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**Status of approved funding proposals:
adding host countries in respect of FP198
(CATALI.5°T Initiative: Concerted Action To
Accelerate Local I.5° Technologies – Latin
America and West Africa)**

Summary

This document presents the request for the addition of host countries to FP198 (CATALI.5°T Initiative: Concerted Action To Accelerate Local I.5° Technologies – Latin America and West Africa) originally approved at B.34 for the consideration of the Board.

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I. Background

1. The Board, at its thirty-fourth meeting (B.34), approved through decision B.34/10 funding proposal 198 (FP198) titled “CATALI.5°T Initiative: Concerted Action To Accelerate Local I.5° Technologies – Latin America and West Africa” (the “programme”) submitted by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH (the “accredited entity” or “GIZ”) for the amount of EUR 26,840,204 as a grant towards a total programme cost of EUR 36,545,291. The programme will establish and implement regional technical assistance and investment grant platforms that build a portfolio of early-stage climate ventures in two incubator/accelerator hubs in Latin America and West Africa. The objective of these hubs (based in Mexico and Côte d’Ivoire) is to facilitate innovation and technology transfer by bootstrapping promising climate technology start-ups and facilitating venture capital investments in the start-ups, with the highest climate mitigation impact and business growth potential.
2. At the time of the Board approval of the programme, the accredited entity had secured no-objection letters (NOLs) from 13 countries: Argentina, Benin, Burkina Faso, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, the Dominican Republic, Guinea, Honduras, Mauritania, Mexico, the Niger, Senegal and Togo, and these countries were included in the funding proposal’s list of host countries approved by the Board (the “host countries”).
3. Prior to submission to the Board at B.34, the programme targeted support for climate technology start-ups in 20 countries:
 - (a) **West Africa:** Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, the Niger, Senegal, Togo; and
 - (b) **Latin America:** Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay and Peru.
4. During the period between the B.34 publication date and the B.34 meeting date, the accredited entity secured NOLs from Colombia and El Salvador. Further, shortly after the Board approval of the programme at B.34, the accredited entity secured an NOL from Peru. All new NOLs have been reviewed and cleared by the relevant division in the Secretariat. These three countries are currently not included in the list of host countries.
5. GCF and the accredited entity began negotiating the funded activity agreement (FAA) for the programme shortly after the Board approval of the programme. However, the FAA has not been signed pending GCF’s approval of the addition of Colombia, El Salvador and Peru to the list of host countries.

II. Proposed change

6. Through continued engagement with the national designated authorities (NDAs), the accredited entity has obtained additional NOLs from Colombia, El Salvador and Peru. On 10 October 2022, 27 September 2022, and 21 November 2022, respectively, the governments of Colombia, El Salvador and Peru issued NOLs for this programme (see annex II to this document, titled “No-objection letters submitted by the governments of Colombia, El Salvador and Peru”). The stakeholder consultations conducted by the accredited entity during this period included NDAs and executing entities.

III. Secretariat's assessment

7. The proposed change to include Colombia, El Salvador and Peru as host countries is within the parameters of FP198, which was approved at B.34. The request from the accredited entity will enable it to expand the programme to reach the scope initially envisioned in FP198 and to further support innovations and entrepreneurs in these additional countries alongside current host countries that submitted NOLs before the B.34 publication date. The inclusion of these additional three countries as host countries will not impact GCF's commitment of EUR 26,840,204 nor any country allocation given the programme's design.

8. As these three countries were originally envisaged and included in all due diligence and design aspects of the programme, but did not submit NOLs by the B.34 publication deadline, and given that the addition of these countries poses no material impact to the programme's operations or implementation, the Secretariat does not consider this to be a Major Change.¹

9. Pursuant to the Policy on Restructuring and Cancellation², the accredited entity, in consultation with the NDAs of the host countries, has sought to include Colombia, El Salvador and Peru as host countries. The accredited entity has sought written confirmation from the NDAs of all current host countries that this proposal does not affect the status of their respective NOLs previously provided by those NDAs for FP198 (see annex III to this document). The accredited entity did not receive any NDA confirmation that the restructuring proposal affects the status of the funding proposal NOL.

10. Therefore, the Secretariat has prepared this document, including the NOLs from the NDAs of Colombia, El Salvador and Peru, and the communications between the accredited entity and the host country NDAs. The Secretariat recommends that the Board take note of the NOLs submitted by Colombia, El Salvador and Peru and approve their inclusion as host countries.

IV. Recommendation

11. The Secretariat recommends that the Board adopt the draft decision as contained in annex I.

¹ As defined under the Policy on Restructuring and Cancellation, available at:
<https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/policy-restructuring-and-cancellation>

² <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/policy-restructuring-and-cancellation>

Annex I: Draft decision of the Board

The Board, having considered document GCF/B.35/05 and its limited distribution Add.01 titled “Status of approved funding proposals: adding host countries in respect of FP198 (CATALI.5°T Initiative: Concerted Action To Accelerate Local I.5° Technologies – Latin America and West Africa)”:

- (a) Takes note of the no-objection letters for FP198 submitted by the national designated authorities of Colombia, El Salvador and Peru;
- (b) Approves the inclusion of Colombia, El Salvador and Peru as host countries for FP198; and
- (c) Authorizes the Secretariat to negotiate the funded activity agreement for FP198, which shall reflect the changes hereby approved.



Annex II: No-objection letters submitted by the governments of Colombia, El Salvador and Peru



Bogotá D.C., lunes, 10 de octubre de 2022



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The Green Climate Fund – GCF
Att. executive-office@gcfund.org

Subject: Funding proposal for the GCF by Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationalen Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) – regarding the programme CATALI.5°T

Dear Madam, Sir,

We refer to the programme titled “CATALI.5°T Initiative: Concerted Action To Accelerate Local 1.5°Technologies – Latin America and West Africa” in Colombia, as included in the funding proposal submitted by GIZ to us on May 26th 2022.

The undersigned is the duly authorized representative of the National Planning Department of Colombia.

Pursuant to GCF decision B.08/10, the content of which we acknowledge to have reviewed, we hereby communicate our no-objection to the programme as included in the funding proposal.

By communicating our no-objection, it is implied that:

- (a) The government of Colombia has no-objection to the programme as included in the funding proposal;
- (b) The programme as included in the funding proposal is in conformity with the national priorities, strategies and plans of Colombia;
- (c) In accordance with the GCF’s environmental and social safeguards, the programme as included in the funding proposal is in conformity with relevant national laws and regulations.





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MARN-DCC-UCI/065/2022

San Salvador, September 27, 2022.

To The Green Climate Fund(GCF)

Subject: Funding proposal for the GCF by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH regarding CATAL5 T Initiative.

Sirs
Green Climate Fund ("GCF")

Dear Madam Sir:

We refer to the Program titled CATAL5^T Initiative: Concerted Action to Accelerate 1.5° Technologies – Latin America and West Africa in El Salvador as included in the funding proposal presented to us by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.

The undersigned is the duly authorized of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MARN), as the Designated National Authority of El Salvador.

Pursuant to GCF Decision B.08/10, the content of which we acknowledge having reviewed, we hereby communicate our no objection to the Program as included in the funding proposal.

By communicating our no objection, it is implied that:


- (a) The Government of El Salvador has no objection to the program as included in the financing proposal;
- (b) The Program, as included in the financing proposal, is consistent with El Salvador's national priorities, strategies, and plans;
- (c) In accordance with the GCF Environmental and Social Safeguards, the Program, as included in the funding proposal, conforms to relevant national laws and regulations.

We also confirm that our national process for ascertaining no-objection to the programme as included in the funding proposal, has been duly followed.

We also confirm that our no objection applies to all projects or activities to be implemented within the scope of the program.

We acknowledge that this letter will be made publicly available on the GCF website.

Kind regards,


Eva María Colorado P.
Director of International Cooperation and Climate Change





To: The Green Climate Fund ("GCF")

Lima, 21st November 2022

Re: Funding proposal for the GCF by Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH regarding *CATAL5°T Initiative: Concerted Action to Accelerate 1.5° Technologies – Latin America and West Africa*

Dear Madam, Sir,

We refer to the programme titled *CATAL5°T Initiative: Concerted Action to Accelerate 1.5° Technologies – Latin America and West Africa* in Peru as included in the funding proposal submitted by Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH to us on 19 July 2022.

The undersigned is the duly authorized representative of José Alfredo La Rosa Basurco, the National Designated Authority of Peru.

Pursuant to GCF decision B.08/10, the content of which we acknowledge to have reviewed, we hereby communicate our no-objection to the programme as included in the funding proposal.

By communicating our no-objection, it is implied that:

- (a) The government of Peru has no-objection to the programme as included in the funding proposal;
- (b) The programme as included in the funding proposal is in conformity with the national priorities, strategies and plans of Peru;
- (c) In accordance with the GCF's environmental and social safeguards, the programme as included in the funding proposal is in conformity with relevant national laws and regulations.

We also confirm that our national process for ascertaining no-objection to the programme as included in the funding proposal has been duly followed.

We also confirm that our no-objection applies to all projects or activities to be implemented within the scope of the programme

We acknowledge that this letter will be made publicly available on the GCF website.

Kind regards,

Mr. José Alfredo La Rosa Basurco
General Director, General Directorate of International Economic Affairs, Competition and Productivity
National Designated Authority
Peru

Annex III: The accredited entity's communication with the host countries

***Note:** At the request of the accredited entity, annex III has been provided to the Board as a limited distribution addendum for confidentiality purposes.*
