

CSO Comments on the Work Programme of the GCF Independent Units (BM19, March 2018)

The independent units perform a crucial accountability and oversight function of the GCF and we appreciate that after a year of establishment in 2017, they can now engage with full efforts into their mandated independent work. All of them, have elaborated ambitious work plans over the next three years that will cement their role within the GCF framework and internationally. Thus, it is critical that the

Board approves their work plans and budgets without any further delay.

We appreciate the strong commitment of the independent units to engage with multiple stakeholders in the development of policies, procedures, etc. Civil society in the past has provided constructive input on the development of the accountability units TOR and some initial policy elaborations and we want to encourage that they all continue to engage with civil society, indigenous peoples' representatives and community representatives as critical stakeholders when designing and drafting policies and procedures and projects, for example evaluations.

As work begins and units move to outreach and communication, we urge them to all consider providing information in a gender-responsive, culturally appropriate, and inclusive way about the mandate and functions of the units, and peoples' and communities ability to interact with them in multiple languages including local languages and a diversity of media formats.

Independent Integrity Unit/IIU

We already shared our overarching comments on the Work programme and Budgets of the IIU, we have one specific recommendation:

- We appreciate the Independent Integrity Unit's 2018 Workplan and urge the Board to adopt the IIU's workplan and budget as it is critical to long-term planning and to the IIU being able to perform its critical functions
- Appreciate the IIU's dedication to implementing its policies, including the Whistleblower and Witness Protection policy and we urge the Board to consider it at the next Board Meeting.

Independent Redress Mechanism/IRM

We are pleased to see that the IRM is now fully functional, however, as the IRM acknowledges, work remains to ensure it has best practice procedures, is known and has an appropriate case management system, among others

- As such, we support the workplan of the IRM and think that it is critical that the IRM's budget and work plan be approved so that the IRM can engage in long term planning processes and undertaking all its work including the work to complete its establishment including developing its procedures, communications strategy, case management system, and independent website
- Appreciate the IRM's commitment to developing its procedures, which are necessary to help people understand how the IRM works and how to access it and we look forward to engaging on their development soon
- As the IRM works to implement a communications strategy and outreach to ensure that potentially affected people know it exists and how to use it. It must specifically include outreach to indigenous peoples in a culturally appropriate manner and in local languages.