

UNDP Comments on the CIF

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- 1) UNDP will continue to be an active stakeholder and development partner with the CIF.
- 2) Therefore UNDP HQ will continue to brief its country offices of the roll out of the CTF.
- 3) UNDP agrees that the SCF offer potential opportunities for MDB and UNDP to partner in country. An important feature of the PPCR is that it is a programmatic, government-led decision-making process. We confirm that UNDP is willing to assist if invited by the Governments in the technical assistance phase, as appropriate and if agreed upon with the regional banks and as laid out in the PPCR programming document. We are pleased to be invited by government to Zambia as the first CIF country in which UNDP is part of the official mission along with the MDB and DFID. We hope that this will be the first of other country case studies to demonstrate in-country partnership between all development partners.
- 4) UNDP seeks to provide input to the CIF lessons learned report and feed this input to Partnership Forum 2010. Since the "clinic" dealing with PPCR Linkages with Development Partners was cancelled during the 26-27 Oct PPCR Pilot Countries First Meeting, UNDP was unable to make its presentation. We understand that this session will be part of the Partnership Forum 2010. Please kindly confirm that our understanding is correct, and if so, please kindly clarify our role.
- 5) UNDP seeks to provide input to the Working Group telecon scheduled for Monday on harmonizing CIF results framework. We raised this issue during the last CIF meeting and also followed up in writing. However the WG paper submitted for approval did not provide for UNDP's participation. We are therefore seeking inclusion as part of the WG, including as an observer, if there is no other possibility at this stage. Kindly advise urgently as the first call takes place on Monday 10th Nov.
- 6) As raised by observers, the closed executive sessions of the CIF do not send the right signal. It gives the impression that the CIF is not transparent and that observers are simply involved for window dressing. We strongly recommend that this rule of procedure is debated by the joint CTF-SCF Committee and hopefully revisited. In addition, the role of the observers in provision of comments and endorsement of documents needs to be clarified. In our understanding, observers are observers and do not endorse any documents. This point should be clear in Investment Plans also. In one case, UNDP was cited as having endorsed a Plan, which it clearly cannot do if it is not part of the official mission.

Please find additional comments on the “Draft Annual Report on the CIF: Building Partnerships for Climate Action” as follows.

The first Annual Report on the CIF is an informative summary of the CIF’s status, and is a useful first step in beginning to document the early lessons on the design and start-up of the CIF. As development partner to the World Bank and the Multilateral Development Banks, and as Observer to the Climate Investment Funds (CIF), UNDP welcomes the opportunity to provide input on the draft of the first Annual Report on the CIF. Given that UNDP has been actively supporting the CIF process, we seek acknowledgement of our contribution suggested below.

A key accomplishment outlined in the Annual report is engagement of stakeholders. UNDP has played an active role as development partner and stakeholder, including in the design process of the CIF, through ongoing involvement as an Observer in the CIF Trust Fund Committees and Sub-Committees, and in the field by participating actively in country consultations for CTF and PPCR planning. In the Annual Report, therefore, it is requested that references to UNDP and the UN agencies as stakeholders be done in a consistent manner throughout this Report. References in the current draft are uneven, in particular:

- Engaging stakeholders (page 10) – refer to UN agencies
- Engaging the full range of stakeholders (page 14) - omits inclusion of UNDP as Observer.
- An innovative governing structure (page 16) – omits inclusion of UNDP as Observer.
- The governing structure (page 35) - omits inclusion of UNDP as Observer.
- Working with institutional partners (page 46) – This section recognizes that the CIF complement the work of other institutions and bilateral efforts, and notes the invitation for UNFCCC and GEF to join the Trust Fund Committees as observers. This section should also note UNDP’s ongoing Observer role.