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INTERVENTION

Intervention for Project Preparation Facility: revised operating modalities, activities, and funding

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We welcome the revised operating modalities, activities, and funding for the PPF. In particular, we fully support the explicit inclusion of activities related to the development of stakeholder engagement. We also appreciate the continuation of support for environmental and social, gender, and Indigenous Peoples related studies.

We want to emphasise that the support that the PPF is expected to provide to entities eligible for the Project Specific Assessment Approach (PSAA) should be focused mostly on supporting national and sub-national entities in developing countries, and not be skewed towards support for private sector entities, especially international ones.

We would also like to point out that the proposed partnership and knowledge platform, which is expected to leverage the knowledge and experience of several stakeholders in project development, specifically includes private actors, but it has not included the knowledge, experience and potential contributions of CSOs and Indigenous Peoples. Knowledge does not come only from those entities and mechanisms stated in the document; time-tested experiences and knowledge come from communities on the ground. CSOs and Indigenous Peoples have extensive knowledge and experience that can improve project design and make it more responsive to the needs and rights of beneficiaries, as well as contribute to project implementation in a more effective manner.

Finally, we would like to stress that the PPF should, as should the Readiness Programme, be building the capacities of accredited entities, especially DAEs, to develop impactful and transformational funding proposals. To this end, it cannot rely mostly on consultants, especially international ones. This approach will only end up building a class of international climate finance project developers, instead of strengthening climate finance readiness and country ownership.

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