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GCF Observer Network of Civil Society, Indigenous Peoples, and Local Communities

INTERVENTION

Intervention on the Independent Evaluation of the Relevance and Effectiveness of the Green Climate Fund's Investments in the African States for B.36

Access the document: <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/gcf-b36-13>

We want to reiterate our support for the findings and recommendations outlined in this report. Particularly, we want to re-emphasise the need to provide more funding in the form of grant finance for smaller, more impactful and locally-led adaptation projects and to place the highest emphasis on the local private sector, especially MSMEs, in African states. We strongly support the recommendation also to provide CSOs with opportunities for direct access and capacity building, including as implementation partner with accredited entities and as delivery partner for readiness capacity, providing local knowledge and expertise of opportunities to improve delivery outcomes on the ground. We also support the findings related to the need to provide better and more targeted support to DAEs and NDAs, through the Readiness Programme, accompanied by a simplification of the GCF processes, in order to facilitate access.

In that sense we fully support the proposed decision text requesting the Secretariat to implement measures to enhance access to finance, including the preparation of a proposal and budget to allow for the funding proposals and related legal documents to be translated in other languages, as well as a revised policy on AE fees.

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