

UNEP Comments on Draft Annual Report on the CIF – Building Partnerships for Climate Action (CTF-SCF/TFC.3/3)

Overall comment:

We suggest that you include a paragraph in the document that provides an assessment of the contribution and experience of observers to the CIF. Overall UNEP's participation in the CIF and its various committees and subcommittees has yielded fewer tangible results than we had hoped. The current set up does not allow UNEP to provide its substantive knowledge and inputs to discussions about investment choices (something that was again discussed in the CTF meeting last week). Our inputs are limited to general procedural issues and documents which, while interesting, do not enable the CTF and SCF committees to fully benefit from UNEP's unique knowledge and experience.

As the CTF and SCF become more operational we would welcome thinking about how observers, especially the UN agencies, can have a more meaningful role in the CIF. We hope that the study on lessons learnt can help us come up with concrete suggestions in this regard.

Specific comments:

The "at a glance" boxes on SCF (p.22), PPCR (p.24), FIP (p.26) and SREP (p.28) could have an additional row under governance to clarify the observers under each of these. At the moment the information on observers is inconsistent between the boxes.

Page 16 (para 7): UN agencies (UNEP and UNDP) certainly participated in the process but it may be over stating it to say the CIF was designed collaboratively with UN agencies. I suggest the language is amended, there is precision about which UN agencies and it is made clear that UN agencies were involved in one way or another almost from the beginning of the process.

Page 21 (last paragraph): We suggest you add a sentence to elaborate how the CIF programmes aim to complement capacity building initiatives of UN organizations. An example would also be useful.

Page 29 (para 2): Again it may be overstating it to say that the design process "relied" on representatives from UN agencies. The text could indicate that specific UN agencies have been part of the process and that the real impact and role of UN agencies and other observers are still being elaborated.

Page 35 (para 5): We understand that UNEP can also attend the meetings but this is not mentioned. Can you please clarify?

Page 38 (para 2): UN organizations (or UNEP at least) has been a participant in part of the process. It may be better to use the terms participant or more accurately observer rather than stakeholder.

Page 46 (para 4): The paragraph does not mention all the observers including UNEP.