

CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

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COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM OBSERVERS OF THE PPCR SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT EXPERTS TO UNDERTAKE THE QUALITY REVIEW OF SCF INVESTMENT PLANS

Note: This information document will be discussed under the agenda item on the quality review of investment plans at the Sub-Committees for FIP, PPCR and SREP.

1. On June 7, the CIF Administrative Unit circulated an email to the PPCR Sub-Committee for the confirmation of a proposed expert, agreed by the Government of Zambia and the MDDBS, to undertake the quality review of the SRCR for Zambia. The two emails below were received from observers to the PPCR Sub-Committee in regards to the selection of experts. This information note has been circulated to the SCF Sub-Committees (FIP, PPCR and SREP), and may be discussed under the agenda item on the quality review of investment plans for each program.

2. Email from Sérgio Mattos-Fonseca, APREC Coastal Ecosystems (Brazil), Civil Society observer to the PPCR representing the Latin America region:

Dear Patricia, PPCR Observers and Colleagues:

On several occasions I have expressed about the role of Observers, since two years ago when I start the work and participating in PPCR meetings. Never I'd accept or rather, would not have been a candidate to represent Latin American NGOs, if I hadn't compatible knowledge and expertise in the PPCR subjects treated.

I've been putting my opinion since the last meeting in Washington that the Observers should play a larger role in the evaluation process and implementation of projects for climate resilience. What is currently an Observer of PPCR role? Projects of high cost of development and implementation were approved without any review was requested to Observers.

So, here is my opinion contrary to hire "experts" to evaluate PPCR projects selected by MDDBs or any other process. If we Observers are not the experts, what is our role in PPCR?

Thus, the representation of Latin American NGOs legitimately elected expresses his opinion: **the Observers must play the role of experts to evaluate selection and implementation projects in PPCR, for this were elected and indicated by the civil society segments they represent.**

Best Regards,

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3. The email below was received following the email from Sergio Mattos-Fonseca (above) and sent by Patrick Karani, B.E.A International, private sector observer to the PPCR Sub-Committee.

I do support Sergio's views that at the moment the observers within CIF are "under-utilized". Perhaps, it is time to review their TORs and determine their role in accordance with input into the review process and implementation of the programmes, projects and

activities. This could also be taken as one of the lessons learnt from piloting with CIF initiatives. Best wishes. Patrick K.