

**Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund**

No Objection Approval Pursuant to Section 4.1 of the Operational Manual

1 November 2019

**Re-appointment of Ms. Julia Marton-Lefèvre as Chairperson of the CEPF Donor Council**

**Recommended Action Item:**

The Donor Council is asked to approve on a no-objection basis the re-appointment of Ms. Julia Marton-Lefèvre as Chairperson of the CEPF Donor Council, to a second term that will conclude in January 2023.

The deadline for no-objection approval is 15 November 2019.

**Background:**

At the 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Donor Council held on 10 June 2016 in Arlington, Virginia, the Donor Council approved the nomination of Ms. Julia Marton-Lefèvre as chairperson of the CEPF Donor Council, replacing Jean-Michel Severino.

At the 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Donor Council held on 12 January 2017, in Washington, D.C., Ms. Julia Marton-Lefèvre chaired her first CEPF Donor Council meeting.

At the 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Donor Council held on 27 June 2017 in Brussels, Belgium, the Donor Council approved revised terms of reference for the Donor Council, including text pertaining to the chairperson, which is presented below:

**Matters relating to the Chairperson of the Donor Council shall include:**

- i. Chairperson shall be elected by Donor Council from candidates proposed by Donor Council members
- ii. Chairperson should be independent of any global donor
- iii. Serve for a 3-year term, renewable once (i.e. max 6 years)
- iv. Role: chair Donor Council meetings; facilitate reaching consensus among Donor Council members; network and act as ambassador for CEPF; advise CEPF Executive Director on strategic issues
- v. Non-voting, as decision making should be limited to global donors.

The chairperson has expressed interest to continue in this role.