Approval of observers from civil society to be invited to SCF and PPCR Trust Fund Committee meetings

The Trust Fund Committee reviewed document SCF/TFC.2/5, Proposal for Inviting Representatives of Civil Society to Observe Meetings of the CIF Trust Fund Committees. The Trust Fund Committee also took note of SCF/TFC.2/Inf.2, Review of Practices on NGO/CSO Participation and Recommended Measures for NGO Representation at Meetings of the CIF Trust Fund Committees, which had been prepared by the IUCN.

The Trust Fund Committee expressed its appreciation to the IUCN for the preparation of its comprehensive background report.

The Trust Fund Committee approved the proposal presented in document SCF/TFC.2/5. In particular, the Committee agreed that the following observers from civil society should be invited to meetings of the SCF Trust Fund Committee and the PPCR Sub-Committee, in accordance with the agreed rules of procedure:

**SCF Trust Fund Committee**

(a) 4 CSO representatives with balanced regional and gender representation

(b) 2 Indigenous Peoples representatives

(c) 2 Private Sector representatives

**PPCR Sub-Committee**

(a) 4 CSO representatives with balanced regional and gender representation

(b) 2 Indigenous Peoples representatives

(c) 2 Private Sector representatives

(d) 1 representative from a community dependent on adaptation approaches to secure livelihoods

It is also agreed that the Partnership Forum should be used to facilitate and promote civil society consultations and maximize civil society contributions to the objectives of the CIF. This can be achieved, in part, by including civil society representatives in the planning and agenda setting for the Partnership Forum. It is recommended that the representatives selected to attend the Trust Fund Committee meetings be responsible for organizing civil society representation at the Partnership Forum.
Each of the groups identified (civil society representatives, indigenous peoples and private sector) should be invited to assume responsibility for identifying its representatives through a self selection process. The Trust Fund Committee should be kept informed as to the organization of such self selection processes. The Trust Fund Committee also requested that the selected observers from each of the constituency groups seek to work together to coordinate their interventions so as to maximize the efficiency of the Trust Fund Committee proceedings.

1 This number is agreed to allow for one representative from a developed country, and one representative each from Africa, Asia and Latin America on each Committee.