Joint Meeting of the CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees

Operational and Governance Review Update

Governance Documents Under Preparation

- CIF Conflict of Interest (COI) Management Overview
- CIF Conflict of Interest Management Framework
- Dispute Resolution Mechanism
- Multilateral Development Bank (MDB) Committee Terms of Reference (ToRs)
- Phase Two of Governance and Operational Review Workplan

Task:

Develop a CIF Conflict of Interest Framework

Approach Taken:

- Consulted with governance stakeholders re:
 - Concerns held
 - Checks and balances already in place
 - Suggestions for improvement

Findings:

• The concept of a "framework" within "Conflict of Interest Framework" means different things to different people.

Rules and principles for managing individuals' conflicts of interest

VS.

Inter-institutional conflicts of governance stakeholders arising from competing institutional interests

CIF must manage both kinds.

Three Key Takeaways:



Governance Frameworks +

Hosting Arrangement +

CIF Code of Conduct +

Soon-to-be agreed MDB Committee TORs +

Dispute Resolution Mechanism

help manage COI in CIF.



To manage inter-institutional conflicts, two areas need attention:

- A. CIFSEC/MDBs collaboration and coordination
- B. Intra-MDB coordination

Re. (A) CIFSEC/MDB collaboration:

- Advance notice by CIFSEC to MDBs on proposals
- Responsiveness of MDBs to CIFSEC

Re. (B) Intra-MDB coordination:

- Clarification of Lead MDB role
- Incentivization of private sector
- Management of CIF grants and subsidies



Training on COI:

- Recommended across CIF governance stakeholders.
- Details of content and a timeline will be established.

CIF Conflict of Interest Management Framework

- The CIF already has a COI Management Framework.
- It is the CIF Code of Conduct, and it was approved in 2017.
- It's the equivalent of other financial intermediary funds' COI Frameworks (Pandemic Fund, GPE, and GEF), which we compared with it.
- To update the CIF Code of Conduct, CIF may wish to provide for appointing a CIF Ethics Committee and rename the Code the CIF COI Framework.
- We will revert with a formal proposal for decision by mail by year end.

Conflict of Interest Management Framework Comparators

	The Pandemic Fund	Global Partnership for Education (GPE)	Global Environment Facility (GEF)	Climate Investment Funds (CIF)
Purpose				
Who Framework Applies To				
Composition of Committee				
Enforcement Mechanism				

Dispute Resolution Mechanism

Purpose:

- To have a forum to resolve concerns and disputes unrelated to matters covered by the Hosting Arrangement and financial procedures agreements.
- For concerns arising between MDBs, MDBs & CIFSEC, or MDBs and TFCs.

Principles:

- Easily accessible.
- Begin by trying to resolve at lowest level possible.

Dispute Resolution Mechanism

Forum:

 Escalate, as needed, for guidance from Chairs and Co-Chairs of Relevant TFCs for final resolution.

Status:

- Draft text has been exchanged with World Bank Legal Dept.
- Final draft to be sent to TFC for approval by mail by year's end.

MDB Committee Terms of Reference (ToRs)

- The MDB Committee ToRs are close to being finalized.
- Since July, the MDBs, CIFSEC and the World Bank have exchanged helpful comments on a draft.
- A few outstanding points remain, e.g.
 - details of MDB Committee/CIFSEC coordination,
 - o possible need for formal procedures for MDB Committee meetings,
 - possible need for CIFSEC support at MDB Committee meetings.
- MDBs aim to sign the final MDB Committee ToRs at COP28.

Phase 2 Operational and Governance Review Workplan

- Workplan will be informed and driven by CIF's strategic direction.
- Ideas have been suggested but AHC did not want to make firm decisions preappointment of new CEO.
- Simplification of CIF funds and of CIF governing bodies is suggested as a priority.
- For continuity and pending review of any simplification proposals, it's suggested that SCF Technical Committee and GCAP members' terms be extended until June 2025.

Next Steps

- CIF Strategy Meeting (MDB VP level) to be held during COP28.
- MDB Committee ToRs to be finalized and announced at COP28.
- Dispute Resolution Mechanism to be agreed by mail by year end.
- Phase Two CIF Governance and Operational Review, aligned with CIF's strategic direction, to be developed for TFC review in February 2024.
- Proposed Technical In-Person MDBs/CIFSEC/AHC Workshop (February 2024) to address enhanced MDB Committee/CIFSEC collaboration.
- Following agreement of all parties, World Bank Legal Dept. will update Governance Frameworks to reflect changes.

Decisions Requested

- TFCs' endorsement for the work undertaken on governance and its continuation to completion.
- TFCs' endorsement of proposal to extend SCF Technical Committee and GCAP Committee members until June 2025.
- TFCs' endorsement of proposed Technical Workshop between AHC, MDBs, and CIFSEC in early 2024 to address enhanced MDB Committee/CIFSEC collaboration.