



# Independent Evaluation of the GCF's Approach to Indigenous Peoples

## 1. Context

As part of its Board-approved 2024 workplan, the Independent Evaluation Unit (IEU) is undertaking an Independent Evaluation of the Green Climate Fund's (GCF) Approach to Indigenous Peoples (IPs).

The GCF recognizes that IPs often have identities and aspirations that are distinct from mainstream groups in national societies and are disadvantaged by traditional models of mitigation, adaptation, and development. The Fund also acknowledges that IPs are not always adequately consulted about the design or implementation of activities that would profoundly affect their lives or communities.

The GCF Indigenous Peoples Policy was adopted by Board decision B.19/11 to address these challenges. The Policy assists the GCF in incorporating considerations related to IPs into decision-making while working towards climate change mitigation and adaptation.

## 2. Purpose and objectives of evaluation

This evaluation primarily aims to assess the relevance and effectiveness of the GCF approach to IPs. The evaluation will also investigate the effectiveness and benefits of the GCF portfolio and modalities on IPs and the extent to which the implementation of the GCF's Indigenous Peoples Policy has guided such results. The evaluation will also assess the internal and external coherence of the Policy.

The key stakeholders include the Board of the GCF, Secretariat, GCF beneficiaries and IPs groups, along with NDAs, AEs, and other entities of the GCF ecosystem, including the Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group. The final evaluation report will be shared with the GCF Board by the first Board meeting of 2025.



### 3. Methods

The evaluation will adopt a theory-based, utilization- focused, culturally sensitive, and participatory approach to data collection. More specific and appropriate theoretical frameworks and methods, such as Indigenous Evaluation Frameworks, will be discussed during the inception phase. The evaluation will undertake a mixed-method approach to addressing the evaluation questions, providing for both breadth and depth in data collected across various sources. The main methods include desk research, portfolio analysis, case studies, and interviews with relevant stakeholders and IPs groups.

### 4. Country case studies

Country case studies will be deployed for an in-depth understanding of the GCF portfolio and its impact on the IPs communities and context with their unique cultural and traditional norms. Five case studies are expected to be included in the evaluation.

### Country Visits to Paraguay, Colombia & Vanuatu



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