

Civil Society Observer Self-Selection Process for the Climate Investment Fund Committees

CRITERIA FOR CIVIL SOCIETY OBSERVERS

RESOLVE developed these criteria in consultation with nonprofit civil society stakeholders in April – November 2009. The Advisory Committee to RESOLVE on the self-selection process, composed of well-respected civil society members who do NOT have an interest in holding the observer seats, helped to refine these criteria.

Criteria for Individual Candidates

These criteria will be used to evaluate and rank candidates for the observer seats:

- a) Demonstrated affiliation with a nonprofit organization or network with a mandate relevant to the purpose and objectives of the CIF committees OR demonstrated affiliation with a community affected by the work of the CIF committees
- b) Expertise relevant to respective committees
- c) Committed to open and transparent communication
- d) Ability, interest, and capacity to consider the needs and concerns of the larger community (not only own organization/network/community) and report back to the larger stakeholder community
- e) Independence – must disclose current, past, and pending contractual or direct financial relationships with the World Bank, other international financial institutions, and export credit agencies
- f) Ability and willingness to influence the process, stay engaged, and prepare for the meetings
- g) Ability and willingness to take a leadership role in the annual Partnership Forum (e.g., serve on an advisory committee organizing the event)

Criteria for Achieving Balance

Based on the [Design Document for the FIP](#) and the [Guidelines for Inviting Representatives of Civil Society to Observe Meetings of the CIF Trust Fund Committees](#) in the case of the SREP, RESOLVE and the Advisory Committee will use the following criteria to ensure that final list of observers is balanced and inclusive:

- a) Balance of geographic representation, to ensure that one region will not be overly represented. On the FIP, there cannot be two observers from the same region concurrently.
- b) Balance of gender
- c) Representation of [developing countries](#) on each subcommittee (for the SREP, three of four seats will be filled by developing countries; for the FIP, at least one of two seats will be filled by developing countries)
- d) Inclusion of grassroots-level and community-based organizations

Other Balance Considerations

In addition, RESOLVE and the Advisory Committee may consider these elements for the overall balance of the committees:

- a) Balance of focus/expertise (e.g., technical, social dimensions, human rights, development, forests, green technology, environmental, climate change mitigation and adaptation)
- b) Balance of advocacy/watchdog organizations, policy institutions, and organizations that represent a network
- c) Balance of a range of perspectives on the multilateral development banks (MDBs), including those voices that might have been missing from the table
- d) **For the FIP:** Balance of representation from countries that are home to different types of forests (e.g., tropical, subtropical, boreal)