

YOUNGO intervention

Workshop on the role of the Green Climate Fund in fostering transformational change and engaging the private sector and civil society

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The international youth constituency YOUNGO wants to thank you for the opportunity to express our views at this workshop.

Regarding the Green Climate Fund's role in fostering transformational change, YOUNGO supports the submission by Climate Action Network International from July this year. In our view, transformational change consists of economy or sector-wide actions that rapidly and significantly lower a country's emissions trajectory, as well as initiatives that deliver smaller immediate reductions, but radically transform markets over the medium to longer term.

As the Green Climate Fund's mission is to foster transformational change and address adaptation needs in *developing* countries, the **Green Climate Fund should not be used to finance carbon offset projects.** The TC should include such provision in its report to COP17, under section X, 1 on eligibility.

Regarding the Green Climate Fund's role in engaging the civil society, providing access for a few representatives at international meetings is not enough, in our view. The Green Climate Fund should invest efforts into a new design for local, national and international non-governmental participation that will also enhance the Fund's effectiveness in promoting transformational change. Elements of this design should be as follows:

1. **Investing in National Stakeholder Networks.** These networks of local and national civil society actors would elect representatives to attend national and global meetings in order to improve the current random selection of representatives.
2. **Adequate and independent resources.** In order to ensure their independence, the National Stakeholder Networks should receive a fixed percentage of the funds allotted to each country. This investment is likely to prove cost effective in the long run through improved local implementation of global goals.
3. **Establishment of a redress mechanism.**
4. **Inclusion of civil society and affected communities in the Board as non-voting members.**
5. **Eligibility for funding.** Non-governmental actors should be eligible to apply for funding from the Green Climate Fund.
6. **Public access to critical project information.** It is essential to place detailed project information in the public domain in a timely and easily accessible manner.

YOUNGO wants to thank you again for giving us the floor and we are looking forward to a constructive meeting.