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Advancing Accountability at the GCF

2019 has been quite a busy year for the IRM thus far as we took on new team members, had our procedures adopted and concluded our first preliminary inquiry. We have also continued to conduct in-reach workshops within the GCF and traveled to various outreach events abroad. Looking forward, the IRM is in the process of designing and implementing a state-of-the-art case management system. This software will facilitate a streamlined process by which to organize and access IRM cases and documents.

We will sadly be saying goodbye to our Compliance Review and Dispute Resolution Specialist, Susana Rodriguez - who will be moving back to Washington DC. Susana has been a critical member of the IRM for the past two years and she will be greatly missed. Best of luck Susana!



IRM Hosts Inspection Panel Chair, Imrana Jalal

The IRM, in collaboration with the Independent Integrity Unit (IIU), were fortunate enough to have the honor of hosting the World Bank's Inspection Panel Chair, Imrana Jalal. Imrana shared her insights and expertise during a lunch talk on issues of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (SEAH) in international development projects.

The IRM also concluded the drafting of its own advisory note on SEAH issues relating to GCF projects, based on lessons learned from the World Bank. The GCF Secretariat is preparing a response, after which the advisory note will be submitted to the board and made public.





IRM Concludes First Self-Initiated Preliminary Inquiry

FP001, Peru

The IRM concluded its first *Suo-moto* or *Self-initiated* preliminary inquiry regarding FP001. The project was the first funding proposal approved by the board in 2015, and involves building resilience in the wetlands region of Peru. The IRM, according to its TOR has the ability to launch an investigation, should a defined set of criteria be fulfilled. With regards to FP001, issues regarding Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) in relation to Indigenous Peoples and mis-categorization of the project were raised in several publicly distributed documents and articles.

In the end, the IRM having considered many factors, decided to engage directly with the GCF Secretariat, who undertook to implement remedial measures by December 2019. For more details, consider reading the related article **on our website here**.

GRAMS: (Grievance Redress and Accountability Mechanisms) Partnership

One of the IRM's mandates is to develop the capacity of the grievance redress and accountability mechanisms (GRAMS) of Direct Access Entities. GRAMs have grown in number partly because they are required by GCF's accreditation process and also because the Equator Principles and green certification bodies are requiring them. The IRM is forming an informal partnership with other international accountability mechanisms to create a GRAM community of practice and to provide leadership to GRAMs. The GRAM partnership is hoping to have a three day training workshop next year. It will also issue good practice guidance notes on key GRAM issues.

Read more **about the GRAM partnership here**.

Civil Society Outreach: Santiago, Chile

One of the mandates of the IRM is to conduct outreach to relevant stakeholders in GCF projects. Until recently we had yet to target the Southern Cone countries for such an event. At the end of May 2019 we had the opportunity to host 8 Civil Society Organizations in Santiago, Chile.

These workshops not only allow us to spread the word of the IRM to relevant organizations about our mandate, but also facilitate an environment for critical dialogue. It provides civil society a space to voice their concerns, ideas and observations on both the work of the IRM and the GCF as a whole.



Chile Workshop Participants (From left to right) : Asoc. Civil Labor, FAPI, SPDA, FUNDEPS, FIMA, CIEDUR, AIDSESP, Sustentarse



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Regional Workshop on Development of Environmental and Social Compliance and Accountability Mechanism Framework for Financial Intermediaries

IRM in Shanghai and Abidjan

The IRM team attended two international events, hosted by our colleagues in the accountability field. In May, the Asian Development Bank hosted an event for Chinese and regional financial intermediaries in Shanghai, China to increase awareness about accountability and due diligence issues in international finance. In June, our team attended the IAMnet (Independent Accountability Mechanisms Network) Annual Meeting held in Abidjan, Côte D'Ivoire. We had the chance to present on developing good practice notes on advisory services, problem solving and evidentiary standards and interpretation to practitioners in our field, and interact with civil society organizations. The IAMnet brings together accountability practitioners worldwide to share, debate and exchange best practices and ideas.



In-reach Capacity-Building Workshops

The IRM has had the opportunity to engage with GCF colleagues during our various in-reach workshops. This year, we have held workshops for the Private Sector Facility (PSF) in March, and the Office of Portfolio Management (OPM) in June. The workshops provide a platform for the IRM to train fellow GCF employees on the mandate of the IRM, how to work with the unit and what to look out for in projects and complaints, should any arise.

The workshops were both successful and an enriching experience not only for the IRM to provide a learning opportunity, but also to build a strong, healthy relationship with the GCF Secretariat.

