

NGO Observer – Non-Consensus Views

The interest of the NGO community in the FCPF is to assure its maximum contribution to reducing the risk of global climate change by contributing to country capacity to reduce GHG emissions from land-use and land-use changes, in particular from deforestation and forest degradation in a manner that respects and acknowledges the rights of local communities and “so-called” indigenous peoples and provides for fair and transparent sharing of benefits, and transparent analysis of the distribution of costs among all relevant stakeholders.

To this end, we would advocate the following with respect to selection of participants and decisions on financial allocations to countries:

- (1) Accommodate the maximum number of countries who meet appropriate threshold standards of due diligence in preparing their applications and justification for Readiness Plan grants. This raises an issue of capacity of the Facility and its collaborating operational partners (UNREDD, NGOs)
- (2) Establish appropriate flexibility in the amount of readiness plan grants - and preparation grants -in relation to the different national needs and circumstances among applicants
- (3) Take into account the above two factors in establishing the necessary capital requirements to accomplish (1) and (2) above.
- (4) Provide adequate resources for environmental and social assessment to ensure and document the adequacy of broad stakeholder participation, including rural communities and indigenous people in the development of Readiness Plans
- (5) Provide timely and full access to readiness plans to FCPF Participants and Observers at the Facility level and documented assurance that similar transparency has been observed at national and local levels.
- (6) Should the relative capitalization of Readiness and Investment Fund be reversed - \$200m for Readiness and \$100m for Investment? The later can always be replenished if demand warrants it.