Principles for Locally Led Adaptation Action

Commitment Form

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Short Commitment Statement:

Please specify how your organization intends to implement, use, or deliver on the Principles for Locally led adaptation in 100 words or less. Note this text may be listed on webpage.

The Climate Investment Funds (CIF) endorses the Principles for Locally Led Adaptation Action. Through its $1.9 billion in resilience enabling investments, CIF has supported communities to take leadership and ownership of actions that are helping address some of their most pressing climate risks and vulnerabilities. CIF commits to further harness these resources and its new programs to catalyse locally led adaptation and bring transformation that is socially inclusive, gender-transformative, accountable and effective in delivering urgent solutions for communities on the frontlines of climate change. CIF will continue to document and share tangible learning from its existing investments on the practical application of the Principles and promote and seek to apply them through its new programs.

Detailed Commitment Narrative

Please describe in more detail what changes will be made or current practices strengthened to better incentivize or support adaptation that is driven by local stakeholders, to deliver on these principles. Please add rows and additional pages if needed. Note this is voluntary, but highly encouraged!

Principle Number	Detail of Implementation
1 Devolving decision making to the lowest appropriate level	CIF's Pilot Program for Climate Resilience is designed to implement a programmatic approach to climate change adaptation and resilience building. Through a 2-phased approach it helps countries integrate climate resilience into strategic development planning across sectors and stakeholder groups and provides concessional finance to put these plans into action and pilot innovative adaptation solutions. It focuses on empowering local institutions and communities to identify, design, and implement solutions to address specific vulnerabilities and climate risks. Since its inception, PPCR has led to the development of more than 300 local resilience action plans (70 percent of the target) that serve as blueprints for local communities to carry-out adaptation actions on the ground. Through PPCR support, communities transformed more than 177,018 ha of land through sustainable land and water management (SLWM) practices—a surface area larger than Tonga, Grenada, and Dominica combined, which has contributed to enhancing food security,

	improving livelihoods and increasing the resilience of communities to climatic variability. In addition, by employing members of the local communities, countries have constructed small-scale, community-level infrastructure, such as flood control and diversion structures, small-scale irrigation schemes, small-scale water reservoirs, small dams, de-silting and restocking ponds and water bodies, improved wells and boreholes, rural market facilities, multipurpose cyclone shelters, and climate-proof schools and hospitals. As of December 31, 2019, PPCR had supported the construction and rehabilitation of 5,489 small-scale infrastructures. The PPCR will continue to support countries and vulnerable communities in achieving the resilience targets as set out in the country investment plans and project documents. The Dedicated Grant Mechanism (DGM) has supported Indigenous People and Local Communities (IPLCs) to respond to the climate crisis in innovative and adaptive ways that are rooted in community resilience, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge systems. This unique US$ 80 million funding mechanism has provided IPLCs in DGM countries the opportunity to directly design, select, lead, and implement more than 580 subprojects benefitting over 200,000 community members across seven countries, and has a strong focus on women's participation and leadership. Under future new programming, CIF will help implement adaptation approaches in key sectors, including energy, transport, buildings, water, waste systems, agriculture and natural resource management, and facilitate access to finance for climate adaptation actions in an inclusive and participatory manner giving a voice to local communities, particularly the most vulnerable.
2 Addressing structural Inequalities faced by women, youth, disabled, and excluded ethnic groups.	CIF strongly supports gender-transformative and socially inclusive approaches across its programming, to further gender equality outcomes in the context of climate action; enhance women's climate leadership at local and national levels; and help amplify the voice of Indigenous Peoples, local communities and other vulnerable groups in climate processes. CIF emphasizes the important role that women and other marginalized groups play as agents of change. It works through its investments, institutional support, and capacity-building for inclusive climate governance and implementation, towards socially-just outcomes and measurable change in asset position, skills, voice, and resilient livelihoods for women and other excluded groups, including in Just Transition contexts. CIF investments help reduce structural inequalities faced by women and other excluded groups, through attention to such areas as land tenure reform; financial services access; design of complementary investments (such as skill development and entrepreneurial support) that enhance the local impact of large-scale infrastructure and services projects; and a continuous and long-term approach to supporting inclusive climate processes and planning. CIF's strong commitment to gender equality outcomes and the engagement of local stakeholders is evidenced through its CIF Gender Policy, CIF Gender Action Plans, and programs on Gender and on Stakeholder Engagement. CIF's FY21-24 Gender Action Plan – Phase 3 focuses on improving women's climate leadership and an enhanced role for women in local and national climate planning, including through engagement with women's organizations on the ground, and strengthening of dialogue among these CSOs and government at local and national levels to deepen use of a strategic gender lens in country climate processes.

	CIF investments undertake gender analysis, design for women-targeted activities, and sex-disaggregated monitoring and reporting. Direct finance to Indigenous Peoples and Local Community CSOs under the Dedicated Grant Mechanism under the CIF's FIP, as well as the PPCR's suite of investments in community-based adaptation, social protection, and sustainable livelihoods help build both local adaptation capacity and targeting of funding support to local priorities. DGM investment criteria also prioritize women's membership and leadership in CSOs, and funding support to local projects identified by women. PPCR investments have fostered women's active participation in climate resilience planning processes through e.g., leadership of community-level resilience investments in climate-exposed settings, and targeted adaptation funding to individual women for household and farm-level adaptation investments. CIF's new programs feature investment criteria requiring programs and projects to demonstrate in their design explicit consideration of gender and social inclusion outcomes in relation to sector goals, e.g., through attention to demand-side management, user outreach, job creation and skill development, resource governance, and women's enhanced leadership in climate planning across multiple scales. CIF commits to enhanced collaborative learning, capacity development, participatory monitoring, and engagement with women's organizations to help ensure bottom-up planning and effective implementation of investments for climate action impact.
3 Providing patient and predictable funding that can be accessed more easily	CIF provides scaled up, predictable, and flexible resource envelopes to countries, which permits the development of strategically linked adaptation investments unified by a transformative vision that helps to incentivize high-level engagement of the national government, sector ministries, local governments and communities. Compared with other sources of funding, CIF's programmatic investments are long term (typically with a time horizon of 8-10 years), have a high level of concessionality and are delivered through a variety of financial instruments that play a significant role in addressing the first-mover risk as a key barrier for private sector and community-based investment in adaptation. In addition, with its strong emphasis on improving local governance processes, capacity, and institutions, CIF also provides opportunities to establish financing mechanisms that will suit the needs of local stakeholders and ensure that communities effectively implement adaptation actions and build resilience. For instance, PPCR is piloting climate adaptation financing facilities in five countries (Tajikistan, Jamaica, Tonga, Cambodia and Saint Lucia) through local banks and financial institutions. These facilities offer soft loans and technical assistance to small businesses and households to overcome barriers to investing in adaptation and resilience activities by piloting new business models, products, and technology. As of December 31, 2019, these facilities have supported 6,340 households and businesses (70 percent of the target). Through our forthcoming programming, the CIF will continue to work with urban and rural communities to pilot innovative financing schemes that can offer solutions to manage climate risks and enhance resilience.
6 Flexible programming and learning	CIF's founding mandate is to serve as a learning laboratory for scaled-up climate finance. It follows a flexible and adaptable approach to investment planning and programing that allows for real-time learning to adapt to changing contexts and capitalize on emerging opportunities. In 2016, CIF established its Evaluation and Learning Initiative to enable strategic, demand-driven activities that capture evidence and lessons from across the CIF portfolio to inform current and future investments,

	both for CIF and our partners as well as for the wider climate finance sector. Over the past four years, CIF has commissioned and implemented over 30 different studies and learning activities covering a wide range of key topics in climate finance, including in adaptation and resilience financing for local communities and stakeholders. CIF will continue with these efforts and further contribute to building the evidence base and good practices in climate financing approaches that enable adaptive management of climate risks and opportunities. In the design and delivery of its new programming, CIF will seek to build on and harness this important learning. The CIF business model also includes results measurement through multi-stakeholder monitoring and reporting, providing an opportunity to regularly convene stakeholders across sectors, ministries and local communities, and sustain dialogue to support climate change mainstreaming agendas. Ongoing coordination and knowledge and learning efforts within country programs and across regions or cross-cutting themes will further enhance cross-learning and synergies among CIF projects and programs, so as to promote flexible and effective programming.
8 Collaborative action and investment	Through new programming, the CIF will seek to build on and complement relevant existing initiatives and partnerships that support rural and urban climate actions, particularly those that support community engagement, institutional capacity building, enhanced regulatory and institutional frameworks and climate market creation at the community level. CIF will leverage its extensive network of partners to promote collaboration, coordination, peer-to-peer learning, knowledge sharing and best practices, and identify cost-effective, locally relevant and inclusive, and sustainable solutions to help build the resilience of vulnerable communities.

Authorization

By submitting this form, my organization agrees to have its logo publicly listed as endorsing the Principles for Locally Led Adaptation and commits to being part of a learning community of practice on locally led adaptation action. I certify that I am authorized to make this commitment on behalf of my organization.



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