

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

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CEPF & Climate Change

Recommended Action Item:

The Donor Council is asked to **instruct** the Secretariat to what extent it should explore and specifically highlight opportunities for civil society to contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation as part of CEPF grant-making.

Background:

The CEPF Secretariat commissioned a study at the request of the Donor Council to assess the CEPF portfolio for linkages to climate change resilience and mitigation. While retrospective, it was agreed that the findings may provide useful insight and analysis of how CEPF has contributed to addressing this large-scale threat.

The attached documents include a summary of the findings, as well as the literature review and evaluation matrix used to inform the study.

The study included analysis of 697 CEPF-supported projects in 15 hotspots for different aspects of climate change vulnerability and resilience promotion. The summary of findings provides a number of interesting observations, including that a significant proportion of CEPF-supported projects are highly relevant to addressing climate change. It also includes suggestions for how the linkage might be further strengthened.

One potential thing for CEPF to explore is the link to civil society and its lack of capacity to help respond to climate change issues—an area that CEPF may be particularly well suited to address.

Consideration of climate change mitigation and adaptation as part of grant-making in the hotspots may take place most appropriately as part of the ecosystem profiling process, whereby the CEPF niche and investment strategy is developed together with stakeholders.

The Donor Council may wish to consider any of the following individual or combination of options for inclusion in future ecosystem profiling of priority areas for investment:

1. Incorporating a review of current support by donors and other actors in climate change mitigation and adaptation as part of the Assessment of Current Investment.
2. Specifically including an analysis of the opportunity for civil society organizations to contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation with CEPF resources.
3. In all instances, including an explicit strategic direction to support civil society participation in climate change mitigation and adaptation.