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EVALUATION AND LEARNING SPECIAL INITIATIVE: FY20 ANNUAL REPORT AND FY21 WORK PLAN

SUMMARY

PROPOSED DECISION

The joint meeting of the CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees

- (i) reviewed the document Joint CTF-SCF.TFC. 22/5, *Evaluation and Learning Special Initiative FY20 Annual Report and FY21 Work Plan*, welcomes the progress on implementing the Evaluation and Learning (E&L) Initiative in FY20, and approves its plans for FY21 subject to approval of additional budget. The joint meeting provided feedback and comments on the document, which will be incorporated as the E&L FY21 Work Plan is implemented;
- (ii) acknowledges its previous decision in June 2019 to approve USD 3.0 million for the E&L FY20-22 Business Plan and plans to consider provision of additional resources at its next meeting; and
- (iii) notes the document's proposal for an additional USD 3.0 million to further implement the E&L FY20-22 Business Plan through FY22, including an allocation of USD 2.0 million for FY21 activities which will be presented and considered in the context of the CIF Administrative Unit FY21 Business Plan and Budget.

1 Summary

1. This document provides an FY20 Annual Report on the activities of the CIF Evaluation and Learning (E&L) Special Initiative and presents a new E&L FY21 Work Plan and budget. It builds on the [E&L FY20-22 Business Plan](#)¹, approved by the Joint Meeting of the CTF-SCF Trust Fund Committees (TFCs) in June 2019, and the E&L FY20 Work Plan circulated to TFC members in October 2019.
2. The urgency of the climate crisis is demanding a renewed urgency for transformational responses. E&L Initiative activities are catalyzing more responsive and transformative climate action by reaching new audiences and optimizing investments in the new CIF programs. Lessons from studies on the [CIF programmatic approach](#), [transformational change](#), the [use of concessional finance](#), and other topics directly informed strategic discussions about the future of the CIF, and are now informing how the CIF business model is being applied and investments prioritized in the new CIF programs. They are also driving new action and innovation in CIF countries, MDBs and other funds. Newly-commissioned studies and learning engagements are deepening the understanding of these and other key topics at all levels.
3. In FY20, the E&L Initiative helped drive more impactful climate investments through expanded outreach, applied learning, and demand-driven generation of new evidence. This includes:
 - i) Delivering country, regional and global learning engagements, such as [Zambia's Resilience Ready](#) workshop and TCLP, to catalyze uptake of proven approaches and lessons learned.
 - ii) Scaling up outreach and dissemination through enhanced, multi-level communications and active engagement in global conferences such as [COP25](#) and the [UN Climate Action Summit](#).
 - iii) Completion of studies and guidance to spur action, including on [Local Stakeholder Engagement in the CIF; Signals of Transformational Change](#), case studies, and toolkit on [Designing for Transformation](#) (IDB, ADB); and studies on [Role of Public Sector in Mobilizing Private Sector Investment in Solar](#) (World Bank), [Large-scale Commercial Investment in African Forestry](#) (AfDB), and [Private Sector, Gender-sensitive Climate Resilience](#) (EBRD).
 - iv) Initiation of several new studies and activities on priority topics, with direct application to the new CIF programs as well as other funds and initiatives.
4. New E&L Initiative activities in FY21 will leverage this progress and proven track record to produce practical insights and enhance impacts for new CIF programs and globally. Combining independent evaluation with applied learning, the E&L Initiative remains uniquely positioned to continue learning from CIF experience to inspire new thinking and action. The E&L FY21 Work Plan encompasses three objectives: 1) Apply learning to catalyze climate action in countries and institutions; 2) Generate new evidence to optimize new program investments; and 3) Engage in collaboration, coordination and partnership for collective impact. Expected outcomes from achieving these objectives include:
 - i) Countries, MDBs, and others apply frameworks and lessons on transformational change, just transition, concessional finance and more to improve the catalytic impact of investments.
 - ii) New strategies for enhancing socio-economic impacts, private sector investment, use of concessional finance, and other key areas help optimize investments in new CIF programs.
 - iii) Lessons learned for scaling-up clean energy access in low-income countries from experience in SREP contribute to enhanced approaches and outcomes in CIF and other climate funds.
 - iv) Partnerships and collaboration spur enhanced collective understanding among institutions, countries and funds on designing and scaling more transformative climate investments.

¹ Joint CTF-SCF TFC.21/4 [Evaluation and Learning Special Initiative: FY19 Annual Report and FY20-22 Business Plan](#). June 2019.

5. Main activities to support these objectives and outcomes, based on stakeholder demand, include:
- **Integrate lessons** in new CIF programs, countries, MDBs, and other funds
 - Inspire climate action through **global dissemination** and learning with new audiences
 - Deepen insights on **transformational change** through exchange, guidance and case studies
 - Publish study on **concessional finance** for clean energy, including storage and integration
 - Deliver new research and case studies to enhance support for a **just transition**
 - Complete an evaluation to improve **socio-economic impacts** of CIF investments
 - Deliver a learning-oriented evaluation of early progress and lessons in **SREP**
 - Produce synthesis of key learning in **PPCR** with relevance to new program areas
 - Develop strategic **learning partnerships** and collaboration with CIF entities, GCF, and others
6. Additional resources are requested to fully leverage these opportunities. The proposed three-year budget for the E&L FY20-22 Business Plan is USD 6.0 million. In June 2019, the TFCs approved an initial allocation of USD 3.0 million, including USD 2.5 million for FY20 activities, with agreement to consider the provision of additional resources at its next meeting. The E&L Initiative is thus requesting an additional budget provision USD 3.0 million to fully fund the activities in the E&L FY20-22 Business Plan through FY22, with a specific budget allocation request of USD 2.0 million in FY21 to implement the activities of the E&L FY21 Work Plan. These budget requests are presented in the context of the CIF Administrative Unit FY21 Business Plan.