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**Grievances and Complaints**

**Extension of Time Limits**

**GCF Project FP039**

**Case C-0009-EGYPT**

**July 2, 2024**

## IRM Decision on Extension of Time – Compliance Appraisal

**GCF Project:** FP039 GCF-EBRD Egypt Renewable Energy Financing Framework

**Date:** July 2, 2024

1. On 9 December 2022, the IRM declared eligible two complaints submitted to the IRM in relation to GCF funded project/programme FP039, "GCF-EBRD Egypt Renewable Energy Financing Framework."<sup>1</sup> The Accredited Entity for this programme is the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). The complainants (**Complainant #1** and **Complainant #2**) raised a number of issues that were broadly grouped into concerns related to (i) community development, and (ii) labor and working conditions, for the purposes of complaints handling processes.
2. Both complainants agreed to consider problem-solving under the facilitation of the IRM. The problem-solving phase commenced on 7 April 2023 and concluded on 20 April 2024. On matters related to labor and working conditions raised in the complaint brought forward by Complainant #2, parties were unable to reach an agreement at the conclusion of the Problem-Solving Phase. As a result, as of 27 April 2024, the IRM closed the problem-solving phase and referred Complainant #2's labor-related issues to compliance review.<sup>2</sup>
3. On 11 May 2024, the IRM, in accordance with paragraph 51 of its Procedures and Guidelines<sup>3</sup>, formally requested the GCF Secretariat to submit a response to the complaint submitted by Complainant #2 within twenty-one days of the communication i.e. on or before 01 June 2024. The Secretariat requested and was granted an extension of 10 calendar days to submit its response i.e. by 11 June, 2024.
4. Following receipt of the response by the Secretariat, and in accordance with paragraph 53 of its Procedures and Guidelines, the IRM commenced a compliance appraisal to consider whether there is *prima facie* evidence that the complainant has been affected by adverse impacts through non-compliance of the GCF funded project or programme with GCF operational policies and procedures. The compliance appraisal phase was due to conclude on 2 July 2024.
5. The compliance appraisal phase is taking longer than anticipated due to the receipt of a significant body of documentation provided within the previous two working days and due to pending revisions to submitted documents. The IRM requires additional 10 calendar days to ensure proper processing and review of the newly submitted information.
6. Acting in terms of paragraph 95 of the PGs, the IRM has decided to extend the time limit for the conclusion of the compliance appraisal phase from 02 July 2024 to 12 July 2024.

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<sup>1</sup> Eligibility Determination can be found here: [C0009 Egypt | Independent Redress Mechanism | Green Climate Fund](#)

<sup>2</sup> Final Problem-Solving Conclusion Report – Labor Complaints [Microsoft Word - IRM Case C0009 Final Problem Solving Conclusion Report \(Labour Complaints\) web \(002\) \(greenclimate.fund\)](#)

<sup>3</sup> Available here: [2019 Procedures and Guidelines of the IRM | Independent Redress Mechanism | Green Climate Fund](#)

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