

Annual Update on Complementarity and Coherence

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We appreciate having this annual update on the ongoing work with other multilateral climate funds to maintain strong lines of communication, map shared partners and overlapping activities, and share best practices, particularly and especially among the UNFCCC-linked climate funds. However, we want to urge caution that efforts to enhance complementarity and coherence do not come at the cost of losing sight of the GCF's significant and unique value as the largest multilateral climate fund, or the fact that it was envisioned and designed to set best practice in effective climate action and remedy some of the shortcomings of existing channels of multilateral climate finance.

We remain concerned about the potential for these collaborative efforts to result in downward harmonization without a clear decision or Board oversight, particularly on standards related to environmental and social safeguards, Gender, and Indigenous Peoples. Indeed, we continue to see the misapplication of the idea of "functional equivalence" across policies and a focus on MDB partnerships, where MDBs push for the application of their lower standards particularly on Indigenous Peoples. If the GCF loses sight of its ambition, responsibility, and accountability then its position as the preeminent climate fund is at risk, at a time with the 3rd replenishment upcoming when it must assert its uniqueness and special place in the global finance architecture.

The plan to do joint reporting at COP30 on shared indicators is also of particular interest, and we question how that public-facing COP30 event or effort may prejudice work that is yet to be presented to the Board, such as on the harmonized results management framework.

We do look forward to the continued work to effectively scale up Adaptation Fund projects, and hope such work can align with the efforts to advance Locally-Led Climate Action.