

## **CSO Comments on Strategic Programming for Replenishment (BM22, February 2019)**

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Civil society welcomes the presentation of what we understand is the first version of a strategic programming document outlining various scenarios for the GCF's First Replenishment period to feed into the replenishment process presented to the Board here as an information note. We look forward to more information on the process to further develop and refine this document.

This is a very important forward looking document exploring the GCF's implementation potential and its global impact ambitions in line with the urgent and immediate needs of developing countries and the people and communities already affected by climate change. We appreciate in particular its inclusion of a meaningful and credible 'high-ambition' scenario for its Replenishment ("Upper Frontier Scenario") to focus the discussion on the GCF's impetus to promote transformational change toward low-carbon and climate-resilient development pathways to limiting global temperature rise ideally no more than the 1.5 degrees the IPCC special report says is still possible if we act fast. And as the presented scenario is solely mitigation focused, it would be great to have a high impact scenario developed further for adaptation and maybe as Ronny mentioned beyond adaptation.

As a first effort, this document is not yet a refined strategy for how the GCF's resources to be mobilized in the first formal replenishment should be disbursed to have the highest impact, but at this stage presents a bundling of many ideas and opportunities for GCF programming directions as well as the necessary policy and operational reforms to enable them.

In our view, the document includes both some good and not so good or even dangerous ideas for the future directions of the Fund. We are encouraged that the document includes a strong focus on iterative investing in institutional and human capacity to ensure lasting behavior and institutional change and recognizes that country ownership and country-driven programming, including by focusing on those that have not been reached yet or profited from GCF resources must remain at the core. However, a number of the proposed new programming options would fundamentally alter the nature of the GCF as a fund and therefore need thorough and inclusive deliberation.

It is thus imperative that a larger set of stakeholders other than the potential contributors to the Fund's first replenishment and the Board have an opportunity to weigh in developing version 2 and 3 or 4 as needed of this document. This includes civil society observers to the Fund, but ideally must include efforts to have the voices, needs and priorities of Indigenous Peoples, women and other often marginalized groups and local communities in Fund recipient countries reflected in a strategic planning document that take aims to future GCF funding .

We would therefore request more clarity for a process between now and the various stages of the replenishment process of how such input can be facilitated and incorporated in future versions of this document and reiterate our interest and willingness to contribute to its further development.