Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

Requests for Additional Observers to the Carbon Fund

Ninth meeting of the Carbon Fund (CF9)
Brussels
April 9-11, 2014
Current Rules of Procedure on Observers

• 3 REDD Country representatives, selected by the REDD Country members of the PC Bureau and selected for a one year period.
  – Criteria: 1) progress towards Readiness, 2) geographic balance (Asia, Africa, Latin America)
  – 2014 observers: Cambodia, DRC, Mexico
  – “Over time, REDD Country Participants receiving funding from the Carbon Fund will have priority to be selected as Observers.”

• 1 representative of each of the following 7 categories:
  – International Organizations
  – Northern NGOs
  – Southern NGOs
  – Forest-Dependent Indigenous Peoples and Forest Dwellers
  – Private Sector
  – UN-REDD
  – UNFCCC Secretariat.

• Additional observer requests may be considered on a case-by-case basis for each meeting (for approval by CFPs on 7-day no-objection basis)
  – Indonesia is attending CF9 under this procedure.
Request received to expand number of Observers

• Latin America PC Bureau members request a second Carbon Fund Observer position: 1 Mesoamerica, 1 South America

• Implications of formally expanding to additional Observers:
  – Additional budget, including logistics (roughly $15,000/additional observer/year)
  – Increased size of CF discussions
  – Requires amending Rules of Procedure
Options

• Options within existing Rules of Procedure:
  – Continue as-is with 10 fixed observers, and additional observers on a case-by-case basis.
  – Recall that in addition to geographic balance and progress towards readiness, criteria prioritize REDD Country Participants receiving funding from the Carbon Fund.
  – Enhance REDD Country engagement via other means.
    • e.g., task existing REDD Country Observers with communicating/sharing information with other REDD Country Participants, organize knowledge exchanges at PC/PA meetings, etc.

• Options that would require consensus among CFPs and amendment to Rules of Procedure
  – Expand to additional Latin America Observer.
THANK YOU!

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