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

Intervention on

FP311: RACINE - Resilient Agriculture for Climate, Investment, Nature and Equity

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While this funding proposal has the potential to transform Cameroon's cocoa and coffee sectors into climate-resilient and deforestation-free agricultural systems, improve the productivity and livelihoods of smallholder cocoa and coffee farmers, and benefit forest-dependent Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the project area, we strongly urge the PSAA to consider:

A. strengthening the Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS) to ensure robust safeguard implementation;
B. formalizing dedicated focal points and staffing for internal environmental and social specialist, gender experts, and Grievance Redress Mechanism officers;
C. strengthening accessible, institutionalized grievance mechanisms to enforce labor protection and to prevent exploitative practices affecting farmers and Indigenous communities;
D. ensure rigorous execution of Free Prior and Informed Consent through broader outreach and consultations so as to avoid displacement, exclusion, and encroachments on protected zones; and lastly
E. increase women, girls, and youth inclusion and participation by securing their access to land control, agricultural inputs, and credit, rather than treating them solely as passive beneficiaries.

With these conditions, the project will avoid issues regarding economic displacement among farmers, unfair land access restrictions, and land grabbing among Indigenous communities.

Lastly, while we welcome funding flowing to single-country projects, we do question the use of the PSAA for this entity, particularly if it intends to bring forward future proposals for Cameroon. The PSAA was designed for one-time, opportunistic mechanisms for entities not anticipating a need to pursue accreditation.