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Dialogue with Civil Society Organizations

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Civil Society Dialogue

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Transition of the Fund to exclusively serve the Paris Agreement

ISSUE	CIVIL SOCIETY POSITION
Transparency	Nine confidential addenda, six of them first submitted in October 2024. The drafts, or a summary of open issues, should be published before SBI 65, in line with the Open Information Policy.
Operational roadmap	A time-bound roadmap setting out responsibilities, dependencies and matters requiring CMP or CMA guidance, with no disruption to approvals or disbursements.
Carbon market risk	A monetisation strategy addressing transaction costs, stranded units, price volatility and liabilities, with no weakening of safeguards against double counting.
Public finance	Article 6.4 proceeds should complement, not delay, public grant contributions, supported by realistic revenue scenarios and contingency plans.
Inclusion and accountability	Non-confidential summaries open for comment and accessible; a public progress update at the next meeting.

Request to the Board: complete the transition on time, with clear operational milestones, meaningful consultation and safeguards for the resources and access of the communities the Fund serves.

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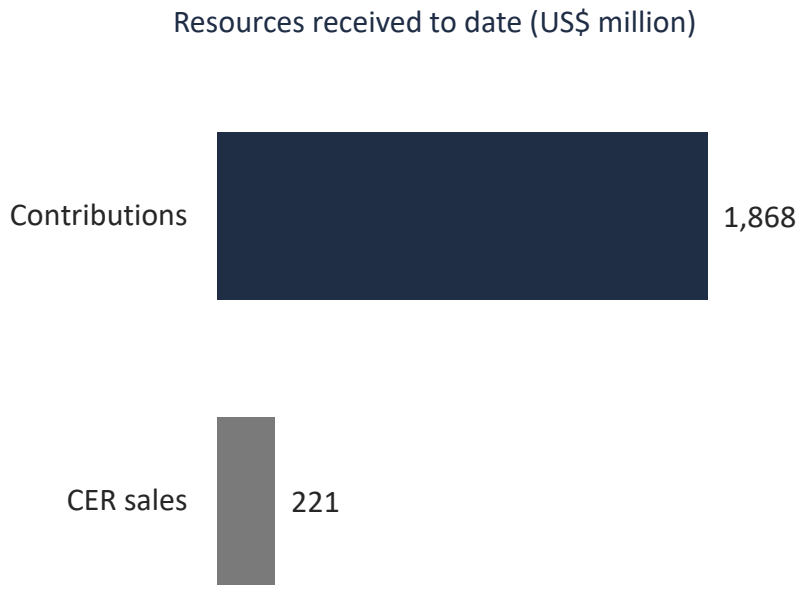
Readiness Strategy 2027–2029

Civil society welcomes the focus on country ownership, direct access and an iterative approach that responds to the AF-TERG evaluation.

ISSUE	REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION
Terminology	Clarification: Readiness Programme or the Readiness Strategy.
Needs assessments	The intended frequency of assessments of readiness gaps: annual, biennial or another defined interval.
Simplified access	Whether the application forms and tools for readiness grants will also be simplified.
Civil society participation	Participation not limited to organisations with an existing IE partnership; stakeholder lists facilitated by Designated Authorities as an alternative.
Adaptive management	Training on the use of data should explicitly target both Implementing Entities and Executing Entities.

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Draft Resource Mobilization Action Plan 2026–2029



Source: Trustee report as at 31 December 2025.

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Target	Agree a target at this meeting: Option 4, with Option 3's call for multi-year contributions. The US$1.2 billion floor equals US$300 million a year, the level not met in 2025; annual targets should rise.
Public finance	Public grants are the foundation, not a bridge to market revenue (Paris Agreement, Articles 9.1 and 9.4).
Market revenues	Welcome only as additional resources, counted separately from the target and subject to integrity criteria approved by the Board.

Request to the Board: agree a target at this meeting that rises each year above the floor, anchored in high-quality, predictable, grant-based contributions.

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Civil society engagement and active observer status

ISSUE	CIVIL SOCIETY POSITION
Vision and principles	Retain the 2024 formulations recognising civil society as key partners and the principles of participation, human rights, gender, age and disability inclusion.
Definition of civil society	UNFCCC accreditation as a condition for attending meetings, not for consultation on projects or policies.
Role of active observers	Active observers “shall”, not “may”, participate and intervene, without the no-objection
Travel support	Retain support for observers from developing countries; invitation to relevant committee meetings.
Openness	The Board “shall” explain closed sessions, and the dialogue with civil society takes place at every meeting.
Timing	Selection process presented intersessionally; participation from the 48th meeting (April 2027); removal of the trial period.

Request to the Board: adopt the guidelines for active civil society observers at this meeting, seven years after the discussion began.

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Update to the Environmental and Social Policy

Civil society welcomes the reference to FPIC, protection from gender-based violence and sexual exploitation, and stronger grievance mechanisms.

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Avoidance of harm	Replace “unnecessary” harm with a clear duty to avoid adverse impacts, applying the mitigation hierarchy.
Enforceability	Retain accreditation consequences and unqualified incident reporting; proportionality based on risk, not grant size.
Human rights	An explicit commitment to international human rights law, effective due diligence, and the rights to information, participation and remedy.
Indigenous Peoples	Consistency with UNDRIP; FPIC not qualified only by national frameworks and maintained throughout the project cycle.
Resettlement and labour	Resettlement plans disclosed and full replacement cost paid before displacement; protection for all workers both direct and indirect ones; ILO core standards met.
Consultation and redress	Guidance developed with civil society; direct complaints to the Fund; consideration of a standing, independent accountability mechanism.

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