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## REVIEW OF PRACTICES ON CSOs ENGAGEMENT WITH THE CIFs AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

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# I. Introduction

- Survey purpose
  - Gather information, experience and opinions that should be considered to strengthen engagement of Civil Society Organizations in Climate Investment Funds (CIF) in:
    - Design national investment plans,
    - Project design and implementation.
- Survey scope:
  - Results and analysis are intended to inform civil society consultation during the CIF Partnership Forum.
  - This survey does not relate to issues surrounding the governance system of the CIF, previously addressed in other surveys.



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## II. Civil Society Organizations and the Climate Investment Funds

- CIFs are designed to pilot low-carbon and climate-resilient development.
- A strong stakeholder base is a critical element of CIF success. Its stakeholder base includes:
  - Countries,
  - MDBs, UN and UN agencies, GEF, UNFCCC, Adaptation Fund, bilateral development agencies,
  - Civil society organizations (CSOs),
  - Indigenous peoples,
  - Private sector entities, and
  - Scientific and technical experts.
- These actors have both an opportunity and a responsibility to support effective implementation of CIF investments.



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# III. CIF Elected Observers

- There are **34 observers** in the CIF Trust Fund Committees and sub-Committees from 2012 - 2015.
- It includes representatives of:
  - **Civil Society Organizations,**
  - **Indigenous peoples, and**
  - **Private sector—**
- These representatives were nominated through self-selection process from all regions including **Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America and Europe.**



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# ... CIF Observers Role

- Broaden **perspectives**, support **transparency** and **accountability**, and ensure more **targeted and effective action** on the ground.
- Participate in the **CIF meetings** to serve primarily as representatives of their entire constituencies.
- **Represent** the interests of a **broader community**, not just that of their own organization.



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# IV. Methodology

- A semi-structured questionnaire was developed by CSO representatives at the CIF and:
  - It was administered via an online hosting site and was made available in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese.
  - It consisted of 10 questions that covered aspects such as CSO familiarity with the CIF, barriers to CSO involvement in CIF country level program.
- 106 CSOs responded to the online call for input (15 in Spanish, 82 in English, 3 in French, and 6 in Portuguese).



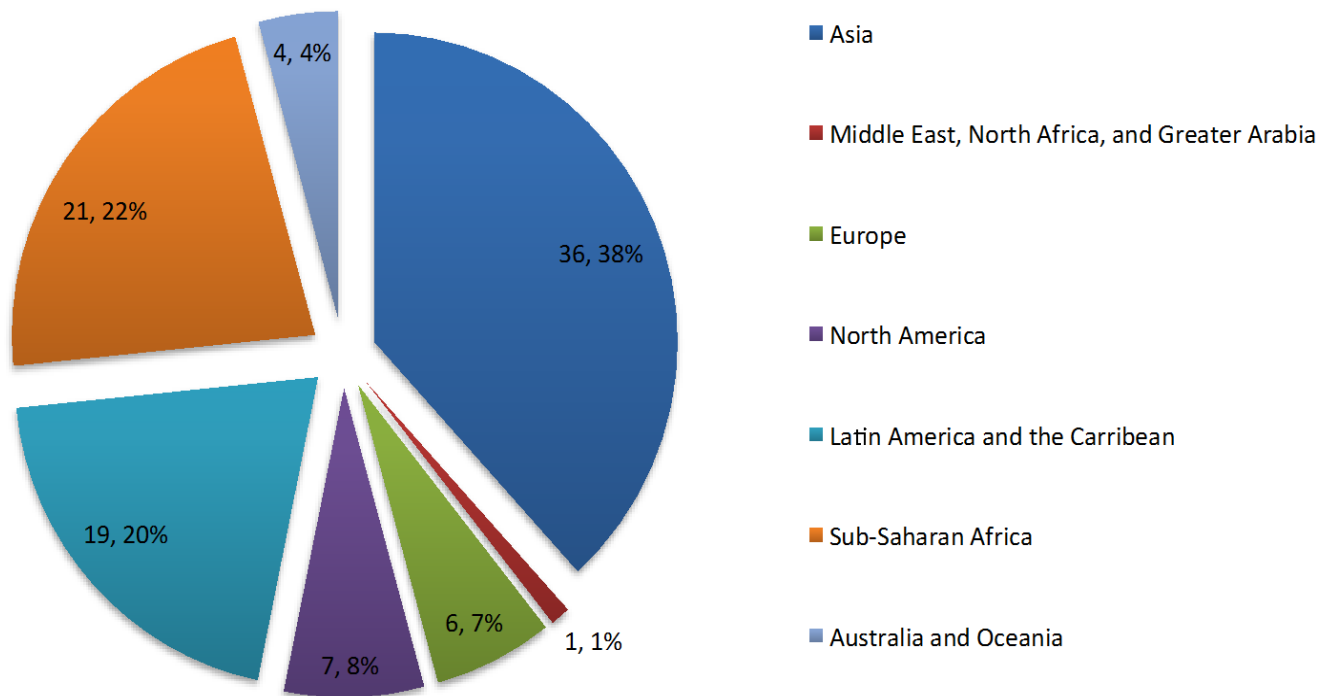
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# V. Results

## Global Distribution of Respondents

31% were female and 69% Male.



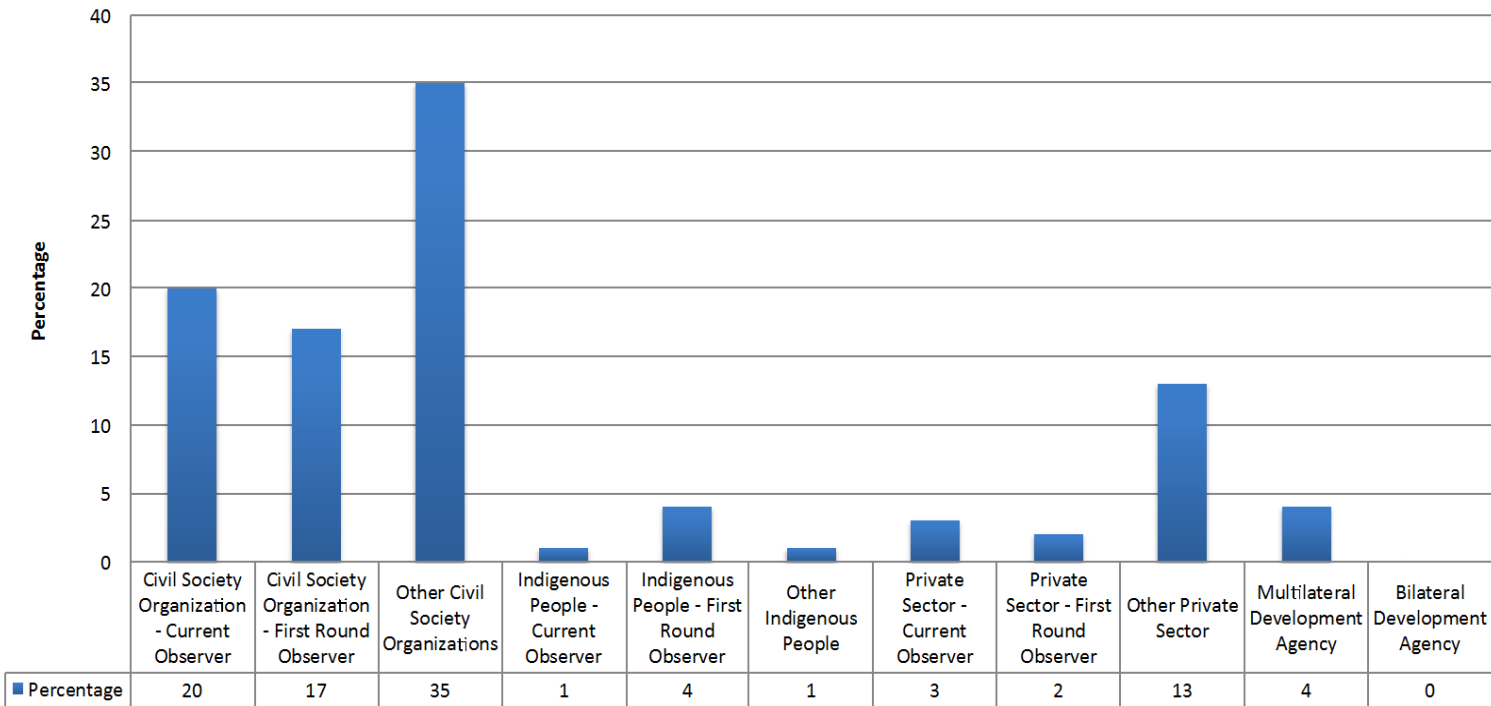
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Respondents Organization by Type



## Type of organizations that responded:

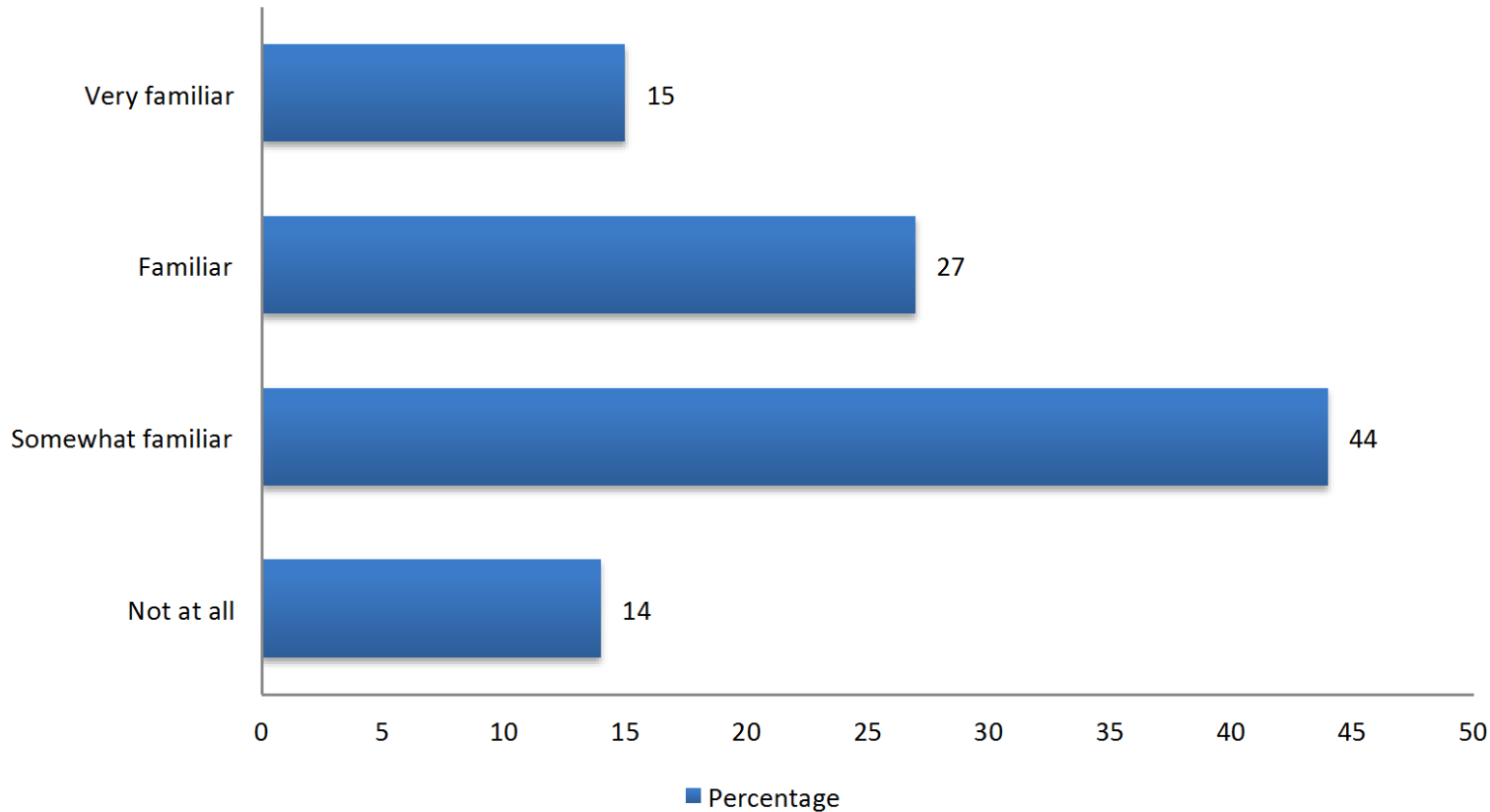
- 20% are current CIF observers,
- 17% are first round CIF observers,
- 35% are non-observer CSOs and
- the rest are bilateral agencies, private sector and indigenous peoples.



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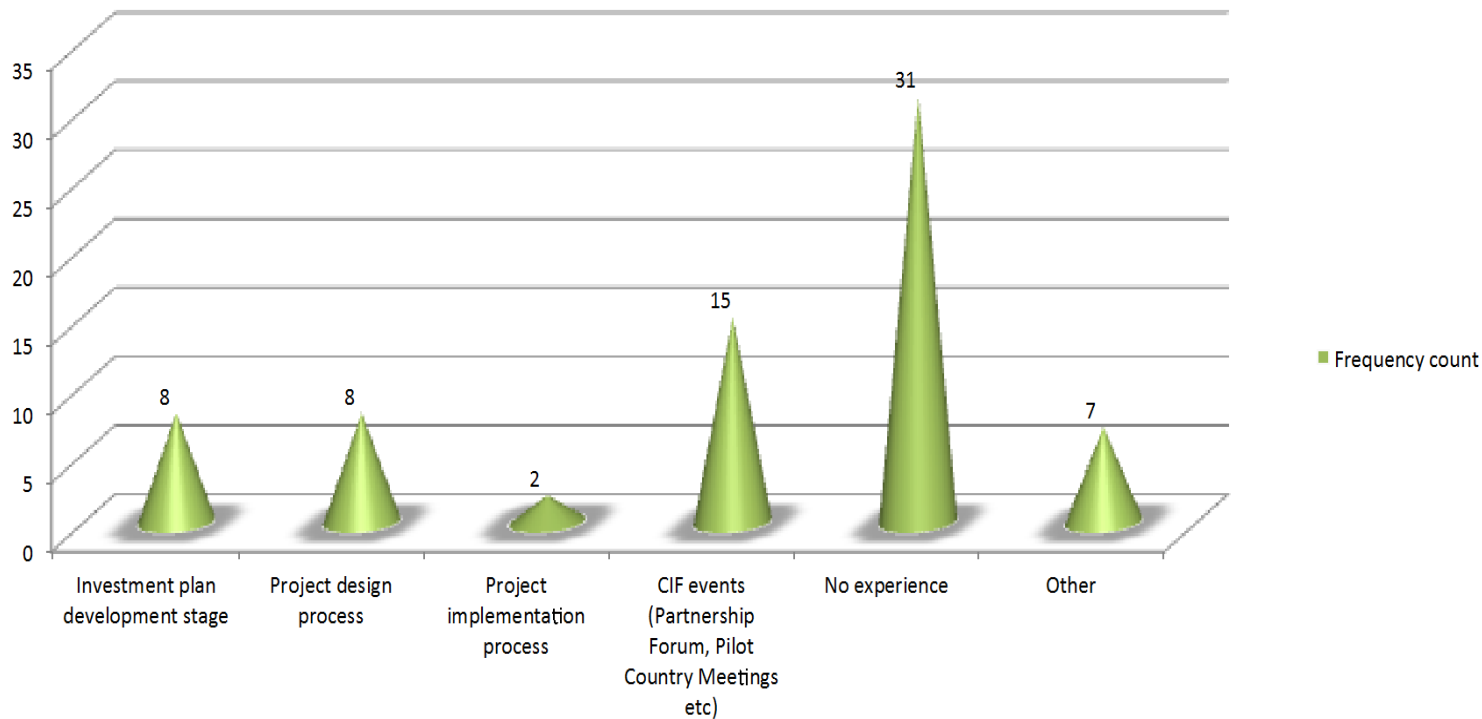
**CSO Familiarity with the CIF Programs**



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Civil Society Organization experience with the CIF at the country level



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- Respondents believe that CSOs engagement and involvement in design and implementation of CIF programs and projects funded by the CIF could result in the following benefits:
  - **Bridge the gap** between multiple stakeholders. For example between Governments and the private sector.
  - **input into monitoring and evaluation** processes (e.g. through technical committees etc.) given as many have technical expertise (see Figure 5 below).
  - Act as **“watchdogs”** that ensure transparency and accountability in country level projects. In other words they can play an important role in ensuring good governance occurs.



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- **Educate local stakeholders** (e.g. trade unions, non-governmental organizations and youth) and disseminate important information about country level processes.
- **Facilitate capacity building activities at the community level**
- **Feed specific country level information into baseline studies**, planning, implementation, M&E processes and impact assessment.



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# ...Results

- Respondents believe that CSO engagement and involvement in design and implementation of CIF programs and projects could result in the following **benefits**:
  - **Increase the overall legitimacy of investments** with broader stakeholder groups.
  - **Increase the social dimensions** of investments and the social appropriateness of programs/projects.
  - Guide successful implementation and ensure country ownership based on CSOs **comparative advantage** on the ground/country level
  - **Improve transparency** in country-level programs.
  - It could **help foster effective partnership** between various stakeholder groups at various levels (e.g. From grassroots to national). This would enable effective upstream participatory planning.



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- **Increase the overall sustainability of programs/projects** through e.g. community involvement and the input about vital information on the ground.
- **Ensure a “reality check” of plans and procedures** is conducted.
- **improve technical aspects of projects** such as monitoring and evaluation procedures.
- **increase innovation** in country level programs and projects given that numerous CSOs have extensive experience and wide stakeholder buy-in.
- Help to **increase the dissemination of information** and allow for **effective feed down and capture of best practice** and lessons learned.
- Help to increase the **equitable sharing of benefits** from the CIF programs and projects e.g. through the integration of gender considerations and the inclusion of local communities.
- **Hinder major delays and reduce the risk profile of programs** and projects as additional information and local realities are integrated into procedures.



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# ...Results

- **Barriers** identified for participation of CSOs in the design and implementation of programs funded by the CIF at the country level.
  - Internal CSO barriers:
    - Insufficient resources to adequately engage in country level projects
    - Limited training opportunities
    - Low level of understanding of the CIF processes
    - Institutional weakness of CSOs
    - Limited funding
    - Limited experience in climate finance
    - Language barriers



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- Country level barriers:
  - Lack of creative engagement approaches
  - Ambiguous and unclear planning horizons by project developers etc.
  - Complex bureaucracies
  - Short term vision
  - Limited transparency
- CIF governance level barriers:
  - No CIF mandates for CSO involvement at the country level
  - Limited resources for CSO engagement



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# ...Results

- Resources needed identified to enhance CSO engagement in CIF
  - 98% of respondents believed the CIF should allocate additional resources to enhance CSO involvement.
  - Key needs identified:
    - 62% rated financial resources as the most important
    - 50%, access to information and training opportunities
    - 46%, training to information.



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# Discussion

- Your feedback is highly appreciated



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