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

Intervention on

Report on the Activities of the Secretariat

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We once again regret that the extreme streamlining of this report has robbed it of much of the rich information it used to contain about specific initiatives and behind-the-scenes workstreams and instead serves as reinforcement of the Secretariat's narratives on the directionality of their work. Concise doesn't have to mean incomplete; for example, we are missing any narrative that would focus on engagement with civil society and Indigenous Peoples. Within the context of the mention of attending more than 30 events to advocate on behalf of the GCF, especially in light of the upcoming replenishment, outreach to civil society and Indigenous Peoples, traditionally some of the biggest champions of keeping the drumbeat to replenish the GCF, would be in the Fund's best interest.

We remain concerned about the full-steam-ahead approach to country platforms before country ownership guidelines are finalized, and without real recognition and appreciation of the role that any stakeholder, much less rightsholder, outside of the private sector should play in these initiatives. It would also be great to know which 25 countries are updating or developing their country programmes so that we as a network can contribute to facilitating in-country engagement. Our network members, at various levels, are engaged with country processes as experts, partners, and advocates.

We were interested to read about the new APR review process set to go live in 2026, and while we very much appreciate the Secretariat notifying us of the corresponding intent to publish APRs in a more timely manner, we equally hope that we would be engaged on the substance of these reviews, in understanding how delivery of promised impact to beneficiaries is considered. We also see a role, for example, in reaching out to the IRM for their input, as this reporting process is one of the first where particularly concerning problems may be flagged, especially the reporting of GRM complaints.

We are interested in the ongoing work on the harmonized results management framework and, recalling the extensive work on the integrated results management framework, urge the Secretariat to begin sharing this with the Board and observers as soon as possible before bringing it to the Board for consideration in 2026. We also regret that in all the reports here, including the annual portfolio performance report, we do not have an assessment of the aggregated indicators of the IRMF.

We are interested in the "automated validation engine for funding proposal impact targets and methodologies" but it is unclear at what point in the process this is applied, and whether this automation is artificial intelligence. As we have before, we call on the Secretariat to

indicate if they have done any assessment of the trade-offs of using AI such as its large environmental costs, countering the appearance of an unquestioned assumption that integration of AI is always for the best.

We are concerned that the KPI on the number of AMAs signed includes amended AMAs, as that is not necessarily a sign of progress, but an indication that an AE is renegotiating the terms under which it wants to engage with the GCF.

In our last intervention on this item, at B.42, we encouraged that the then upcoming flagship GCF Private Sector Conference in October also invite the selected input and participation of representatives from the GCF observer network of civil society organizations, Indigenous Peoples, and local communities. We did want to provide the update that as we followed up, unfortunately, civil society observers were not supported to this conference; unlike when we were supported with two sponsored slots to each regional dialogue. At a time when country ownership is being further discussed and operationalized, and country platforms placed as an expression of country ownership, we would like to take this opportunity to remind the Board and Secretariat of the critical role of civil society and Indigenous Peoples across these processes.