



CIF OBSERVERS CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE FOR AFRICA



CIF Observer Partnership for Africa and the Central America Observers from Cameroon, Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua



The Cocoa Belts of Africa and Central American countries

1. Rational:

This initiative is borne under the Umbrella of the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) Stakeholders Engagement team which just concluded an Evaluation Capacity Development (ECD) training for CIF Observers in Partnership with the Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI), and Center for Learning on Evaluation and Results for Lusophone Africa and Brazil (CLEAR LAB) on the 1-3 Nov 2023 in Washington DC USA.

This partnership meeting is to enhance this initiative and expand the outcome to reach a broader community of African Stakeholders, affecting Nature Forests People, Youths, Women, Farmers, Cattlemen, Fishermen and those who can positively participate in the Climate Change discourse.

This will transcend in impacting Mutli-stakeholders and their communities on various aspects of their living and working environments.

2. Objectives:

The overall objectives of the Climate Investment Funds Observers Partnership for Africa is to effectively attain opportunities to address the Climate crisis plaguing Cocoa producing communities in Africa, Pacific and Caribbean, the APC Agreement, The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030, the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), the South South and Triangular Co-operation, and the North South cooperation in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030 and the Paris Climate Change Agreement of the United Nations.

The specific objectives are to Civil Societies and other Stakeholders to make Climate Change programs more attractive, impactful and realisable in their works especially on Forestry, Nature People and Climate Programs, Stakeholder Engagement, Gender and Youth; Transformational Change, Just Transition, Development Impacts of climate investments and mobilizing climate finance in terms of changing lives and curbing Climate Change challenges.

3. Agenda (tentative):

Projects/ Best Practices Presentations addressing the following topics

1. Cocoa and other Agricultural commodities
2. Markets and potential market channels



3. Forests and other Ecosystems on Climate Change
4. South South and Triangular Cooperation
5. SDGs and Agenda 2030, Climate Change Agreement

8. **Expectation :** The Capacity Development Conference is expected to bring together over 100 delegates from Africa, However it will be open to the entire world especially to other Stakeholders, Forests, Ecosystems and Cocoa import and exporting countries willing to contribute to the successes of the conference. By the end of the conference opportunities for trade will be made open, cooperation among Civil Society organizations in both continents established, Cocoa and Agricultural production and trade enhanced, Knowledge on Just Transition and Transformational Change discourse promoted, opportunities for cooperation on trade and economic made available.

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