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Comments from Sweden on Approval by Mail: CIF Gender Review

Dear CIF-administration

Sweden very much welcomes the CIF Gender Review that has been carried out in a timely manner and includes a lot of food for thought as well as concrete suggestions for action.

While it is encouraging that gender has been addressed in most funding windows under the CIF, although in most cases not sufficiently, many improvements can still be made.

We thus strongly support the recommendations made in the report and request the CIF administration to swiftly prepare for the development of a plan or roadmap of action based on the results of the review.

With kind regards

Lars

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Comments from Switzerland on Approval by Mail: CIF Gender Review

Dear Patricia,

We thank the authors of the CIF Gender Review and support the proposed decision to approve the document, to post it on the CIF website and to disseminate it through other appropriate channels.

We encourage the CIF administration, the MDBs and the promoters of the CIF projects and programs to take notice of and to follow the recommendations of the review.

Best regards

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Comments from Germany on Approval by Mail: CIF Gender Review

Dear Patricia and Gender Review Team,

thank you very much for the excellent report and the thorough presentation of your findings.

We very much welcome the CIF Gender Review and consider it a decisive step in anchoring a comprehensive gender-sensitive approach within the CIF programmes and investments.

While there has been much progress in including gender aspects into the climate-related programmes and projects, the review shows that significant improvements are still necessary. We appreciate the approach throughout the review that women should increasingly be perceived as agents of change instead of merely as a vulnerable group. As stated in the review, this applies particularly to mitigation activities where women have significant potential to contribute that has so far not been sufficiently used. This should be more strongly reflected in the design of the projects under the CIF programmes/investments.

In addition, we share the concern about the limited knowledge available on linkages between gender and renewable energy generation in particular, and see the need for further research. We would like to encourage the MDBs to invest in knowledge generation in this field.

A more gender-sensitive project design ties in with our next comment. We would like to stress the importance of a thorough target group and gender analysis before designing and implementing the projects. Only if the specific situation of women and men in the recipient countries is thoroughly understood, one knows if and where disadvantages exist. A thorough target group and gender analysis forms the basis for the assessment of whether the project can promote gender equality in the specific country and sector context, or at least avoid harm.

In our earlier comments, we highlighted the importance of measuring the results of addressing gender issues in climate-related programmes and projects. Our comments related in particular to the formulation of gender sensitive indicators that from our view need to reflect results (outcome level and higher), i.e. changes in the situation of gender

equality relating to climate change and attributable to the CIF's interventions, and not only outputs (e.g. as in "x number of women trained"). We appreciate that this crucial aspect has been included in the recommendations on gender sensitive monitoring and evaluation.

As a next step, it is important to follow up on the recommendations made in the review. To this end, we would suggest developing a detailed plan on how to implement the recommendations. The plan should define a timeframe and include a monitoring framework to enable measuring the results achieved. It would also be very useful to repeat the evaluation in a couple of years to demonstrate the progress made in effective gender mainstreaming of the climate-related programmes and projects under the CIF and the MDBs at large.

Thanks very much
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Comments from the Netherlands on Approval by Mail: CIF Gender Review

Dear Patricia,

We warmly welcome the CIF gender review and are happy to approve the systematic analysis, the clear report, and the useful advice on how to take gender forward in the CIFs.

We conclude from the review that despite a number of promising efforts, gender has not yet been sufficiently incorporated in the operations of the CIFs to deliver on its real potential: to let equal access and opportunities for women drive transformational change.

We also conclude that in many cases, MDBs and recipient countries struggle to work with gender in the practice of developing investment plans and projects. We therefore strongly support the proposals to strengthen and better engage the gender expertise on the side of CIFAdmin, MDBs, as well as the recipient countries.

At the same time, we would like to call upon all our partners in the CIFs to move beyond our gender intentions (sometimes in vague and complex terminology) and inputs, *to demonstrate* that gender can be taken up by task team leaders and project developers in a practical way, and thereby deliver better results for the CIFs.

We look forward to see this reflected in future reports, investment plans and project documents.

Best regards,

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Comments from the United Kingdom on Approval by Mail: CIF Gender Review

Dear Patricia

The UK welcomes this initiative, and is pleased with the comprehensive coverage and quality of analysis in the report. It raises some critical issues for attention, and makes clear recommendations on the ways forward to improve the integration of gender considerations into the CIFs. As the report stresses, women are not just vulnerable to climate change but are also critical agents of change, and addressing gender is a fundamental requirement in ensuring that the objectives of the CIFs can be achieved. We are therefore pleased about the existing plans under the PPCR to establish a learning process to improve its approach to gender.

There is now an urgent need to start implementing the recommendations of the report, and we agree with other responses that a timeline and plan for delivery (addressing capacity and resourcing issues) is needed.

Whilst we agree there are knowledge gaps which need to be addressed, we would highlight that there are already valuable sources of information within the MDBs which could be drawn on and utilised more effectively. For example, literature already exists on gender and transport, gender and energy sector reform and regulation.

We particularly support the recommendations to:

- revise the guidelines for CTF implementation
- use national gender experts more effectively in overseeing implementation of the investment plans and projects, and utilise donor experts in review missions
- ensure resources are allocated (within IPs and projects) to ensure gender recommendations in programmes and plans can be implemented
- take urgent steps to address knowledge gaps around specific CTF sectors and gender, and to make the existing literature available in a more accessible format to project developers
- provide a coordination function to review gender plans, monitor progress, distill and disseminate lessons and best practice

Kind regards,

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Comments from Canada on Approval by Mail: CIF Gender Review

Colleagues,

Canada welcomes the CIF Gender Review. The Review is both an important "stock taking" exercise and a "call for action", that identifies where and how the CIFs must improve to make gender a driver for transformational change.

Canada supports the approval of Gender Review, *with* the following changes:

- **XIV, 1.1 (page 76)** – For greater consistency in XIV "Harmonizing and Institutionalizing Gender More Effectively", in sub-section 1.1 "Build on CIF/MFDBs Gender Working Group", the first paragraph should be retained, whereas the balance of 1.1 should be removed. While the elaboration in this particular sub-section, consisting of possible "results" that the CIF/MDB Gender Working Group could deliver, is interesting and the enumerated tasks important, it is premature to signal these as areas where MDBs could deliver results when these tasks could be taken on by others, including contributor countries or civil society. In addition, the assignment of tasks should follow the proposed decision on the Terms of Reference for a Gender Specialist in the CIF Administrative Unit, which will be discussed at the Joint CTF-SCF Committee meeting.
- **XVIII, "Table 10 - Summary of Recommendations" (page 89)** - The table should similarly be removed at this time. While it will be a useful snapshot at a later date, the division of labour should only be finalized following the discussion and decision on the Terms of Reference for a Gender Specialist in the CIF Administrative Unit, which will provide further clarity on roles and responsibilities.
- **XV, 2.7 Gender Scorecard (page 84)** – We support the use of gender scorecard to help advance gender equality during the implementation of Investment Plans, and propose the text be amended to have scorecards help advance gender equality across the entirety of the CIFs; i.e., scorecards for Investment Plans for the CTF, FIP and SREP, as well as for the Strategic Program for Climate Resilience under PPCR (and not just the CTF and SREP, as proposed).

If the above proposed changes require further consultation, we propose that the Review be scheduled for discussion at our imminent meeting.

Finally, we encourage the Reviewers to fully complete the second objective of the

Review; specifically, to complete the assessment of capacity at the country level. While some attention to this issue is embedded in the text, the information on the strengths and gaps related to knowledge and capacity is not easily accessible; yet this information will be essential to a Gender Specialist/Administrative Unit to meaningfully move this agenda forward and deliver on the findings from the Review. As such, we propose that an addendum to the Review be tabled by IUCN. Given that it would be a technical summary of the information already in the Review, it should not delay the Review's approval, but can be subsequently added.

It is important that the momentum generated from the CIF Gender Review continue, and that this important work be translated into action. A Gender Equality Action Plan is required, as recommended, to guide the work ahead, with an implementation timeline to ensure that progress continues to be made.

Regards,
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Comments from Brazil on Approval by Mail: CIF Gender Review

Dear colleagues,

We welcome the CIF Gender Review, as we believe it provides relevant inputs for mainstreaming gender in the CIF programmes and investments. The implementation of this vision will require through discussions in the Trust Fund Committees and Subcommittees, considering the particularities of each program and the best ways to incorporate gender in the operation of the CIFs. This is, in our view, an essential step to have a clear path forward, in order to operationalize the lessons learned and the recommendations contained in this review, which is only the first piece of a long-term effort.

Best regards,



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