

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

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We have been generally disappointed in how the readiness programme has failed in facilitating greater NDA and AE engagement with civil society, local communities, and Indigenous Peoples. This summary sentence in the second paragraph of the document demonstrates where the focus on engagement has been instead: “Overall, GCF readiness funding has enabled countries to establish effective climate coordination mechanisms, support national institutions for sustainable climate actions, support countries in mobilizing and engaging the private sector and strengthening strategic medium- and long-term climate planning in developing countries.” This omits that civil society, local communities and Indigenous Peoples are supposed to be partners in true country coordination mechanisms that deserve the name.

This is also the first of 15 mentions of the private sector in this report. Civil society is mentioned once, as are Indigenous Peoples. The generic mention of stakeholders without attention or specificity to rightsholders, and without separate intentionality, planning, strategies, activities, and dedicated funding for outreach to civil society and Indigenous Peoples, does not ensure stakeholders are not simply a synonym for the private sector. Engagement with civil society and Indigenous Peoples is unconvincing in this report as well as reflected in the experiences of limited engagement, if any, of many of our partners on the ground. In fact, as the current readiness programme is being implemented and the planning for “readiness 3.0” for the USP-3 phase is already beginning, it should be a core focus to ensure ring-fenced funding is provided as an incentive to NDAs/focal points and countries to strengthen in-country coordination, real country ownership and engage with rightsholders.