

June 12, 2020

Board of Directors
Inter-American Development Bank Group (IDB)
1300 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20577, USA

Dear Board of Directors:

We are civil society organizations focused on accountability in international development finance. In May 2020, we jointly sent a letter to the Board urging the IDB to include civil society and other external stakeholders in the process for selecting the next Director of the Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanism (MICI), including through participation in the panel tasked with identifying and evaluating candidates.

We write again on this topic to highlight MICI's External Consultative Group (GCE), and the utility it could potentially serve as a source of qualified external stakeholders. The GCE is composed of eight external stakeholders that are chosen on the basis of their understanding of the region, familiarity with MICI, and expertise on issues such as transparency, sustainability, and accountability.

The GCE draws on its diverse backgrounds and expertise to support MICI's efforts to evaluate and improve its effectiveness in handling complaints brought by local communities affected by IDB-supported activities. The GCE includes both practitioners who have experience working for accountability mechanisms and representatives of civil society. The expertise of GCE members on MICI and related matters has further deepened as a result of their participation in the GCE.

We support GCE members¹ serving as external stakeholder participants in the MICI Director hiring process. Incorporating their perspectives and expertise would improve the process and help IDB identify the strongest candidates. Their inclusion would also bolster the perceived legitimacy of the hiring process and, by extension, MICI.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to continued engagement around the MICI Director hiring process.

Sincerely,

Accountability Counsel
Asociación Interamericana para la Defensa del Ambiente
Asociación Unión de Talleres 11 de Septiembre
Bank Information Center (BIC)
Buliisa Initiative for Rural Development Organisation (BIRUDO)
Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)
Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO)
Cultura Ambiental Causa Ecologista (CAUCE)
Fundación para el Desarrollo de Políticas Sustentables (Fundeps)
Green Advocates International
Plataforma Internacional contra la Impunidad
Sustentarse
Youth for Environment Education and Development Foundation (YFEED Foundation)

¹ See <https://www.iadb.org/en/mici/micis-external-consultative-group>.