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

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Updated Strategic Plan of the GCF, 2024-2027

Access the document: <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/gcf-b36-17-rev01>

We appreciate all of the dedicated time and effort that the Board, Secretariat, and the Co-Chairs and especially their teams put into finalizing an updated Strategic Plan for GCF-2. We welcome this new Strategic Plan though, like many, wish it was more ambitious.

We are in a critical decade for climate action and we must urgently act to keep global temperature rise below 1.5C and build more resilient societies. The GCF has a critical role in this by supporting implementation of commitments under the Paris Agreement and UNFCCC. Given this, we would have liked to see a stronger and more ambitious Strategic Plan explicitly centered in human rights, including the rights of Indigenous Peoples, gender equality, and rights-based climate action. The IPCC recognizes that climate action that prioritizes equity, climate justice, rights-based approaches, and inclusivity leads to more effective mitigation and adaptation. The lack of explicit references does not change the fact that these principles are core to the GCF's mandate and must continue to guide its operations and funding support.

It is critical that we respect the knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and ensure that it is not co-opted or taken to be used for a profit, but rather that Indigenous Peoples are directly supported to implement climate actions.

We welcome the focus of the Strategic Plan on improving accessibility and hope this will not only lead to more direct access entities and approved projects for direct access entities, but also a greater percentage of the funding going to direct access projects.

Lastly, the institutional priorities outlined in the Strategic Plan are critical as the GCF must have the capacity to implement it as well as the policies, such as the hopefully forthcoming adoption of the GCF's own environmental and social safeguards, in place to do so.

This plan must be accompanied by an ambitious second Replenishment

We look forward to working with the GCF to help it implement ambitious, transformative, rights based climate action and to improve direct access to ensure that the needs and priorities of those on the frontlines for implementing equitable and effective climate solutions are supported.

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