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**CIF GENDER POLICY
(SUMMARY)**

PROPOSED DECISION

The Joint Meeting of the CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees reviewed the document Joint CTF-SCF.17/4, *CIF Gender Policy*, and welcomes and approves this Policy.

The Joint Meeting invites the CIF AU and MDBs to collaborate to implement the CIF Gender Policy.

Executive Summary

1. The Climate Investment Funds (CIF) is committed to gender mainstreaming and enhancement of gender equality outcomes across its programming and operations. Since 2014, the CIF has been implementing the CIF Gender Action Plan (CTF-SCF/TFC.12/7), and its successor, the CIF Gender Action Plan – Phase 2 (CTF-SCF/TFC.16/Rev.1), to advance the effective and equal participation, sharing of benefits, and evaluative learning from both women and men in the countries with which CIF is engaged in climate action.
2. This *CIF Gender Policy* serves as a governance framework for gender integration in the CIF. It is intended to stand in place beyond the time-bound *Gender Action Plan* documents developed for specific programming periods. The *CIF Gender Policy* addresses gender integration in CIF approaches, procedures, and implementation of investment plans and projects, as well as integration in internal areas of CIF functioning, such as CIF governance (including the observer system), and staffing and budgeting. The policy applies to all activities under the CIF's four programs¹ and other focused sub-programs and instruments operating within pilot countries. The policy applies equally to all CIF internal functioning, both at the level of the CIF Administrative Unit and in related arms in the multilateral development banks (MDBs).
3. The gender mainstreaming imperative in climate action, including in the CIF, exists for reasons of efficiency, effectiveness, and, ultimately, for goals of development impact, anchored by equity and inclusion. Gender integration in climate policy and programming recognizes the importance of balanced participation of women and men. This recognition builds upon international understanding of gender, climate, development and human rights from several multilateral processes, including under the UNFCCC. The tenets of the *CIF Gender Policy* are congruent with the elements put forth in these agreements, which emphasize goals of gender equality; public participation of women, including from local levels, in climate planning and action; as well as efforts towards enhanced capacity building of women in this area.
4. The CIF, through this gender policy, will seek to advance equal access to and benefit from CIF-supported investments for women and men in CIF pilot countries. Specifically, CIF investments will contribute to gender equality efforts by ensuring, through gender mainstreaming, that the needs and interests, effective participation, and resultant benefits of women and men are equally promoted within investments. This will include use of gender-responsive assessment, consultation, design, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation processes. For effective implementation, good practice in gender mainstreaming, such as use of sex-disaggregated data in monitoring and reporting, is also a core standard.

¹ These are the Clean Technology Fund (CTF), Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR), Forest Investment Program (FIP), and Scaling-Up Renewable Energy in Low Income Countries Program (SREP).

5. Specific implementation arrangements, thematic emphases, and monitoring arrangements for operationalization of the *CIF Gender Policy*, are elaborated in the *CIF Gender Action Plan*.² The reporting and accountability measures elaborated in the policy reflect those present in the *CIF Gender Action Plan*. Annual reporting to the Joint Meeting of the CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees will thus be considered as progress reporting on implementation of the *CIF Gender Policy*.
6. The policy rests on several key principles, including:
 - a. A commitment to supporting women’s agency in a transformational change context
 - b. The primacy of MDB policies on gender and social safeguards at project level
 - c. A commitment to accountability and learning under the CIF gender policy, including the importance of sex-disaggregated beneficiary tracking and regular reporting on gender to the Joint Meeting of the CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees
 - d. Collaboration with other climate finance institutions in the area of gender and climate finance.
7. The policy highlights the need for sufficient staffing of the gender function at CIF Administrative Unit at senior and junior levels as well as budget allocation for gender activities by the CIF Administrative Unit and by the MDB focal point teams. It introduces a new category of gender observers to the CIF for all Trust Fund Committees and Sub-Committees. Two gender observers for each of the Trust Fund Committees and sub-committees are proposed (one from a developed country and one from a developing country), along with one local civil society organization gender observer for each of the four CIF programs. Finally, gender requirements in investment plan preparation (including joint mission composition, inclusive consultations, and plan review), review and submission procedures, and accountability in relation to Trust Fund Committee member comments on gender, are further specified in the policy.

² The current version of the Plan is the CIF Gender Action Plan Phase 2 which was approved in December 2016 and runs through 2020. It is available at https://www-cif.climateinvestmentfunds.org/sites/default/files/ctf_scf_decision_by_mail_cif_gender_action_plan_phase_2_final_revised.pdf.