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**CIF GENDER ACTION PLAN – PHASE 3
(FY21-24)
(SUMMARY)**

PROPOSED DECISION

The CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees having reviewed the document Joint CTF-SCF/TFC.22/7, *CIF Gender Action Plan – Phase 3*, notes that the document was prepared at the request of the June 2019 Joint meeting and approves the Phase 3 Plan.

The CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees invite the CIF AU and MDBs to collaborate to implement the approved Phase 3 Plan and to report back to the Joint meeting annually on progress.

SUMMARY

I. Background and Overview

1. The Joint Meeting of the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) and Strategic Climate Fund (SCF) Trust Fund Committees of the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) approved the *CIF Gender Action Plan (Revised) - Phase 2 (CTF-SCF/TFC.16/6)* in 2016, calling for its implementation and annual reporting to the Joint Meeting on plan progress. This paper reflects on progress made under Phase 2 (FY17-20) of the Plan and proposes a Phase 3 to the Plan for FY21-24, to further deepen the program's approach to catalyzing gender-transformative outcomes. The Joint Trust Fund Committee is invited to review the proposed Phase 3 Plan, with a view to its approval and implementation.
2. Climate change and its impacts threaten global growth and poverty reduction goals. The challenges posed by climate change require gender-specific responses in both mitigation and resilience programming. A central concern is that climate investment planning be transparent and inclusive so that the new resources, assets, and services on offer at country and sub-national levels, best reflect the needs and interests of different social, gender and livelihood groups. Key motivations for Phase 3 of the CIF Gender Action Plan are to consolidate gains from Phase 2 of the CIF Gender Action Plan; embed application of the CIF Gender Policy in program processes, including deepening upstream support to MDBs and countries on gender technical assistance for Investment Plan and project design; and to enhance gender monitoring and reporting, and knowledge and capacity. These aims are placed amidst a learning approach that reflects lessons from earlier Plan implementation and CIF evaluative efforts that found a need for CIF gender programming to go beyond impacts primarily at the levels of individual women and men, towards efforts that also help advance longer-term institutional change at the level of systems and institutions within countries.

II. CIF GENDER ACTION PLAN: PHASE 3 (FY21-24)

Program Goal and Theory of Change

3. The CIF Gender program works in support of CIF's overall transformational change around low-carbon and climate resilient development, so that the reach and benefits of CIF investments extend to all persons in the project areas, both women and men. The CIF Gender Action Plan Phase 3 will maintain the CIF Gender Program aims of mainstreaming gender in CIF policies and programs and deepening knowledge, learning and technical support on gender in the CIF, while undertaking more scaled-up efforts in the functional areas of capacity-building, institutional development and support to women's climate leadership, as well as efforts in systematic sector-wide learning and dissemination.
4. Figure 1 introduces the theory of change behind the proposed CIF Gender Action Plan – Phase 3. The main thrust of the Phase 2 approach remains, but with an added focus on outcomes at the levels of institutions and markets. Under this approach, efforts on CIF-level Governance (Pillar 1), combined with activities for Local and National Institutions (Pillar 2), support work across key Green Growth and Sustainable Livelihoods sectors that affect gender outcomes (Pillar 3), for an expected result of Gender-Transformative Impacts of women's improved asset position, voice, and resilient livelihoods through gender-responsive institutions and markets.

Figure 1 CIF Gender Program – Phase 3 Theory of Change

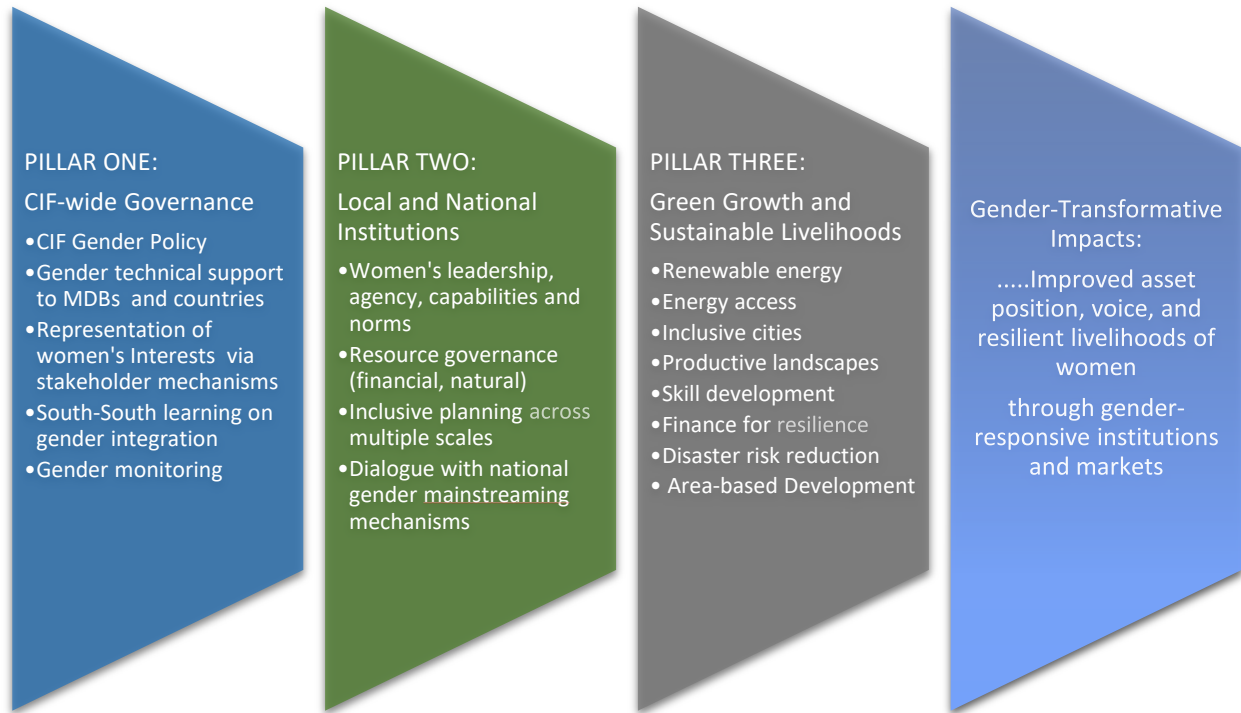
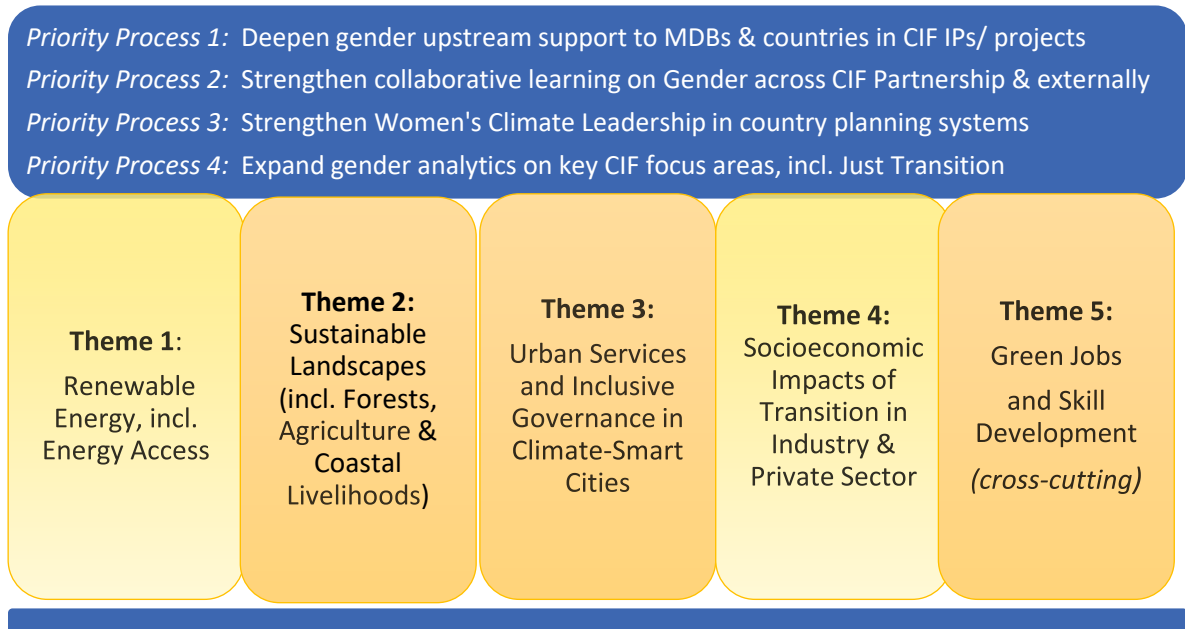


Figure 2 CIF Gender Action Plan – Phase 3 (FY21-24) – Operational Vision



5. Underlying the Phase 3 Theory of Change is an Operational Vision of priority processes and themes that further elaborates the ways in which the CIF Gender Action Plan Phase 3 will be implemented (see Figure 2). These comprise priority processes to: i. Deepen gender upstream support to MDBs and countries in new CIF IPs; ii. Strengthen collaborative learning on Gender and Climate across the CIF

Partnership, and externally: iii. Strengthen Women’s Climate Leadership in Country Planning Systems, and iv. Expand gender analytics on key CIF focus areas, including Just Transition: In addition to the four Priority Processes under the Operational Vision, the five sectoral Themes, mirroring and supporting the areas of new programming, are: i) Renewable Energy, including Energy Access; ii) Sustainable Landscapes (including Forests, Agriculture and Coastal Livelihoods); iii) Urban Services and Inclusive Governance in Climate-Smart Cities; iv) Socioeconomic Impacts of Transition in Industry and Private Sector; and v) Green Jobs and Skill Development (as cross-cutting theme).

III. Operationalizing the CIF Gender Action Plan – Phase 3

6. The *CIF Gender Action Plan - Phase 3* will maintain the current governance arrangements for CIF Gender Program implementation, with a greater emphasis on more regular convening of the CIF Gender Working Group, and attention to gender technical support for MDB staff and CIF pilot country partners. Overall, the Plan will continue to be implemented as a joint effort of the MDBs and the CIF AU, using the mechanism of the CIF Gender Working Group, with overall guidance from the CIF governing bodies. Primary responsibility for delivery of the action plan will lie with the CIF Administrative Unit. The CIF Gender Policy has also mandated a role for gender representatives among the CIF observers, and Phase 3 implementation is envisioned to ensure full use of this mechanism as an input to program transparency and accountability.

IV. Monitoring Progress

7. Results will continue to be monitored annually to assess the impact of the Phase 3 Gender Action Plan on CIF program implementation and institutional advances in-country. Phase 3 will feature stronger gender monitoring and reporting at the levels of the CIF portfolio, specific programs, and on MDB-specific CIF portfolios, with the support of gender M&R tip sheets, and use of the following mechanisms: i) reporting on a streamlined results framework for the Phase 3 Gender Action Plan; ii) inclusion of key gender indicators in the CCH system; iii) strengthened requirements on new SCF programming results chains on gender outcomes within projects and on accompanying gender indicators, as reviewed at CIF AU level; and iv) expanded reporting by MDBs on gender portfolio performance under their own MDB “gender tag/ gender marker” systems for use in CIF-wide monitoring to assess change over time in MDB gender performance in CIF-financed operations, including in relation to MDB operations not receiving CIF financing, as well as on reporting MDB’s CIF-financed individual project results indicators on gender on an annual basis.
8. It is envisioned that the CIF AU and MDBs will submit through a regular reporting protocol gender data from their institutions as it pertains to the CIF-financed portfolio. Specifically, within six (6) months after the end of each Financial Year, gender performance reporting data on CIF Projects as reported to each Implementing Entity’s management team (i.e., under a ‘gender tag’, ‘gender marker’ or similar rating system), with such gender performance data to be reported by CIF Project, and aggregated for each CIF program and on a CIF-portfolio wide basis as implemented by the MDB, and accompanied by a similar MDB-portfolio wide comparator metric regarding gender performance across the MDB portfolio), along with a number of other key gender portfolio indicators specified in the Phase 3 Plan.

V. Conclusion

9. With the CIF Gender Action Plan – Phase 3, intended for implementation from July 1, 2020

through June 30, 2024, the CIF seeks to support gender-transformative outcomes as under Phase 2 but with a heightened emphasis on shifts over time in institutions and markets, as arenas for systemic change. Phase 3 includes a new emphasis on supporting Women’s Climate Leadership, with a view to helping CIF Gender contributions become more embedded over time in countries’ own strategic planning processes around gender and climate.

10. The CIF Gender Action Plan – Phase 3 builds upon the firm foundation of earlier phases, including in its implementation mechanisms, but with a stronger mandate and new opportunity for closer application of the CIF Gender Policy, upstream support to MDBs and countries, and robust integration of gender actions in the new SCF programming areas. With strong demand from countries, MDBs and the Governing Bodies of the CIF, and an expanded team in CIF AU and the CIF Gender Working Group, the program is well-positioned to begin implementation of the Phase 3 Plan from July 2020, using an iterative approach in the context of the CIF as a “learning laboratory”.