

## **Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund**

Sixth Meeting of the Donor Council  
World Bank Headquarters, Washington, DC  
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### **Expansion of CEPF's membership structure**

#### **Recommended Action Item:**

The Council is asked to **review** additional membership options and **approve** an expanded membership structure for CEPF, which incorporates Regional and Associate Donor Partners.

#### **Background:**

CEPF began with a goal of securing six equal donors to reach a fundraising target of \$150 million. According to CEPF's financial model and agreements with the Donor Council, our ability to fund the 19 eligible hotspots is contingent on securing a minimum of \$150 million. CEPF cannot fully fund the current profiles in the pipeline: Indo-Burma (Indo-China and Eastern Himalayas), Polynesia/Micronesia and Western Ghats and Sri Lanka unless an additional donor is found.

As CEPF increases its reach across the global hotspots, the possibility of securing donors with a hotspot specific or regional interest becomes more plausible and relevant. In the past few months, CEPF has pursued several opportunities for regional partnerships, such as with the Government of Australia and the Asian Development Bank, who have indicated interest in supporting regional projects or portfolios that are of strategic interest to their particular mission. The Donor Council has endorsed this kind of outreach but has not formally expanded CEPF's membership structure to include partner contributions with geographic conditionality or of a lesser amount than \$25 million. Models for an expanded membership structure are presented below.

#### **Regional Partners**

CEPF has provided proposals encouraging the Government of Australia and the Asian Development Bank to support CEPF in areas that fall within their bilateral interest or regional mandate. To this end, CEPF proposes accepting regional donor partners with a contribution of \$25 million dollars.

Contributors with a limited geographical focus would be considered "regional donor partners" in CEPF communications (website, newsletter, annual reports, etc). Participation at this level would allow for representation in the Donor Council and in the Working Group.

In addition, the Donor Council might also decide to invite regional donor partners to join CEPF with a contribution less than \$25 million. Such contributors would enjoy *ex officio* status on the Donor Council and in the Working Group. In order to be considered as regional partners, a contribution of a minimum of \$10 million, or the full cost of an ecosystem profile would be required.

Funding from regional partners would be held in the CEPF bank account but would be accounted for on the basis of a regional earmark.

#### **Associate Partners**

CEPF would accept partners who contribute a minimum of \$10 million, or the full cost of an ecosystem profile, as associate partners. Contribution from such donors would be allocated globally according to priorities established by the Donor Council, for example future profiles or replenishment of existing CEPF regions.

Contributors at this level would be considered “associate donor partners” in CEPF communications (website, newsletter, annual reports, etc). Participation at this level would allow for *ex officio* representation in the Donor Council and in the Working Group.

Contributions from associate partners would not have a regional earmark but would be held in the CEPF bank account.

Illustration of scenarios for possible donor participation

<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount of contribution</b>	<b>Full, voting participation in the Donor Council and Working Group</b>	<b><i>Ex officio</i> participation in the Donor Council and the Working Group</b>	<b>Specific Geographic Focus</b>
CEPF Donor Partner	\$25 million over 5 years*	Yes	No	No
Regional Donor Partner	\$25 million over 5 years	Yes	No	Yes
Regional Donor Partner	Less than \$25 million  Minimum of \$10 million or the full cost of an ecosystem profile	No	Yes	Yes
Associate Donor Partner	\$10 million or the full cost of an ecosystem profile	No	Yes	No

\* Includes pledge or commitment of \$5 million a year over 5 years