



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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