

**Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund
34th Meeting of the CEPF Donor Council
Conservation International
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Arlington, VA 22202, USA
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8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time**

Action Points Review

The 33rd CEPF Donor Council meeting took place on 10 September 2018 at the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) in Paris. The agenda included an update on the current status of the World Bank's Action Plan, a discussion on effectively leveraging results from CEPF for wider impact, and a discussion on CEPF contributions to the post-Aichi Targets.

Executive Report/Partnership Highlights:

- The EU will help the Secretariat to engage with China and the Paradise Foundation.
 - CEPF has not yet had the opportunity to seek assistance from the EU to engage with China and the Paradise Foundation but should do so by Q3.

Executive/Financial Narrative and Report:

- In future presentations, include the projected figures (e.g., the new €6M from AFD) so that the Donor Council can see where the funds are going.
 - CEPF will work on presenting such figures to the Donor Council.

Update on Action Plan to implement World Bank recommendations:

- CEPF/CI must restate to the World Bank the desire to reclass instead of repaying.
 - ✓ Action Plan dated 12 December 2018 reflects this decision.
- The EU wants the last request of its funds to be made available to CEPF as soon as possible.
 - ✓ Final approval of documented expenditures and the request for reimbursement provided on 25 January 2019. As of 31 January 2019, CEPF is working with the World Bank on formalizing the transfer request in the World Bank's online system.
- The World Bank will provide a formal amendment or letter of the retroactive extensions.
 - ✓ Extension letters received, dated 9 October 2018.
- The Secretariat should propose language for a donor statement about the "P" in CEPF.
 - This will be used in the CEPF 2018 Annual Report.
 - EU has language on 5Ps (partnership is one of them).
 - ✓ CEPF will address this topic in the forthcoming Annual Report.

CEPF Contributions to the Post-Aichi Targets:

- CEPF could make some commitments in Egypt in November at the CBD-COP14.

- Because of the nature of COP14, CEPF could not make actual commitments. However, the CEPF Executive Director facilitated a side event on promoting the conservation of biodiversity in production landscapes, which was organized by the Satoyama Initiative.
- The KBA Partnership, of which CEPF is a partner, organized a side event on the following theme: “How countries are working to conserve KBAs at the national level and what role KBAs can play in the post-2020 framework.”
- The CEPF Executive Director also had the opportunity to present CEPF to the Deputy Minister of the Environment and Climate, and the Executive Director of Parks Canada, and to meet privately with the Wyss Foundation. Those contacts are to be followed up with in early 2019.
- Give tools to civil society organizations to influence policy so they can take lessons to scale.
 - No action taken yet on this issue.
- Produce and share examples of projects that are influencing the energy and mining sectors. At COP14 in Egypt, the focus will be on mainstreaming biodiversity into these sectors.
 - CEPF did not have the context to present such initiatives at COP14. The Secretariat will focus on COP in 2020 to present such examples.