposals. In this regard, the next plan can build on the efforts of the previous plan through:*

- i. *Increasing support to develop capacity for developing countries to prepare bankable project proposals.*
- ii. *Create synergies with other institutions to build capacity in NDAs and AEs in project proposal de-risking.*

It is my considered view that these inputs and the ideas they represent will be of value as you update the GCF Strategic Plan and that they will finally be reflected in the next Plan.

Yours sincerely,



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