

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

Intervention on

SAP052: Strengthen the National Multi-Hazard Early Warning System in the Sultanate of Oman

Access the document: <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/gcf-b42-02-add03>

We recognize that early warning systems are critical to any country, even more so for developing countries, and that setting them up is an iterative process demanding a long-term strategy.

As a matter of process: we were concerned to hear that at one point this proposal was not going to be discussed at this Board meeting after its disclosure on the website for weeks and accompanying inclusion in the provisional meeting agenda, although it seems that potential changes to the proposal have been requested by the Board, but have not been shared publicly. As the largest climate fund and one that provides critical finance to developing countries for important projects like early warning systems, it is essential that the GCF acts in an open and transparent manner. To effectively hide Board members' analyses, reflections, preferences, and positions, would not create a culture of trust in the GCF, but undermine its credibility. People around the world rely on the GCF and they deserve to understand the Board's funding decisions as well as its operational decisions. The intransparency of asking accredited entities for major changes in funding proposals not published at the time of the board meeting also seems concerning, and is potentially establishing a dangerous precedent.

We urge the co-chairs and Board to uphold the highest standards of transparency in Board processes, including, as we are indeed doing here, opening each funding proposal that is not withdrawn for public discussion by the Board, and then ensuring the full proposal is available for public review.