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# Redress

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## Independent Redress Mechanism (IRM)

**C-0006-Nicaragua / Extension of time for initial steps**

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## IRM Extension of Time Decision – Initial Steps

**GCF Project** FP146 - *Bio-CLIMA: Integrated climate action to reduce deforestation and strengthen resilience in BOSAWÁS and Rio San Juan Biospheres*  
**Date** 17 November 2021

1. On 21 July 2021, the IRM declared the complaint eligible and published the eligibility determination on its website.<sup>1</sup>
2. According to the IRM's Procedures and Guidelines (PGs),<sup>2</sup> the IRM has 60 calendar days from declaring a complaint eligible to conduct the initial steps phase, which includes consulting with the complainant(s) and other potential parties to:
  - a) understand the issues in the complaint;
  - b) provide further information regarding problem solving and compliance review;
  - c) ascertain whether the complainant would like to pursue problem solving and/or compliance review; and
  - d) ensure that the complainant is able to make an informed decision.
3. The IRM, acting in terms of paragraph 95 of the PGs, decided to extend the time period for completing the initial steps phase from 19 September 2021 to 19 November 2021.<sup>3</sup> The initial steps phase was anticipated to take longer given 1) restrictions on mission travel as a result of COVID-19; 2) the necessity of securing the services of a local mediator and; 3) lack of response from some essential parties.

The IRM notes considerable progress has been made in completing the activities necessary to conclude the initial steps phase. These activities have included meetings with complainant(s), the Accredited Entity and GCF staff. Further meetings with government officials and other stakeholders need to be conducted to conclude the initial steps phase. Accordingly, the IRM, acting in terms of paragraph 95 of the PGs, has decided to extend the time period for completing the initial steps phase to 31 December 2021 in order to conclude the ongoing engagement with essential parties on choice of process.

4. In order to ensure that all parties' have the information they require to make an informed choice of process, the IRM, acting in terms of paragraph 95 of the PGs, has decided to extend the time period for completing the initial steps phase from 19 November 2021 to 31 December 2021.

[Signed]

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<sup>1</sup> Available at: <https://irm.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/case/c0006-nicaragua-eligibility-determination.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Paragraph 36 of the IRM's Procedures and Guidelines

<sup>3</sup> Available at: <https://irm.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/case/c0006-nicaragua-irm-extension-time-decision-initial-steps.pdf>