

30 May 2013

**TO: GCF Board Members, GCF Board Alternate Members, and GCF Secretariat**

**RE: CSO active observer selection**

Dear Mr. Fakir and Mr. McDonald,

As civil society groups concerned about the Green Climate Fund, we want to ensure that the GCF is a transparent, democratic, inclusive, and effective institution and, equally, that our participation in this process upholds these same principles. Given the diversity of civil society groups and constituencies, selecting permanent active civil society observers in a fair and inclusive manner is necessarily a sensitive and time-consuming exercise that poses a number of potential challenges.

We are not in a position to complete this process in a way that would be broadly perceived as fair and inclusive in time for the June 25-28 board meeting in South Korea. This is because (1) the decisions from Berlin setting out the terms, requirements and expectations for active observers were only recently posted on the GCF website, and not disseminated; (2) accreditation has not been completed, so we don't know with certainty who is eligible to participate; (3) we do not know if support for Southern participants to attend will be forthcoming, so we do not have clarity on the financial limitations that might exist for potential active observers; and (4) resources have not been made available to allow for a fair, inclusive selection process with broad outreach. For reasons of transparency, accountability and legitimacy, we will instead select "active" observers for the June Board meeting from among those able to attend, and complete the more inclusive self selection process for permanent representatives thereafter.

Board decisions in June could help facilitate a proper self-selection process. Resources and support are needed to design and carry out a legitimate selection process that reflects the depth and breadth of global civil society— from affected communities to national and international organizations. We note that the credibility and legitimacy of the selection process for observers for the Climate Investment Funds was increased considerably by the fact that it was facilitated with due diligence by an independent entity that did extensive outreach and included an advisory council that interviewed prospective candidates. We believe that a similar process would be appropriate for the GCF. We further note that the participation of CSO observers from developing countries in Climate Investment Fund meetings is fully financed.<sup>[1]</sup> Such dedicated support is also necessary for the GCF.

We request that these issues be discussed at the next Board meeting, and we look forward to working with you in South Korea in June to further develop how and when a CSO active observer selection process can best be taken forward.

Sincerely,

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ACAT - RCA et Social Development  
Coopérative (Central African  
Republic)  
Acción Ecológica (Chile)  
ActionAid International (International)  
AEHSP (USA)  
Aksi! for gender, social and ecological  
justice (Indonesia)  
Aksyon Klima (Philippines)  
All India Women's Conference (India)  
All Nepal Peasants Federation (Nepal)  
Alliance Sud (Switzerland)  
Alternatives Asia (International)  
Alyansa Tigil Mina (Philippines)  
Amigos del Viento (Uruguay)  
Anna University (India)  
Arab NGO Network for Development  
(International)  
Asociacion Colombiana De Recicladores –  
GAIAREC (Colombia)  
Ateneo School of Government (Philippines)  
Baharani Transparency Society (Bahrain)  
Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and  
Communication (Bangladesh)  
Bienfaisance et développement (Djibouti)  
BIOS Argentina (Argentina)  
Both ENDS (The Netherlands)  
CAFOD (UK)  
Climate Action Network-France (France)  
Center for Biological Diversity (USA)  
Center for International Environmental Law  
(USA)  
Centre for 21st Century Issues (Nigeria)  
Centre for Environmental Justice/Friends of  
the Earth Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)  
Centro de Estudios Sobre Tecnologías  
Apropiadas de la Argentina (Argentina)  
Climate Action Network South Asia (South  
Asia)  
Climate Change Network Nigeria (Nigeria)  
CNCD-11.11.11 (Belgium)  
Conference of Churches in Grenada  
(Grenada)  
Corporate Europe Observatory (Belgium)  
CSO Gathering in Saida (Lebanon)  
CTS EMBARQ México (México)  
Darjeeling NGO Network (India)  
Debtwatch (Indonesia)  
Dejusticia (Colombia)  
Derecho Ambiente y Recursos Naturales  
(Peru)  
Desarrollo Integral Autogestionario A. C.  
(Mexico)  
DLR Prerna (India)  
Druk Waste Collection (Bhutan)  
Eco Sitio (Argentina)  
Ecological Society of the Philippines  
(Philippines)  
Economic Justice Coalition (Mozambique)  
Egyptian Association for the Enhancement  
of Civic Participation (Egypt)  
Environics Trust (India)  
EquityBD (Bangladesh)  
Espace Associative (Morocco)  
Ethiopian consumer Society (Ethiopia)  
Food & Water Watch (USA)  
Forum for Nature Protection (Nepal)  
Freedom from Debt Coalition (Philippines)  
Friends of the Earth England, Wales and  
Northern Ireland (UK)  
Friends of the Earth U.S. (USA)  
Friends of the Earth-Ghana (Ghana)  
Friends of the Siberian Forests (Russia)  
Fronteras Comunes A.C. (México)  
Germanwatch (Germany)  
Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives  
(International)  
Global Witness (UK)  
Green Convergence for Safe Food, Healthy  
Environment and Sustainable Economy  
(Philippines)

Greener Ethiopia (Ethiopia)  
 Greenovation Hub (China)  
 Groupe Id Sahel Afrique (Mali)  
 Gujarat Forum On CDM (India)  
 Gujarat Institute of Desert Ecology (India)  
 Halifax Initiative (Canada)  
 HEDA Resource Centre (Nigeria)  
 Heinrich Boell Foundation North America (USA)  
 Holy Cross International Justice Office (USA)  
 Human Rights Alliance (Nepal)  
 Huvadhoo Aid (Maldives)  
 IBON International (Philippines)  
 Indian Social Action Forum (India)  
 Indigenous Organization Coordination of the Amazon Basin – COICA (Ecuador)  
 Information and Training Center for Human Rights (Yemen)  
 INHURED International (Nepal)  
 Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (USA)  
 Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities (Philippines)  
 Institute for Essential Services Reforms (Indonesia)  
 Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (International)  
 Institute on Climate and Sustainable Cities (Philippines)  
 Instituto del Tercer Mundo (Uruguay)  
 Interamerican Association for Environmental Defense (International)  
 International Trade Union Confederation (Belgium)  
 Iraqi Al Amal Association (Iraq)  
 IRTECO (Tanzania)  
 Itinerant Permaculture (USA)  
 Jagaran (Nepal)  
 Jamaa Resource Initiatives (Kenya)  
 Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement-Nepal (Nepal)  
 Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement-Togo (Togo)  
 Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement-Niger (Niger)  
 Jubilee South – Asia/Pacific Movement on Debt and Development (International)  
 KAISA KA (Philippines)  
 Koalisi Anti-Utang (Indonesia)  
 KRuHA (Indonesia)  
 Labor Network for Sustainability (USA)  
 Labour, Health and Human Rights Development Centre (Nigeria)  
 LDC Watch (International)  
 LIFE - Education, Environment, Equality (Germany)  
 Living Farms (India)  
 Maleya Foundation (Bangladesh)  
 Migrant Forum in Asia (International)  
 Milieukontakt Albania (Albania)  
 mines minerals & PEOPLE (India)  
 Nagrik Chetna Manch (India)  
 National Association of Professional Environmentalists/Friends of the Earth Uganda (Uganda)  
 National Forum for Advocacy (Nepal)  
 Nature Code - Center of Development and Environment (Belgium)  
 Neighbour Organization (Nepal)  
 NGO CECIDE-Guinée (Guinea)  
 NGO GOULBI (Niger)  
 NOAH/Friends of the Earth Denmark (Denmark)  
 Norwegian Church Aid (Norway)  
 Online Knowledge Society (Bangladesh)  
 Organisation de Bienfaisance et de Développement (Djibouti)  
 Oxfam (International)  
 Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum (Pakistan)  
 Palestinian NGO Network (Palestine)  
 Partido ng Manggagawa (Labor Party-Philippines)  
 Paryavaraniya Vikas Kendra (India)  
 Paryavaraniya Mitra (India)  
 Philippine Movement for Climate Justice (Philippines)  
 Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement (Philippines)  
 Polis (Brasil)  
 Practical Action (Nepal)  
 PSR-Kenya (Kenya)

RAPAM/CAATA (Mexico)  
Revuelta Verde (México)  
Rural Reconstruction (Nepal)  
SANLAKAS (Philippines)  
Sarilaya (Philippines)  
Save Sierra Madre Network Alliance Inc.  
(Philippines)  
Sierra Club (USA)  
Society for Promotion of Wastelands  
Development (India)  
Solidaritas Perempuan (Indonesia)  
Somali Organisation for Community  
Development Activities (Somalia)  
SOS-CEDIA (Angola)  
South Asian Alliance for Poverty Eradication  
(International)  
Sudan Peace Education Development  
Program (Sudan)  
Sustainable Energy & Economy Network,  
Institute for Policy Studies (USA)

Taiwan Environmental Protection Union  
(Taiwan)  
Taller Ecologista (Argentina)  
TENMIYA (Mauritania)  
Third World Network (Malaysia)  
VOICE (Bangladesh)  
WALHI/Friends of the Earth Indonesia  
(Indonesia)  
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Network of  
Sierra Leone (Sierra Leone)  
WIEGO (Canada)  
WIEGO (USA)  
WomanHealth (Philippines)  
WWF Global Climate and Energy Initiative  
(South Africa)  
Youth Alliance (The Gambia)  
Youth Network for MDGs (Madagascar)  
Youth Partnership for Peace and  
Development (Sierra Leone)  
Zambia Climate Change Network (Zambia)