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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** 14 September 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. In accordance with the PGs, the IRM's 60 calendar days to complete the initial steps phase will come to an end on 19 September 2021. The initial steps phase of this case is taking longer than anticipated to complete because of the following reasons:
  - a) It was decided that a mission travel to engage with stakeholders in person was imperative to build the foundation of a good process. Given the GCF-wide COVID-19 restrictions on mission travel, the GCF had to issue a special exemption for IRM staff to travel.
  - b) It was also decided that the initial steps and process choice phase of this particular case required the participation of a local mediator. Securing the services of this mediator following GCF procurement procedures has taken longer than expected.
  - c) Some essential parties to the process have not yet responded to a request for initial conversations. The IRM expects to receive their answers soon.
4. In order to ensure that the parties' views are accurately and sufficiently reflected and considered, 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 September 2021 to 19 November 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 PGs.