

IEU's Plans for 2019

At its twenty-first meeting in October 2018, the Board of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) approved a budget of USD 4,502,800 to fund the Independent Evaluation Unit's (IEU) activities in 2019.

There are four key elements of the IEU's annual work plan for 2019.

I. Evaluations

The IEU will undertake four evaluations in 2019:

- An independent evaluation of the GCF's country ownership;
- An independent evaluation of the GCF's environmental and social safeguards;
- Continue the IEU's Learning-Oriented Real-Time Impact Assessment (LORTA); and
- A performance review of the GCF.

The IEU will lead a **performance review** of the GCF to assess the extent to which the Fund has delivered its objectives as laid out in its initial strategic plan and the extent to which it has responded successfully to the needs of developing countries and country ownership. The performance review will be completed by the IEU in June 2019 and outputs from this review will inform the GCF's replenishment process.

II. Advisory services, learning and capacity strengthening

The IEU will inform on learnings and strengthen capacity:

- **Build a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) database** for all projects approved until 2018 that will provide the IEU with the ability to assess and measure impact and changes over time.
- **Build and strengthen data systems** and initiate a 'data-lab'. The IEU's data-lab will develop high-quality databases to support rigorous measurement of the GCF's likely impact, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability.



- **Deliver capacity building** through videos, webinars and learning modules that communicate evaluation standards and methods to the Fund's broad range of stakeholders. In 2019, IEU's capacity building efforts will focus on creating greater understanding around four topics that include building good theories of change; setting up systems for measuring causal change especially for GCF's investment criteria but also other co-benefits, and, developing systems for measuring cost effectiveness.
- **Conduct methods studies** that examine two key topics. The first will assess the potential for machine learning and how evaluations may make optimal use of them. The second will be a synthesis of global evidence of private sector initiatives.

III. Communications, syntheses and building partnerships

The IEU will continue to produce and disseminate learning products and build partnerships using the following components:

- **Complete evidence gap-maps** on forestry, adaptation, transformational change and complexity methods for evaluating climate change.
- **Support learning workshops** for staff of Accredited Entities, National Designated Authorities, evaluation offices and other GCF partner agencies.
- **Continue to disseminate among IEU's stakeholders** lessons learned from its gap-map reviews, its study on the quality of GCF funded projects, along with working papers and learning products.
- **Engage leading climate change and evaluation experts** and build a global network that supports high quality, joint evaluations and strengthens its relations with the independent evaluation units.

IV. Building the IEU

The IEU will continue to build and strengthen its capacity. To meet its objective of completing four evaluations annually, the IEU will hire three new staff in 2019, bringing the total number of staff members for the unit to twelve.

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