

# Redress

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## **Independent Redress Mechanism (IRM)**

### **IRM Initiated Proceedings: C-0002-Peru / Request for Second Extension of Time**

1 August 2019



## **IRM Decision on a Request for Second Extension of Time by the GCF Secretariat**

**GCF Project**    **FP001 - *Building the Resilience of Wetlands in the Province of Datem del Marañón, Peru***  
**Date**            **1 August 2019**

1. On 31 July 2019 the IRM received a request in writing from the GCF Secretariat to extend the timeline for two of the IRM-Secretariat's undertakings given pursuant to the IRM's preliminary inquiry into FP001.
2. This is the second request for an extension of the timeline received by the IRM from the GCF Secretariat. The first request for an extension was received on 20 June 2019, and was in relation to item 1 of the agreed actions - the development of a guidance note on Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) requirements, particularly addressing FPIC documentation requirements. This first request for an extension was granted by the IRM on 21 June 2019 on the basis that good reasons had been provided by the GCF Secretariat in justification for the extension of time. The timeline for the issuance of a guidance note on FPIC requirements was accordingly extended from 30 June to 31 July 2019.
3. In its second request to the IRM, the GCF Secretariat requested a further extension of the timeline for item 1 of the agreed actions, as well as an extension of the timeline for item 2 of the agreed actions - the issuance of guidance on environmental and social risk categorization.
4. The GCF Secretariat indicated that a further extension of the timeline for item 1 is required "due [to] the unexpected high volume of comments received during the consultation, the Secretariat have taken slightly longer than anticipated to finalise the Indigenous Peoples Policy (IPP) Operational Guidelines [which incorporate FPIC guidance]". In relation to its request for an extension of the timeline for item 2 (risk categorization guidance), the GCF Secretariat indicated that the guidance note had gone through an internal consultation process (including comments from the IRM). The GCF Secretariat indicated, in relation to both items 1 and 2, that the guidelines and guidance note "were shared with SMT for clearance on 31 July 2019" and that an adjustment of the timeline from 31 July 2019 to 7 August 2019 for the fulfillment of items 1 and 2 was accordingly requested.
5. Acknowledging the high volume of comments received on the IPP Operational Guidelines, and the GCF Secretariat's need to properly consider those comments before finalizing the guidelines, the IRM agrees to the further extension of item 1 on the basis that, with reference to paragraph 95 of its Procedures and Guidelines (PGs), "good reasons necessary to ensure the full and proper processing of a case" have been provided by the Secretariat in justification for the extension of time.
6. In relation to the extension of the timeline for item 2, the IRM agrees to the extension on the basis that SMT clearance is required, and an extension of one week is not prejudicial to the case. However, the IRM requests that the GCF Secretariat take note of the critical need to organize its work in ways that ensure that the deadlines solemnly undertaken by the Executive Director of the GCF in its undertakings are met.

[Signed]

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