

Subject: Development Horizons Foundation (DHF) Input to the GCF's Strategic Plan.

The Development Horizons Foundation (DHF) of Mongolia is thankful to the GCF Secretariat for sharing with us the following very informative documents *GCF/B.22/Inf.13 titled "Report on the implementation of the initial Strategic Plan of the GCF: 2015–2018"*, *GCF/B.22/17 titled "Synthesis of Board submissions on the update of the Strategic Plan of the Green Climate Fund"* and *GCF/B.22/Inf.12 titled "Strategic Programming for the Green Climate Fund First Replenishment"* that updated us on the substantial progress made by the Fund over the past three years, as well as lessons learnt, challenges and opportunities for the future collective actions.

The DHF is appreciative for the inclusive process of engaging the Fund's stakeholders including civil society organizations requesting their inputs towards updating the Strategic Plan for the GCF.

The DHF is supportive of the Fund's overall strategic directions and priorities and would like to share some of our thoughts and recommendations as the Fund continues to be a learning institution towards further improving its operational modalities and performance to achieve the common overarching objectives of "promoting paradigm-shift and supporting the Paris Agreement implementation":

For prioritizing pipeline development:

- Facilitate identifying and providing support to the country and region-specific gender equality and inclusiveness related challenges/issues at/during the structured dialogues and consultations at all levels; (in line with guiding principles of the GCF Gender Policy and SDGs # 5).
- Encourage GCF partners and stakeholders introduce and integrate socially inclusive (SI) Approach through advocacy undertakings and consultations to facilitate improving cross-sectoral climate-resilient development agenda/s.

For strengthening a proactive and strategic approach to programming:

- Encourage using an in-depth gender analysis (and study) in conducting market surveys of what is needed to support climate action and which country priorities have most difficulty attracting finance to inform RFPs and replicable approaches.
- Enhance accessibility and predictability through more gender-sensitive and transparent planning of financial resources and related information.
- Facilitate engaging civil society institutions as key grassroots partners and stakeholders in climate actions, environment protection and social development areas for sustainable and green development education, building capacities of different social groups as well as in the monitoring practices.

For enhancing accessibility and predictability:

- Gender specific indicators could be proposed/applied for signaling the types of projects GCF is seeking to invest and finalize minimum benchmarks.

For building adequate institutional capacities:

- Mainstream gender in the GCF's structures and actions through AEs, NDAs towards building their capacities and competencies in delivering gender-responsive results.
- Reflect relevant provisions and recommendations of the UN Climate Action Summit to be held in September 2019.

With all the best, DHF team.