



Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

Request for additional observers to the Carbon Fund

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Observers to PC/PA Meetings

- Charter states 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.
- PC agreed to fund 3 Southern CSO observers, 5 IP observers
 - 3 Southern CSOs (Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America)
 - 5 IPs (South America, Central America, Anglophone Africa, Francophone Africa, Asia-Pacific)
 - Charter principle remains: only 1 in each category acts as the formal Observer at the table regardless of how many are funded to attend the meeting

Observers to the Carbon Fund

- Current Rules of Procedure on Carbon Fund Observers – total of 10 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)
 - 2016 observers: Ghana, Nepal, Peru
 - “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:
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 - **Southern NGOs**
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 - Private Sector
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 - 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)

Request received to expand number of observers

- Several informal emails, notes and verbal requests
- Formal request through the recent IP and CSO Stakeholder Engagement Workshop in October 2016 in Washington DC
- Request: fund 2 additional IP and 2 additional Southern CSO observers – allows 1 IP and 1 CSO representative per region (Africa, Asia, Latin America)
- Increase total observers to CF by 4 from 10 to 14
- Implications of increasing number of observers:
 - Additional budget, including logistics (roughly \$15,000/additional observer/year); total \$60,000/year
 - Increased size of CF meetings
 - Retain limit of 3 seats at the table; Northern CSOs, Southern CSOs, IPs

Options

- Continue as-is with 10 fixed observers, and additional observers on a case-by-case basis
- Record in Chair's summary CFPs' agreement with providing funding for increasing IP and CSO Observers from 3 to 7



THANK YOU!

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